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## **Invitation for a Sailing-Cruise to Copenhagen for a young resident from Israel**

Dear President, Dear Councillor of the National Chapter of Israel,

Dear Silviu Brill,

The Scientific Program Committee (SPC) for the Copenhagen Conference, together with the Executive Board of the European Pain Federation have decided to hold a very special event immediately prior to the meeting. We want to give a young researcher/clinician from your country the chance to have a very special experience and travel together with other young people from all the other Chapters of the European Pain Federation to Copenhagen by a sailing boat.

See also the accompanying letter: "**An invitation to a once in a lifetime experience!**"

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

We thus decided to bring **ONE YOUNG PERSON PER COUNTRY** onto a tall ship from **Kiel to Copenhagen**. We think this will be a fantastic opportunity for long-term bonding. During the journey, they can talk with each other and decide on scientific or clinical topics for round-tables. The discussion of the young residents will be accompanied by our "elder statesmen" Prof. John Wood (UK, London) and Prof. Ralf Baron (Germany, Kiel), both dedicated tall-ship sailors, and several other high-profile 'pain personalities'.

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

For legal reasons the European Pain Federation cannot take over the costs for the trip, but can provide food and beverages for the journey. The amount for your scholar will be €320. That amount would be paid by your Chapter or raised by the sailor themselves, and would be a worthy investment towards the building of a community of young people working in pain medicine in Europe.

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The group of young sailors will arrive at the pier in front of Amalienborg castle and a high-level European Pain Federation delegation will be there to receive them. We expect to assemble the Presidents and Councillors of the 37 nations that form the chapters of the European Pain Federation, together with the Executive Board, the SPC and many more visitors to our Congress – as well as spectators from Copenhagen awaiting the crew to arrive and commence the scientific program of our congress.

We believe that a positive atmosphere and strong reception for our topic "Pain in Europe" could not be better emphasised to the public (and media) than through an event like this.

Thus, please be part of it. Take our wish very seriously and give us feedback that Israel will be a part of this event.

We are ready to answer more questions and will help and support you in participating with all the logistics that our congress organizer can provide.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

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President, European Pain Federation EFIC®  
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President Elect, European Pain Federation EFIC®  
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