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Working Together for Pain Relief Throughout the World

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Last month, IASP launched the [2023 Global Year for Integrative Pain Care](#). The aim of this year's campaign is to increase the awareness of clinicians, scientists, and the public about the use of an integrative pain care approach, which emphasizes non-drug, self-management care. Throughout the year, IASP will further highlight how this approach can be used together to help millions of people suffering from chronic pain around the world.



On 1 February, IASP launched the [50th Anniversary Celebration](#) to commemorate IASP's achievements over the last five decades. Though we kicked off the celebration at the 2022 World Congress on Pain, 2023 marks the launch of ongoing Anniversary initiatives, including a 50th Anniversary version of the IASP logo. Starting this month, IASP will be releasing [a timeline by each decade of IASP's history](#), leading up to the anniversary celebration at the 2024 World Congress on Pain in Amsterdam.

IASP is accepting poster abstracts for two upcoming SIG meetings:

- [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.
- [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.

I am also happy to announce the [new online home of the Pain Research Forum \(PRF\)](#) within the greater IASP website. This new online PRF home is designed to bring the same resources to your fingertips with a modern look and feel and an improved interface that is integrated with other IASP resources. All of this is to bring you the best and most valuable articles, discussions, webinars, and resources dedicated to relieving pain.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that [IASP remembers our friend Ronald Dubner, DDS, PhD](#), who passed away in Bethesda, Maryland, on 22 January 2023. Ron pioneered orofacial pain research during his years at the National Institutes of Health and the University of Maryland. He was a past Editor-in-Chief of *PAIN*, past IASP Counselor and a colleague and mentor to many IASP members. His passing represents a momentous loss to the pain field in general, and to the orofacial pain field specifically. He will be greatly missed.

Best Wishes,

M. Catherine Bushnell, PhD
IASP President



IASP UPDATE



IASP Launches the 50th Anniversary Celebration

Throughout 2023 and 2024, IASP will celebrate its [50th Anniversary](#), culminating at the 20th World Congress on Pain, 5 – 9 August in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Over the next two years, IASP will reflect on this milestone with initiatives that reflect on the five decades of advances and contributions made by IASP and our members.



IASP Launches the 2023 Global Year

IASP has designated 2023 as the Global Year for Integrative Pain Care. This initiative aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of a comprehensive and holistic



approach to managing pain. Read the [letter from IASP's President, Catherine Bushnell, PhD](#) on the goals of the 2023 Global Year and meet the [Task Force Members](#).



MEETINGS UPDATE

[NeuPSIG 2023](#)

7 – 9 September 2023

Lisbon, Portugal

[Register now and receive the early bird discount.](#) NeuPSIG 2023 is the leading meeting for neuropathic pain research and development. This global event explores the field's latest scientific and clinical updates, with focused topic areas and high-quality accepted abstracts.

[Submit Your Poster Abstract.](#) Present your research to neuropathic pain professionals and connect with key stakeholders in neuropathic pain research and development. Submission Deadline: 6 March

[Book Your Housing.](#) Save on housing with special rates for NeuPSIG 2023 attendees when you book with IASP.

[Apply for Financial Aid.](#) NeuPSIG has substantially increased the financial aid budget for trainees, particularly those from developing countries.

[Plenary Speakers Announced:](#) NeuPSIG 2023 will feature:

- [Ulrike Bingel, MD, PhD](#), University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- [Catherina Faber, MD, PhD](#), Maastricht University Medical Centre, the Netherlands
- [Pall Karlsson, PhD](#), Aarhus University, Danish Pain Research Center, Denmark
- [Scott Lempka, PhD](#), University of Michigan, USA
- [Gary Lewin, MD, PhD](#), Max-Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Germany
- [Daniela Maria Menichella MD, PhD](#), Northwestern University, USA
- [Theodore Price, PhD](#), University of Texas, USA
- [Srinivasa Raja, MD](#), Johns Hopkins University, USA



- [Whitney Scott, PhD](#), Kings College London, UK

[ISPP 2023](#)

1– 4 October 2023
Halifax, Nova Scotia

[Submit Your Poster Abstract](#). Present your research to pediatric pain professionals and for the chance to connect with key stakeholders in pediatric pain research.

[Apply for Financial Aid](#). Submit your financial aid application for the opportunity to attend ISPP 2023; trainees and early career professionals are encouraged to apply.



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- [Karel Allegaert, PhD](#), KU Leuven Belgium and Erasmus MC Rotterdam, Belgium
- [Bernie Carter PhD, RGN, RSCN](#), Edge Hill University, UK
- [Verónica Dussel, MD, MPH](#), Dana-Farber Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, USA and Institute of Clinical Effectiveness and Health Policy, Argentina
- [Kathrina Epino, PhD](#), University of the Philippines, Philippines
- [Adrienne Harvey, PhD](#), Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia
- [Susmita Kashikar-Zuck, PhD](#), Cincinnati Children's Hospital, USA
- [Elliot Krane, MD](#), Stanford University School of Medicine, USA
- [Mike Salter, MD, PhD](#), Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto, Canada
- [Marsha Tredwell, PhD](#), University of California San Francisco, USA

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



IASP Celebrates Black History Month

IASP celebrates Black History Month by honoring IASP members of the African diaspora who are making a significant impact in the field of pain science. Contribute to the conversation and join us in honoring IASP members making great strides in the field of pain science. Follow the campaign on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).



