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Pain Community

Working Together for Pain Relief Throughout the World

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

As 2022 draws to a close, IASP is looking at the successes of the past year and the exciting new programs coming for members in 2023.

In 2022, IASP hosted the [19th World Congress on Pain in Toronto](#). It was great to see the enthusiasm and joy of participants, particularly the record number of trainees, as they had their first opportunity to interact face-to-face with other scientists and clinicians. The World Congress brought together nearly 4,000 scientists, clinicians, and healthcare providers, in-person and virtually, from 87 countries, including 1,500 first-time attendees and more than 800 early career attendees. The official hashtag, #IASP2022, was used 5,601 times and reached more than 23.4 million people, while episodes of IASP TV were viewed more than 10,000 times.



The 2022 Global Year theme was [Translating Pain Knowledge to Practice](#). IASP hosted seven Global Year webinars with more than 300 attendees focusing on topics like translating genome-wide transcriptomic data for understanding the pathophysiology of human pain, translating findings from non-pharmacological interventions into practice, and a functional subdivision within the somatosensory system and its implications for pain research. IASP published 12 factsheets in seven languages and have been used hundreds of times by researchers around the world.

Looking ahead to 2023, the Global Year theme will be Integrative Pain Care, highlighting the many non-opioid analgesic treatments and how they can be used together to help the millions of people suffering 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 to everyone.

IASP is working on two major international meetings for 2023:

- The Neuropathic Pain Special Interest Group 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 Special Interest Group will host the [International Symposium on Pediatric Pain 2023 \(ISPP 2023\)](#) Better Together: Innovation through Partnerships, 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.

In 2023, IASP will kick off our 50th Anniversary celebration 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. We will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary with initiatives throughout 2023, culminating at the 2024 World Congress on Pain, 5-9 August in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year,
M. Catherine Bushnell, PhD
IASP President



IASP UPDATE

Register for the 16 December post-Congress Webinar



[Translation from Evidence to Real-Life Settings: Updates on Pain in Older Adults, in Parkinson's Disease and After Stroke - A Case Based Workshop.](#)

This webinar will present clinical case vignettes that will serve as the basis for interaction with the audience through an examination of the facts and challenges that healthcare providers face when treating chronic pain in older adults.

Presented by:

- Daniel Ciampi de Andrade, PhD
- Yenisel Cruz-Almeida, PhD
- Luis Garcia-Larrea, PhD

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Register for the 19 December Global Year Webinar



[Making Pain Science Accessible and Understandable to Others: Knowledge Mobilization in Pain Around the World](#). This webinar will highlight diverse initiatives and networks that ensure pain research is accessible and understandable to those who need it most, including people with lived experience, health professionals, decision-makers, and policymakers.

Presented by:

- Kathryn Birnie, PhD
- Norm Buckley, BA, MD, FRCPC
- Joshua Pate, PhD
- Cormac Ryan, PhD

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Submit a Workshop Proposal for the International Symposium on Pediatric Pain 2023 (ISPP 2023)



[Submit a workshop proposal for ISPP 2023](#), 1-4 October 2023, in Halifax, Canada. The theme of the symposium is Better Together: Innovation through Partnerships, and is the premier, interdisciplinary conference on pain in infants, children, and adolescents. ISPP 2023 attracts a global audience of pediatricians, anesthetists, clinicians, researchers, nurses, psychologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, as well as professionals and scholars from other disciplines.

Submission Deadline: 12 January 2023



Apply for the 2023 IASP-Southeast Asian Pain Management Camp



[Apply 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). The aim of the Pain Camp is to improve the knowledge and practice of pain management and is targeted at young healthcare professionals in Southeast Asia.

Application Deadline: 15 January 2023



Submit a Workshop Proposal for NeuPSIG 2023 International Congress on Neuropathic Pain (NeuPSIG 2023)



[Submit a workshop proposal for NeuPSIG 2023](#), 7-9 September 2023, 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.

Submission Deadline: 26 January 2023



Apply 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.

Application Deadline: 27 January 2023

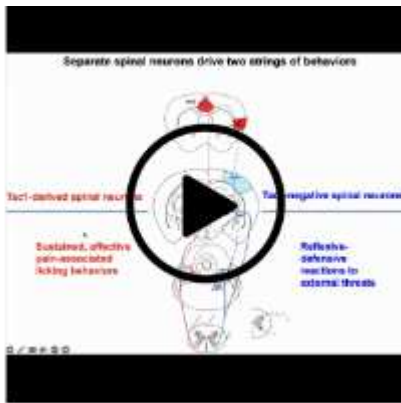




My Letter to Pain Campaign

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.](#)



Watch a Recording of the 17 November Global Year Webinar

Available now to members on PERC, [A Functional Subdivision Within the Somatosensory System and its Implications for Pain Research](#). This webinar discusses a new anatomical and functional subdivision of the somatosensory system: one for detecting external threats and driving reflective-defensive reactions to prevent or limit injury, and the other for monitoring internal body injury that produces affective tonic pain and drives self-caring response to reduce suffering.



