Dear PAIN OUT partners and friends,

Together with our best wishes for 2018, we’d like to send you an update about what happened in the PAIN OUT project in the last few months.

The EFIC-PAIN OUT Collaboration Project has started successfully in 6 countries. The program will take place over a period of two years during which collaborators will carry out a Quality Improvement project in their hospital using methodology provided by PAIN OUT. Interested hospitals from Switzerland and Ireland are welcome to submit their application. More information can be found here: [click here](#)

Server Update
The PAIN OUT database and the benchmark server have been updated. In addition to several new features, e.g. additional filters and items, and export of follow-up data (coming soon), the main difference is that Benchmarkserver and Data Entry Mask are one application now. In case you have any questions or encounter difficulties, please contact us!

Questionnaires sent by e-mail
As from now, the patient outcomes questionnaire can also be sent to patients by e-mail. Especially for ambulatory patients, this feature will be useful. Please inform us if you are interested.

PAIN OUT in China
Following the really positive experience in Mexico where a national PAIN OUT network was successfully established thanks to a grant from Pfizer Inc., a new initiative will be launched in China in 2018. Recruitment of around 10 hospitals for a Chinese network will start in January. More information can be found on [www.pain-out.eu](http://www.pain-out.eu) from January on.

Publications

Congratulations!
We’d like to encourage all PAIN OUT participants to use their data for publications!

Save the Dates!
Euroanaesthesia 2018 (02 – 04 June 2018 in Copenhagen): Several PAIN OUT abstracts have been submitted. Come and meet the PAIN OUT friends!
IASP World Congress on Pain (12 – 16 September 2018 in Boston): Please submit abstracts and/or topical workshop proposals.

PAIN OUT Online Community?
We are discussing to set up an online forum to discuss clinical features related to postoperative pain management and to share experiences with PAIN OUT project. What do you think about this idea?

Season’s Greetings!
Your PAIN OUT coordination team