

# An invitation to a once in a lifetime experience!

Dear Presidents, Dear Councillors,

For the congress of the European Pain Federation in Copenhagen the Scientific Program Committee together with the Executive Board decided to form a very special event. We want to give a young researcher/clinician from your country the chance to make a very special experience and go together with one other young fellow from all the other countries to Copenhagen by a boat, the Artemis.....

We thought that the most important thing for our young residents is to make contacts, form networks for writing grants, apply for funding from EU and other research organizations, or form groups that end up in working together in taskforces for the European Pain Federation and develop guidelines that are relevant for all of us.

**At the moment we have participants from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Rep, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Moldavia, Romania, Switzerland, Turkey....You see that there are many chapters missing. We want to remind you one more time. You can suggest a candidate until Friday this week. Thereafter we will open the files for everyone. Upon request, in case a country does want to submit a second or third candidate, the EXB is open for application of travel grants for those persons.....**

Our suggestion was that you can elect one of your young male or female fellows/residents under the age of 32 years, who is willing and motivated to step on a boat, has interest to learn to know persons from the other countries, all interested in research or clinical work around pain medicine.

By legal reasons the European Federation cannot take over the costs for the roundtrip, but can provide food and beverages for the journey. The amount for your scholar will be about 320,- Euros. An amount that should be in the budget of your chapter and worth to be invested into the building of a community of young pain researchers in Europe.

We now had to recognize that only about 10 chapters had decided to delegate a young fellow for this experience. And we decided to once more ask you for support! Thus, now the cruise is open for any participant, any age.....The European Federation is open for support of cruise-costs upon request.

The group of young sailors will arrive at the pier in front of Amalienborg castle and we will all be there for their reception. Can you imagine that the Presidents and Councillors of 37 nations that form the chapters of the European Pain Federation, together with the Executive Board, the SPC and many more visitors of our Congress and spectators from Copenhagen await the crew to come and now start the scientific program of your congress.

Best regards, thank you for your support

Chris Wells	Bart Morlion	Thomas R. Tölle
President	President Elect	SPC Chair

**Departure: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 20:00 (local time)**

Kiel Holtenau – exact pier will be announced by the Captain of Artemis  
shortly before via mail-shot

Meeting point for earlier arrival will be announced by the Headquarter of the European Pain Federation via Mail



**Cruise from Kiel to Copenhagen**

You will be accommodated in cabins of 2 passengers. Catering will be provided by the European Pain Federation.

A scientific exchange and discussion will be organized and provided by the senior scientists on board... but the important persons on board are the young fellows from all countries...



**Disembarkation: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 16:00**

Upon arrival there will be a reception on the Artemis with the Executive Board of the European Pain Federation, all Presidents, Councillors and other Honorary Guests...