IASP Announces the Recipient of the John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship

The [John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship](#) is awarded to Erika Scott, PhD (Canada), to support her pain research training. Dr. Scott's research focuses on identifying genetic predictors of variable responses to morphine treatment in infants and children in order to better manage pain in these vulnerable patient populations.



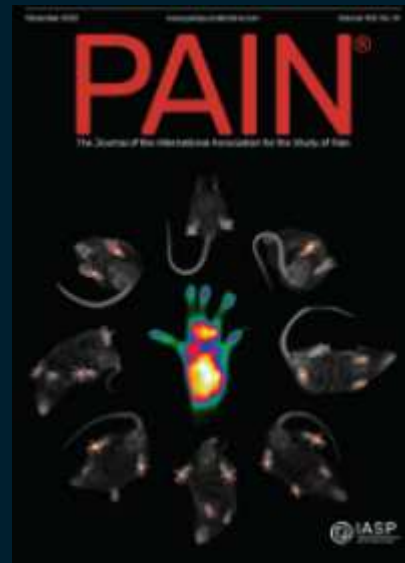
JOURNALS

December 2022 issue of *PAIN* is Now Available

The December [issue](#) includes six Editor's Choice articles, seven Global Year 2022 articles, and an article discussing the reliability and responsiveness of pain intensity scales in individuals with chronic pain.

- [Reliability and responsiveness of pain intensity scales in individuals with chronic pain](#)
- [Drug–drug–gene interaction risk among opioid users in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Autobiographical memory predicts postsurgical pain up to 12 months after major surgery](#)

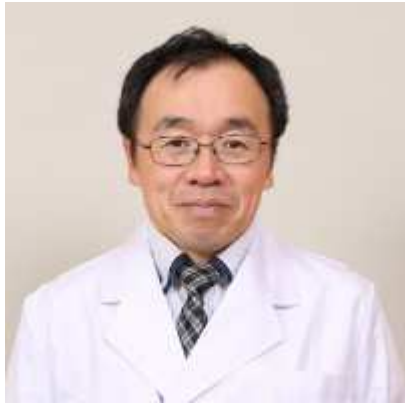
And don't miss the [IASP 2022 World Congress on Pain supplement](#)! This supplement includes reviews from Plenary Session Speakers at the IASP 19th World Congress on Pain in Toronto, Canada.



MEMBERSHIP

Member Spotlight

The December membership spotlight highlights Takahiro Ushida, MD, PhD, Professor, and Director of



the Multidisciplinary Pain Center at Aichi Medical University in Japan. Dr. Ushida became a member in 1996 when introduced to IASP by several members of his lab. [Learn more about Dr. Ushida's work in his IASP interview.](#)



PAIN RESEARCH FORUM

[The Pain Beat \(Episode 15\) – Nobel Prize: Somatosensation and Stories](#)

This episode of The Pain Beat is the final of a three-part series discussing the 2021 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine – awarded to David Julius, University of California, San Francisco, US, and Ardem Patapoutian, Scripps Research, California, US – for their work on molecules important for somatosensation (see the related [interview](#), [news story](#), and [part one](#) and [part two](#) of this series).

In this episode, a group of collaborators and former mentees discuss what the discoveries mean for the somatosensory field, as well as stories and insights about what it was like working with Drs. Julius and Patapoutian during that time.



[A Chat with the New Editor-in-Chief of the PRF Editorial Board: Rebecca Seal](#)

Terminology in scientific research matters. Especially, when we collectively misuse a term like “central sensitization” when disseminating our findings.



[Bringing the Voice of Lived Experience to the Fore: A Conversation with Virginia McIntyre](#)

Virginia McIntyre, the President of the People in Pain Network - and a Patient Partner - spoke with PRF about her journey in the field of pain research, her mission to bring the voice of lived experience to the fore, and much more.



SIG UPDATE



Call for Content

IASP invites Special Interest Groups to submit content to update members about upcoming SIG activities, events, grant opportunities, networking, and more. To submit content, email [Akilah Hill](#) today for more information.



OTHER MEETINGS



Submit Your Abstract To #EFIC2023

[Abstract submissions are currently open](#) for the European Pain Federation (EFIC) 2023 congress in Budapest, Hungary, on 20-22 September 2023. This year's theme is "Personalized Pain Management: The Future Is Now", apply now for the opportunity to showcase your pain research, network with fellow pain scientists, meet inspiring figures in the world of pain science, and build future connections.

Submission Deadline: 4 January 2023



UPCOMING IASP MEETINGS

- [NeuPSIG 2023 International Congress on Neuropathic Pain](#)
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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