



Pain Community

Working Together for Pain Relief Throughout the World

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

This month, IASP continues its planning to ensure the 2022 World Congress on Pain is the most dynamic and exciting to date. Whether you are returning to an in-person World Congress in Toronto, attending virtually, or if this is your first World Congress, we welcome you to participate in the largest gathering of pain professionals in the world.

IASP just announced the exciting list of [plenary speakers and award lecturers](#) for World Congress.

This year's event will feature an exciting array of speakers and panels covering a diverse range of pain disciplines from the world's top pain scientists and leaders.

Now is the time to [submit your poster abstract](#) and share your research with more than 7,000 multidisciplinary delegates from across the globe. Poster abstracts submitted by the early submission deadline of 11 March are automatically entered to receive one of ten free World Congress registrations. Additionally, the first 1,000 accepted submissions will win an IASP Press book of their choice from the IASP expo booth at World Congress. The final poster abstract submission deadline is 18 March.

If you are attending World Congress from a developing country or as a trainee, we encourage you to [apply for financial aid](#). Selected financial aid recipients will receive free registration and financial support to help cover traveling expenses to Toronto from their home country. IASP has extended the application deadline to 18 March to accommodate more of our members.

I look forward to seeing all of you at World Congress in Toronto.



Claudia Sommer

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WORLD CONGRESS ON PAIN UPDATE



World Congress Plenary Speakers and Award Lectures Announced

IASP's World Congress [will feature an exciting array of plenary speakers](#) covering a diverse range of pain disciplines from the world's top pain scientists and leaders, including:

Award Lectures

- **Luda Diatchenko, MD, PhD**, McGill University, Canada, Ronald Melzack Award Lecture
- **Patrik Ernfors, PhD**, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, William D. Willis, Jr. Memorial Award Lecture
- **Rolf-Detlef Treede, MD**, University of Heidelberg, Germany, John J. Bonica Award Lecture
- **Michael Nicholas, PhD**, Royal North Shore Hospital, Australia, John D. Loeser Award Lecture



Plenary Lectures

- **Isaac Chiu, PhD**, Harvard Medical School, USA
- **Carmen Green, MD**, City University of New York School of Medicine, USA
- **Thomas Graven-Nielsen, DMSc, PhD**, Aalborg University, Denmark
- **Ed Keogh, PhD**, University of Bath, United Kingdom
- **Michaela Kress, MD, PhD**, Innsbruck Medical University, Austria
- **Rebecca Pillai Riddell, MA, PhD**, Professor, York University, Canada
- **Maree Smith, PhD**, The University of Queensland, Australia
- **Irina Vetter, PhD**, The University of Queensland, Australia
- **Tor Wager, PhD**, Dartmouth University, USA



Financial Aid Applications Due by 18 March

[Submit your poster abstract](#) by the early submission 11 March deadline, for a chance to win one (1) of ten (10) free World Congress registrations. Selected authors will have the opportunity to present their work to thousands of delegates at the preeminent global meeting to share the newest developments in pain. Final submission deadline: 18 March.



Submit Your Poster Abstract by 11 March for a Chance to Win a Free Registration

Those with limited resources are encouraged to [submit a financial aid application](#) to attend the World Congress by 18 March. IASP members from developing countries are invited to apply to receive free registration and financial support to offset travel expenses. Interested applicants are also encouraged to [submit a poster abstract](#) to the World Congress before completing the financial aid application.



Take Part in the World Congress T-shirt Design Contest

Show off your creative side and [take part in the World Congress T-shirt Design Contest](#). The winning design will appear on limited edition t-shirts sold at the IASP booth in the Exhibit Hall, and the selected artist will receive a free registration to the 2022 World Congress on Pain in Toronto. Submissions should be received by 31 March.



are Open

[Register and book your housing](#) to attend the World Congress in Toronto. World Congress will bring together pain professionals to enhance your professional skills and knowledge about the latest innovations in pain research. IASP members receive up to \$496 off registration.



IASP UPDATE

Alison Teitelbaum Joins IASP as Chief Operations Officer

IASP welcomes [Alison Teitelbaum](#), MS, MPH, CAE, IASP's new Chief Operations Officer. Alison is an association executive and public health communications and strategy specialist with more than 15 years of experience. Teitelbaum received undergraduate degrees in Biology and Psychology from Virginia Tech, a Master of Psychology from Radford University, and a Master of Public Health, Health Communications and Marketing, from George Washington University. She also holds the Certified Association (CAE) credential from the American Society of Association Executives.



Kirsty Bannister is the Patrick D. Wall Young Investigator Prize for Basic Science Recipient

[Dr. Kirsty Bannister is recognized](#) for her research working to bridge the gap between bench and bedside along with her research team at the Central Modulation of Pain Laboratory that works to define descending control pathways in animals and humans.



Lauren Heathcote is the Ulf Lindblom Young Investigator Prize for Clinical Science Prize Recipient

[Dr. Heathcote is recognized](#) for her early work developing novel experimental and self-report tools to define the cognitive and affective mechanisms that drive pain perception as threatening.

Dr. Heathcote and Dr. Bannister will also present their research at the 2022 World Congress on Pain.



Apply for an IASP Early Career Research Grant

[Early Career Research Grants](#) provide multiple grants of \$20,000 awarded annually for projects lasting one year. These grants facilitate the development of young researchers just starting their careers as independent investigators. Application deadline: 25 March.



