PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Last month, IASP took part in Pain Awareness Month with a social media campaign to focus on raising public awareness around pain, pain management, and the work of pain professionals. IASP shared tools and resources, including:

- **Global Year on Back Pain**
- **Multidisciplinary Pain Center Development**
- **COVID-19 and Pain**
- **PAIN** and **PAIN Reports**

IASP’s Pain Awareness Month campaign was seen by more than 70,000 people. If you’re not already following IASP on social media for daily updates, resources, and information, you can find links to connect with IASP at the bottom of this newsletter.

September also saw the successful completion of the IASP COVID-19 and Pain virtual events. Recordings of all COVID-19 and Pain sessions are available as a free educational resource on the IASP website. Continuing the focus on COVID-19 and Pain, IASP has been invited to provide a guest lecture at the Global Pain Day, an IME education program organized by GSK Consumer Healthcare, taking place on 13 October. My Global Pain Day presentation, as IASP President, will provide a global perspective on COVID-19 and Pain. My session is scheduled to start at 09:30 EST (14:30 UK time) and I will be introduced by IASP Past-President, Dr. Lars Arendt-Nielsen.
Planning for the 2022 World Congress on Pain is in full swing and will take place face-to-face in the exciting city of Toronto. Start thinking about your 2022 World Congress topical workshop ideas, submission opens 18 October, submit your session proposal for a 90-minute workshop. Topical workshops provide attendees the opportunity to learn the latest in multidisciplinary, cutting-edge approaches to pain research, clinical treatments, and translation from research to practice.

I look forward to seeing the input from our pain community on the latest research and treatment from around the world.

Claudia Sommer, MD

WHAT'S NEW

IASP Member, Ardem Patapoutian, PhD, Receives the 2021 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

IASP would like to congratulate our member Dr. Ardem Patapoutian, joint recipient of the 2021 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Dr. Patapoutian has been recognized for his contributions to our fundamental understanding of how we perceive and interact with our environment and the impact of his work cannot be understated.

Gregory Carbonetti to Lead IASP’s Pain Research Forum

Gregory Carbonetti, PhD, serves as the Senior Manager of the Pain Research Forum. He achieved his PhD in Molecular and Cellular biology from Stony Brook University. Previously, Greg worked at the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science as the Alda Civic Science Fellow in Chronic Pain within the Rita
20 October Deadline: IASP is Accepting Submissions for World Congress Prizes and Awards

IASP is accepting submissions for three prizes and one award, honoring outstanding levels of achievement in pain research and relief worldwide by individuals and teams at all career stages. Submissions will be accepted through 20 October.

IASP Awards the John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship to Paulina Ramirez Garcia

The 2021 John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship has been awarded to Paulina Ramirez Garcia. Paulina was awarded the Fellowship to work under the mentorship of Dr. Brian Schmidt and Dr. Donna Albertson at New York University to study neurological mechanisms of cancer pain.

IASP Announces the Collaborative Research Grant Recipients

The 2021 Collaborative Research Grant has been awarded to the international, interdisciplinary team of: Giulia Di Stefano, Italy; Steven Waxman, USA; Francis O’Neill, UK; Joanna Zakrewska, UK; and Stine Maarbjerg, Denmark, for their project “Disclosing Pain Mechanisms in Trigeminal Neuralgia.”
MEETINGS UPDATES

21 October: Back Pain Treatment: An Exploration of Risk Stratified and Stepped Care Models
Register for the 21 October Global Year About Back Pain webinar to explore the evidence for risk-stratified and stepped care models for back pain, challenges to their implementation, and future directions.

IASP Virtual Program on Acute Musculoskeletal Pain Management
Register now for this 10 November webinar presenting a masterclass in pain and management for frontline health care practitioners with a review of the burden, effect, and the role of OTC self-medication.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Vigneri
Head of the Neurology/Neurophysiology department in Santa Maria Maddalena Hospital in Bologna, Italy, Dr. Vigerni has been in the pain field for 10 years, an IASP member for 6 years, and has attended 2 World Congresses. Read Dr. Vigerni’s full interview to learn more about his work and why he became a member of IASP.
JOURNALS

October 2021 issue of *PAIN* available now!

The October 2021 issue of *PAIN* is now available! This issue contains four Editor’s Choice articles, a topical review about chronic pain in patients with inflammatory bowel disease, and more.

Volume 6, Issue 3 of *PAIN Reports* now available

Check out the most recent issue of *PAIN Reports*. In this issue, you’ll find a new 2021 Global Year about Back Pain article, as well as a collection of abstracts from the International Pelvic Pain Society 2020 meeting on pelvic pain.

PAIN RESEARCH FORUM

IASP Pain, Mind & Movement SIG Virtual Seminar: Interfacing Evidence and Clinical Practice

Register for the 13 October virtual seminar
promoting the integration of pain science from basic and clinical research into clinical practice. Including presentations and a debate with a clear clinical focus within an evidence-based perspective and an emphasis on skills-training, case studies, demonstrations and more.

**IASP Pain in Older Persons SIG Virtual Seminar: Is There a Role for Opioids in the Management of Chronic Non-Cancer Pain in Older People?**

[Register for the 22 October virtual seminar focusing on the role of opioids in the management of pain in older adults. This seminar brings together experts from around the globe who will provide an international perspective regarding the use of opioids when managing chronic non-cancer pain in older populations.]

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**RELIEF**

**RELIEF News Reader Survey**

IASP is restructuring RELIEF news, the portal dedicated to translating pain research into accessible language and concepts that patients and the general public can use. [Take this brief survey](#) and tell us how we can make RELIEF better.
Register for 16 October Irish Pain Society Virtual Event
Each year the Irish Pain Society organises an Annual Scientific Meeting with a range of International and Irish experts presenting on the topics of Pain Medicine, Basic Science, Physiotherapy, Nursing, and Psychology. This year the meeting will focus on the IASP Global Year about Back Pain.

Call for Abstracts and Registration is Open for the 13th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain
The 13th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain will be 24-27 March as a virtual event. The vision for the 2022 symposium is to enhance excellence in clinical practice for the management of children and young people in pain by showcasing influential knowledge and vanguard research. Registration and call for abstracts is now open.

Essential Pain Management Online Module
EPM Online provides a primer in the essentials of pain management. It covers the tools that can be used to Recognize, Assess and record pain, some physiology and pathophysiology of the nerve pathways and a review of both non-pharmacological and pharmacological options to Treat pain. Access the course on PraxHub.