Trigeminal Neuralgia (TN) is a chronic neurological disorder of the 5th cranial nerve in the brain, the Trigeminal nerve that causes extreme, sporadic, sudden burning or shock-like face pain. It is estimated to effect 1 in 20,000 people however, it is often misdiagnosed and there is a lack of awareness of it.

Oct 7th is International Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness day. Across the globe there are a number of buildings and structures lighting up in Teal lights for Trigeminal Neuralgia awareness. Some of these structures include Niagara Falls, Mid Hudson Bridge, Canada Peace Bridge, Perth Concert Hall, and Trafalgar Sq Fountains, Taipei Tower and The Sichuan Tower to name just a few. In Ireland, there are now 27 buildings and structures lighting up to raise awareness for TN which include the 3 Arena, Convention Center, Mansion house, Cork City Council, National Concert Hall, Christ Church Cathedral, Shannon Airport, NUI Maynooth and Galway Cathedral.

All buildings and structures lighting up Oct 7th can be seen here http://www.tnnme.com/2016-light-up-teal-4-tn.html

Trinity College, the Neuroscience Society of Trinity College, in association with Trigeminal Neuralgia Ireland Support group are hosting a public evening meeting (Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Symposium) for Trigeminal Neuralgia in the Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute on the 7th October 2016 from 6-9.30pm. This symposium is open to the public, patients, their carer’s and healthcare professional.

There will be 3 speakers on the night.

1st speaker: Researcher Prof Paul Durham from Missouri State University, will speak of the research into Trigeminal Neuralgia including that of his own work.

2nd Speaker: Dr Josh Keaveny, consultant pain management specialist from Beaumont Hospital and the sports surgery clinic Dublin, will talk about the current medical and surgical treatments for TN

3rd Speaker: Prof David Finn, President of the Irish Pain Society, and co-founder and co-director of the Pain Research Center in Galway will speak about chronic pain trials and the management of chronic pain.

There will then be an open panel discussion for the audience to ask questions.

This symposium is all about educating, creating awareness of TN and providing hope to patients.

To register for this free symposium please email tgnas2016@gmail.com.

Closing date of registration is Sept 30th 2016.

This symposium is kindly sponsored by Mundipharma, Grunenthal, Irish Pain Society, Chronic Pain Ireland, Neuroscience Ireland, Novartis and Neurosoc TCD