



**EP Interest Group on Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases  
Meeting IG-9-26/06/2012  
DRAFT AGENDA**

**RMDs and pain – facts and findings**

**26 June 2012, 12:00 to 14:00h**

European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building (Brussels), room A7F387

| <b>TIMING</b> | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>SPEAKER</b>   |
|---------------|---|--|
| 12:00-12:15   | Coffee / Lunch  |  |
| 12:15-12:25   | Welcome and introduction  | <b>MR JIM HIGGINS,</b><br>MEP (Ireland, EPP), Vice Chair of the Interest Group   |
| 12:25-12:40   | Links and commonalities between RMDs and pain   | <b>PROF GIUSTINO VARRASSI,</b><br>Former President of EFIC (The European Federation of IASP® Chapters)   |
| 12:40-12:55   | The HEIDI wiki project – “Benchmarking healthcare systems using HEIDI – the status of indicator 37: General Musculoskeletal Pain” | <b>MR STEFAN SCHRECK (tbc),</b><br>Head of Unit, Health Information, European Commission   |
| 12:55-13:10   | The pain community’s perspective: the “Road Map to Action”  | <b>MR JOOP VAN GRIENSVEN,</b><br>President of PAE (Pain Alliance Europe)   |
| 13:10-13:25   | The RMD community’s perspective on pain   | <b>MR NEIL BETTERIDGE,</b><br>Vice President EULAR/PARE (European League Against Rheumatism, Standing Committee of People with Arthritis/Rheumatism) |
| 13:25-13:55   | Discussion with participants  | <b>MR JIŘÍ MAŠTÁLKA (tbc),</b><br>MEP (Czech Republic, GUE/NGL)  |
| 13:55-14:00   | Closing remarks   | <b>MR JIM HIGGINS,</b><br>MEP (Ireland, EPP), Vice Chair of the Interest Group   |