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Pain Community
Working Together for Pain Relief Throughout the World

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

President's Letter

Happy New Year from IASP! I am excited to begin this year's work to bring our members new opportunities to come together for pain relief throughout the world.



This month, IASP will be launching the 2023 Global Year for Integrative Pain Care, highlighting the many non-opioid analgesic treatments and how they can be from chronic pain around the world. The 2023 Global Year Task Force will be led by Petra Schweinhardt and Kathleen Sluka, who will generate fact sheets and webinars available for free to everyone. The 2023 Global IASP will also kick off the 50th Anniversary celebration this month by looking back on the advances in science and the contributions to pain research IASP and our members have made over the past 50 years, culminating at the 20th World Congress on Pain, 5-9 August 2024 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

IASP will bring you the Southeast Asian Pain Management Camp, the North American Pain School, as well as many other international meetings. Check out the [IASP events page](#) to learn more about upcoming virtual or in-person events.

IASP is busy preparing for two international Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings:

- The Neuropathic Pain SIG will host the [NeuPSIG 2023 International Congress on Neuropathic Pain](#) (NeuPSIG 2023), 7-9 September, in Lisbon, Portugal. NeuPSIG 2023 is the leading meeting for the latest research and developments in understanding the mechanisms, assessment, prevention, and treatment of neuropathic pain.

- The Pain in Childhood SIG will host the [International Symposium on Pediatric Pain 2023](#) (ISPP 2023), 1-4 October, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. ISPP 2023 will attract a global audience of pediatricians, anesthetists, clinicians, researchers, nurses, psychologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, as well as professionals and scholars from other disciplines.

Be sure to look at the NeuPSIG 2023 and ISPP 2023 sections below for important announcements, dates, and deadlines.

I look forward to working and meeting with our members, volunteers, and staff this year as we all work together for pain relief throughout the world.

Happy New Year,

M. Catherine Bushnell, PhD
IASP President



IASP UPDATE

Volunteer with IASP

[Apply to be an IASP volunteer](#) and actively support IASP's mission by joining a committee or working group and offering your skills and expertise on a special project.

Volunteer's Will:

- Shape IASP's future and contribute to its mission of supporting the study of pain and improving pain relief worldwide
- Meet and exchange ideas with other IASP members from different countries and disciplines
- Enhance your professional development



[Join IASP's webinar, Calling for Volunteers](#), on Tuesday, 19 January, to learn how to become more involved with an IASP committee or working group and the application and review process.

[LEARN MORE >](#)



Apply by 15 January to Attend the 2023 IASP-Southeast Asian Pain Management Camp



[Submit your application by 15 January to attend the Southeast Asian Pain Management Camp](#), 30 May – 3 April, in Pak Kred, Thailand. This Pain Camp is an inter-professional residential education program in pain management funded by the IASP and run by the Association of Southeast Asian Pain Societies (ASEAPS) and aims to improve knowledge and practice of pain management, targeting young healthcare professionals in Southeast Asia.



Apply by 27 January to Attend the 2023 North American Pain School (NAPS)



[Apply to attend NAPS](#), 18 – 23 June, in Montebello, Canada. NAPS will bring together leading experts in pain research and management to provide a unique educational and networking experience for the next generation of basic science and clinical pain researchers.



MEETING UPDATE

NeuPSIG 2023 International Congress on Neuropathic Pain (NeuPSIG 2023)

7 – 9 September
Lisbon, Portugal

[Financial Aid to Attend NeuPSIG 2023 is Now Open](#)

Applications for financial aid are now being accepted. IASP provides financial aid opportunities to help individuals with limited resources attend NeuPSIG 2023.

[Poster Abstract Submissions to Present at NeuPSIG 2023 are Now Open](#)

Submit a poster abstract to be considered for presentation at NeuPSIG 2023. Proposals in all areas of neuropathic pain are eligible for submission.

[Submit a Workshop Proposal for NeuPSIG 2023](#)

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The International Symposium on Pediatric Pain 2023 (ISPP 2023)

1 – 4 October 2023
Halifax, Canada

[Financial Aid to attend ISPP 2023 is Now Open](#)

Applications for financial aid are now being accepted. IASP provides financial aid opportunities to help individuals with limited resources attend ISPP 2023.

[Poster Abstract Submissions to Present at ISPP 2023 are Now Open](#)

Submit a poster abstract to be considered for presentation at ISPP 2023. Poster presenters will have the opportunity to discuss their research with interested colleagues in an informal setting.