Apply for an IASP Developing Countries Project Grant for Improving Pain Education

[Developing Countries Project Grants](#) provide up to \$10,000 to help improve pain education and practice in developing countries. These grants can facilitate projects such as combining practical instruction with the latest research, developing written teaching materials, and creating online learning programs. Application deadline: 8 April.



Apply for an IASP Collaborative Research Grant

[Collaborative Research Grants](#) provide up to \$15,000 to assist scientists in engaging in research collaborations between two or more countries and places emphasis on collaborations among basic,

translational, and clinical scientists. Application deadline: 15 April.



MEMBERSHIP



IASP honors the life and legacy of Professor Cynthia Ruth Goh-Fung

IASP is saddened to learn of the loss of Professor [Cynthia Ruth Goh-Fung](#), MBBS, PhD, FAMS, FACHPM, FRCP, FRCP, who died peacefully at her home in Singapore on 13 February. The President, IASP Council, and staff extend their sincere condolences to Cynthia's family.



Member Spotlight

Sabrina Gmuca, MD, MSCE, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Gmuca joined IASP to learn from other pediatric chronic pain research community members and to share her work. [Learn more about Dr. Sabrina Gmuca's work.](#)



The Rita Allen Foundation's 2021 Award in Pain Scholars

IASP members are named as the [Rita Allen Foundation's 2021 Award in Pain Scholars](#). These scholars are recognized as early-career leaders in the biomedical sciences whose research holds



exceptional promise for revealing new pathways to understand and treat chronic pain.

- Gregory Corder, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
- Aaron Mickle, PhD, University of Florida
- Nicole Scheff, PhD, University of Pittsburg

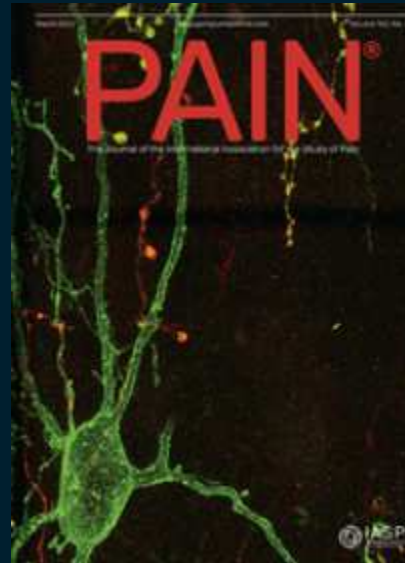


JOURNALS

March 2022 issue of *PAIN*

The March 2022 issue of *PAIN* is [available](#). This issue includes three Editor's Choice articles, six Global Year 2022 articles, and a Topical Review about pain, work, and the workplace.

- [Lysophosphatidic acid activates nociceptors and causes pain or itch depending on the application mode in human skin](#)
- [Enhanced mindfulness-based stress reduction in episodic migraine—effects on sleep quality, anxiety, stress, and depression: a secondary analysis of a randomized clinical trial](#)

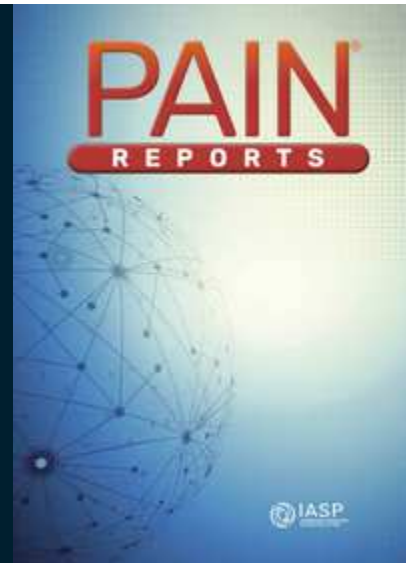


PAIN Reports: Volume 7, Issue 1 now available

This [issue](#) features a report about trajectories of disability and low back pain, as well as a Global Year 2022 article about central nervous system activity in osteoarthritis patients with pain.

- [Trajectories of disability in low back pain](#)
- [Central nervous system monoaminergic activity in hip osteoarthritis patients with disabling pain:](#)

[associations with pain severity and central sensitization](#)



PAIN RESEARCH FORUM



IASP Pain, Mind, & Movement SIG Webinar Archive: Interfacing Evidence and Clinical Practice

PRF has begun to explore its archives to remind you of quality webinars you may have missed in the past. [Watch a recorded webinar](#), hosted by IASP's Pain, Mind, and Movement SIG, regarding the interface of evidence and clinical practice, with a particular focus on randomized controlled trials vs. single-case experimental designs in pain science. Featuring presentations from Johan Vlaeyen, PhD, and Neil O'Connell, PhD, as well as a lively debate!



SIG AND CHAPTER UPDATE

Call for Pain in Older Persons SIG Award Nominations

[Distinguished Contribution Award](#) recognizes the contribution of an IASP member who has conducted

and promoted a program of research, which has enhanced the science and practice of pain in older persons. Application deadline: 1 May.

[Junior Investigator Award](#) recognizes the contributions of a junior investigator whose scientific work has enhanced the science and practice of pain in older persons. Application deadline: 1 May.



Pain and Placebo SIG

The [Pain and Placebo SIG](#) is devoted to scientific excellence in research related placebo and nocebo mechanisms, applications and implications. IASP's Pain and Placebo SIG will offer four compelling topical workshops at the 2022 World Congress on Pain, covering placebo and nocebo effects associated with COVID-19, lifespan, sleep patterns and clinical trials, and practices. Additionally, the Pain and Placebo SIG offers a Refresher Course and a SIG Symposium on placebo and nocebo effects. [Registration is now open](#) for World Congress in Toronto.



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