



Pain Community

Working Together for Pain Relief Throughout the World

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We continue to prepare for the 2022 World Congress on Pain all through April. Hundreds of you have already registered, and we share your excitement for what will be among the best in-person experiences for any World Congress. If you plan to attend but have not yet registered, I encourage you to take advantage of the [early bird discount](#) before 29 April to receive up to \$496 off registration.



While registering for World Congress, be sure to [register for Pre-Congress events](#). [Refresher Courses](#) and [Hands-on Workshops](#) will be held on Monday, 19 September, and you can now register. In addition, [SIG Symposia](#) topics have been announced, and registration will be opening soon. These one-day Pre-Congress events provide attendees with the latest information on various topics, the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, and in-depth exploration of specific disciplines.

I would also like to thank all of you who participated in our World Congress T-shirt Design Contest. We received 29 designs and are looking forward to unveiling the finalists. On Monday 18 April, we will be posting the finalists to social media and allowing everyone to vote on their favorite design. The top design selected will be featured on a limited-edition World Congress t-shirt sold at the IASP Global Village in the Exhibit Hall. All proceeds will be donated to financial aid, to help individuals with limited resources attend the World Congress. Keep your eyes on IASP social media and email for updates.

Finally, the [IASP 2022 Election](#) selecting our future leaders will begin on 18 April. The 2022 Election cycle will choose a President-Elect, a Secretary, and five Councilors. Participation in the election process is the right of every member in good standing. IASP's election vendor eBallot will deliver your unique voting credentials by email on 18 April. Those elected will begin their term immediately after the 2022 World Congress on Pain, 19 - 23 September.

Sincerely,

Claudia Sommer



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IASP UPDATE

Apply for an IASP Collaborative Research Grant



Submit a [Collaborative Research Grant](#) application by tomorrow, 15 April, for the opportunity to fund the travel and accommodation expenses accrued when engaging in research collaborations between two or more countries. Collaborative Research Grants provide up to \$15,000 to help facilitate collaborations amongst basic, translational, and clinical scientists. Application deadline: 15 April.

Grant Eligibility Requirements:

- The principal investigator in charge of the overall project must be a member of IASP for one year.
- The principal investigator should be at a professional level of independence.
- Collaborators must be located in at least two different countries.

Apply Now



Apply for a Developing Countries Project Grant

[Developing Countries Project Grants](#) provide \$10,000 to help fund projects that help improve pain education and practice in developing countries. Application deadline: 22 April.





Apply for the John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship

[The John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship](#) was established in 1998 in memory of the founder of IASP to support training in all aspects of pain research. One Fellowship is given each year for \$100,000, which is distributed over the course of 2 years. Application deadline: 19 May.



Cast Your Vote in the Upcoming IASP Election

On Monday, 18 April, IASP will hold elections to select the next leaders of IASP. Members will receive their IASP 2022 election ballot from noreply@eballot.com, and each email will include their unique username and password to cast their ballot. If you have any questions about the election process, please contact LaToya Archibald at elections@iasp-pain.org.



WORLD CONGRESS ON PAIN UPDATE

Register for Pre-Congress Events

On Monday, 19 September, IASP will offer Pre-Congress [Refresher Courses](#) and [Hands-on Workshops](#).

[Refresher Courses](#) provide attendees opportunities to learn the latest information on an array of topics that are critical to the study of pain.

[Hands-On Workshops](#) provide attendees with opportunities to practice the latest methods and gain hands-on experience to better understand and apply the techniques learned in these workshops and labs to their working practice.



Register and Book Your Housing to Attend World Congress

The IASP World Congress on Pain, 19 – 23 September, in Toronto, is the largest global gathering of pain professionals. World Congress brings together more than 7,000 scientists, clinicians, and healthcare providers from around the world and across pain disciplines. Register by 29 April to receive the early bird discount. [Learn more and register.](#)



EVENT RECAP

Watch the 5 April Global Year Webinar

Last week, IASP hosted the first 2022 Global Year webinar featuring:

- **Karin Faber, MD, PhD**, Maastricht University, the Netherlands
- **Heike Rittner, MD**, University Hospital Würzburg, Germany

[This webinar focused on Lacosamide](#), an FDA-approved treatment for epilepsy, and how insights from the genetic analyses of pain patients led to its investigation for use in the management of neuropathic pain.



MEMBERSHIP

Member Spotlight

Steffan Wittrup McPhee Christensen, PhD, MPhty, BPT, is an Associate Professor at Aalborg University and University College of Northern Denmark. Dr. Christensen joined IASP to submit an abstract for the World Congress on Pain in 2014 and has remained a member because of IASP's dedication to supporting research, dissemination of knowledge, and education within the area of pain. [Learn more about Dr. Christensen's work.](#)



JOURNAL



April 2022 issue of *PAIN*

The April 2022 issue of *PAIN* is [available](#). This issue includes five Editor's Choice articles, six 2022 Global Year articles, and an article on chronic primary pain in the COVID-19 pandemic and how uncertainty and stress impact functioning and suffering.

[Chronic primary pain in the COVID-19 pandemic: how uncertainty and stress impact on functioning and suffering](#)

[Amygdala functional connectivity mediates the association between catastrophizing and threat-safety learning in youth with chronic pain](#)



PAIN RESEARCH FORUM

Coming Soon: IASP PRF Webinars -
2021 Rita Allen Foundation Award in
Pain Scholars

This past February, the Rita Allen Foundation named their [2021 class of Award in Pain Scholars](#), celebrating four early-career leaders in the biomedical sciences whose research holds exceptional promise for revealing new pathways to understand and treat chronic pain. IASP and PRF are excited to host two webinars featuring two 2021 Award in Pain Scholars each, to learn more about their work to expand the understanding of chronic pain and its widespread societal impact. These webinars will feature:



- **Gregory Corder, PhD**, University of Pennsylvania, USA
- **Gwendolyn Hoben, MD, PhD**, Medical College of Wisconsin, USA
- **Aaron Mickle, PhD**, University of Florida, USA
- **Nicole Scheff, PhD**, University of Pittsburgh, USA

Stay tuned for further information from IASP and PRF regarding the dates/times of these upcoming webinars!



SIG AND CHAPTER UPDATE



Register for the USASP Annual Scientific Meeting

Registration is open for the 2022 USASP, U.S. Chapter of IASP, Annual Scientific Meeting, 18 – 21 May in Cincinnati, Ohio. Visit the [USASP website](#) for more information on the agenda, hybrid offering, registration, symposia sessions, plenary talks, and scholarships.





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