[Submit a Workshop Proposal for ISPP 2023 by 12 January](#)

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GAPPA UPDATE



My Letter to Pain Campaign

The Global Alliance of Partners for Pain Advocacy (GAPPA) invites those living with pain and the family and friends of those living with pain to participate in the My Letter to Pain campaign. This campaign, supported by Novartis, aims to highlight and increase understanding of the different experiences of pain, told from the lived experience of pain perspective, through an online survey and story submission.

[Participate in My Letter to Pain Campaign.](#)



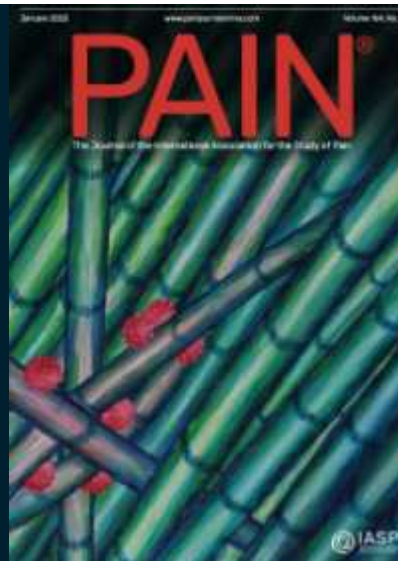
JOURNALS

The January 2023 issue of *PAIN* is Now Available

The January 2023 [issue](#) of *PAIN* includes eight Editor's Choice articles, four Global Year 2022 articles, and a topical review that discusses the therapeutic potential of endogenous pain modulatory systems. This topical review is also a Global Year article and an Editor's Choice article.

Other Editor's Choice articles in this issue are:

- [One size does not fit all: towards optimizing the therapeutic potential of endogenous pain modulatory systems](#)



- [Cortical function and sensorimotor plasticity are prognostic factors associated with future low back pain after an acute episode: the Understanding persistent Pain Where it ResiDes prospective cohort study](#)
- [Chronic pain domains and their relationship to personality, abilities, and brain networks](#)
- [Chronic pain and COVID-19 hospitalization and mortality: a UK Biobank cohort study](#)
- [Sensory neuron-expressed TRPC3 mediates acute and chronic itch](#)
- [E74-like factor 1 contributes to nerve trauma-induced nociceptive hypersensitivity through transcriptionally activating matrix metalloprotein-9 in dorsal root ganglion neurons](#)
- [Grpr expression defines a population of superficial dorsal horn vertical cells that have a role in both itch and pain](#)
- [Upregulation of LncRNA71132 in the spinal cord regulates hypersensitivity in a rat model of bone cancer pain](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Member Spotlight

January's Membership Spotlight highlights Lauren Atlas, PhD, Clinical Investigator at the National Institutes of Health (NCCIH, NIMH, NIDA) in the United States. The IASP membership benefits that Dr. Atlas most enjoys are access to the journal *PAIN* and supporting the Pain Research Forum, which is an essential resource for pain researchers, especially



trainees. [Learn more about Dr. Atlas's work in her IASP interview.](#)



PAIN RESEARCH FORUM

The Most Popular Content of PRF in 2022

Read the [articles](#) that PRF readers found most interesting in 2022.

The Top Five PRF News Stories of 2022

- [Central Sensitization and the Curse of Ambiguous Terminology: An Opinion](#)
- [Neutrophils Put the Brakes on Acute Pain Becoming Chronic](#)
- [How Does Pain Lead to a Decrease in Brain Dopamine Levels?](#)
- [Psychedelics: A Notable Absence in Chronic Pain Management?](#)
- [From Macrophages with Love: How Mitochondria Transfer to Nociceptors Resolves Inflammatory Pain](#)

The Top Five PRF Papers of the Week of 2022

- [Acute inflammatory response via neutrophil activation protects against the development of chronic pain](#)
- [A spinal microglia population involved in remitting and relapsing neuropathic pain](#)
- [Spatial transcriptomics of dorsal root ganglia identifies molecular signatures of human nociceptors](#)
- [Soft, bioresorbable coolers for reversible conduction block of peripheral nerves](#)



- [Chronic pain causes Tau-mediated hippocampal pathology and memory deficits](#)



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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7-9 September, Lisbon, Portugal
- [International Symposium on Pediatric Pain 2023](#)
1-4 October 2023, Halifax, Canada
- [20th World Congress on Pain](#)
5-9 August 2024, Amsterdam, Netherlands



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