Launch Meeting

February 24, 2015 from 18.00 – 20.30hrs
Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, B-1040, Brussels, Belgium

18.00hrs  Arrivals and Cocktail Reception
(Registration from 17.45)

18.30hrs  **Official Launch** of the Interest Group
*Opening Address:* Marian Harkin, MEP, Co-Chair

18.35hrs  Presentation of **Book of Evidence**
Chairperson: Audrey Craven, President, European Federation of Neurological Associations

*Message of Welcome and Support Commissioner Health, Vytenis Andriukaitis*

*The below speakers will provide a multi-stakeholder perspective in presenting the major points outlined in the Book of Evidence.*

- **Witness 1:** The Health Professional
  Professor Wolfgang Oertel, Chairperson of the EU Affairs Sub-Committee at the European Academy of Neurology
- **Witness 2:** The Patient
  Joop van Griensven, Chronic Pain Patient and President, Pain Alliance Europe
- **Witness 3:** The Industry Representative
  Eva Grut-Aandahl, Head of EU Representation Office, Pfizer

19.10hrs  **Deliberation:** Discussion and Debate
Chairperson: Maggie Alexander, Chief Executive, European Multiple Sclerosis Platform

19.40hrs  **Closing Statements and Verdict**
MEP co-chairs: Marian Harkin, Jeroen Lenaers and Daciana Sârbu

*Followed by Networking Canapés and Drinks*