International Association for the Study of Pain

IASP®

Working together for pain relief

PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Karen Smaalders | **T :** +1.206.283.0311 | iaspdesk@iasp-pain.org

Current Research on Cancer Pain Can Reduce Suffering

SEATTLE, July 14, 2010 – *Cancer Pain: From Molecules to Suffering*, edited by Drs. Judith A. Paice, Rae F. Bell, Eija A. Kalso, and Olaitan A. Soyannwo, brings together international experts in anesthesiology, pain medicine, cancer treatment, palliative care, and psychology to review developments in the understanding and treatment of cancer pain. This softbound volume provides an in-depth analysis of basic and clinical research on cancer pain and reviews opioid treatment issues, including tolerance. The authors also address the psychology of cancer pain and describe disparities in the availability of cancer pain care worldwide.

Each chapter describes current knowledge related to a specific aspect of cancer pain, along with clinical implications and directions for future research. "As the underlying mechanisms of cancer pain are unraveled, new treatments are being designed to target these mechanisms," explains Dr. Paice, Director of the Cancer Pain Program at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. She adds: "Disease-modifying therapies such as radiation therapy and chemotherapy can have a significant pain-relieving effect. However, there is also the potential for chronic pain syndromes to occur as a result of cancer treatment. More research is needed to understand these complications and prevent or treat the resultant pain."

The editors believe this comprehensive review of cancer pain will be useful for all health professionals who care for cancer patients, as well as for basic scientists and clinical researchers.

About IASP®: *Founded in 1973, the* International Association for the Study of Pain *is a nonprofit organization that brings together scientists, clinicians, health care providers, and policy makers to stimulate and support the study of pain and to translate that knowledge into improved pain relief worldwide.* IASP Press® *publishes timely, high-quality, reasonably priced books on a variety of topics related to pain research and treatment. IASP currently has nearly 7,000 members from 123 countries and 84 chapters. For more information, visit: www.iasp-pain.org*

###