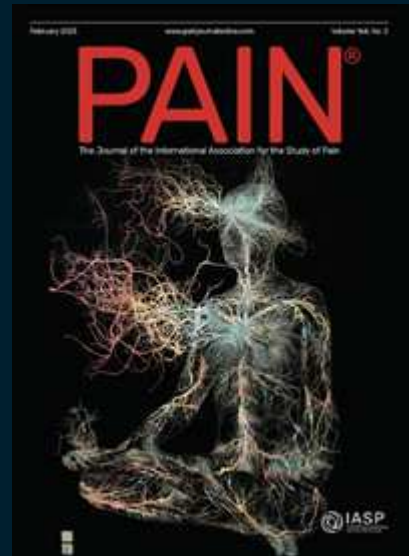
PUBLICATIONS

The February Issue of *PAIN* is Now Available

The [February issue of *PAIN*](#) includes three Editor's Choice articles, four [Global Year 2023 articles](#), and a topical review on [understanding the contribution of racially and ethnically discordant interactions to pain disparities: proximal mechanisms and potential solutions](#).

2023 Global Year articles in the February issue:

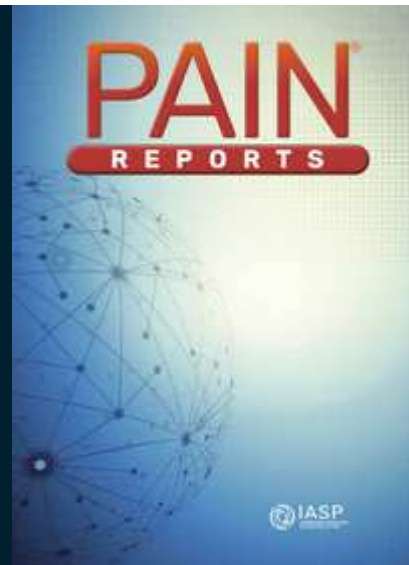
- [Biopsychosocial influence on shoulder pain: results from a randomized preclinical trial of exercise-induced muscle injury](#)
- [Disentangling self from pain: mindfulness meditation–induced pain relief is driven by thalamic–default mode network decoupling](#)
- [Reconsidering Fordyce's classic article, “Pain and suffering: what is the unit?” to help make our model of chronic pain truly biopsychosocial](#)
- [Combination pharmacotherapy for the treatment of neuropathic pain in adults: systematic review and meta-analysis](#)



PAIN Reports, Volume 8, Issue 1 Now Available

This issue features a big data review of [real-world data and evidence in pain research: a qualitative systematic review of methods in current practice](#).





***PAIN's* Editor-in-Chief Karen Davis, PhD, Provides the Vision for the Journal**

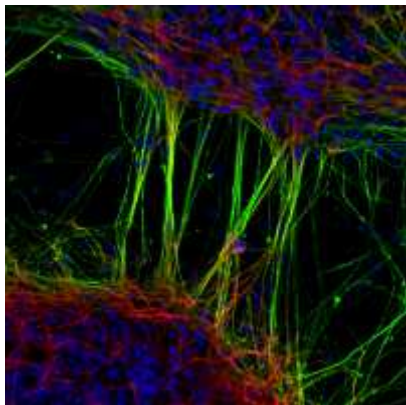
As the new Editor-in-Chief of *PAIN*, Dr. Karen D. Davis brings a [vision for equity, diversity, and inclusion to the premier international journal in the field of pain medicine](#). Recognizing the constantly evolving nature of this field, Dr. Davis is committed to maintaining *PAIN's* position as the leading journal in the field and to shaping its future. With a deep understanding of the critical importance of *PAIN* in the field of pain medicine, Dr. Davis has set forth ambitious goals to propel the journal forward.



PAIN RESEARCH FORUM

[The Most Popular Content of PRF in 2022](#)

Explore the most popular PRF content from 2022, including neuropathic pain seminars, an opinion on "[Central Sensitization](#)," and an exploration of how neutrophil activation protects against chronic pain.



[Amazing Images of the Nervous System Receive Awards from Nikon](#)

Nikon awarded Jianqun Gao and Glenda Halliday from the University of Sydney, Australia, for capturing photos of human neurons derived from neural stem cells using confocal fluorescence microscopy.



[Pragmatic Trials versus Randomized Controlled Trials](#)

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CAREER CENTER

The [IASP Career Center](#) is the premier source for employers looking to find top talent in the field of pain research, diagnosis, and treatment. The platform offers cost-effective recruiting and employer branding solutions, helping you promote your brand and advertise your job opportunities to both active and passive candidates. With a focus on delivering the highest quality candidates in the industry, the IASP Career Center is the best choice for finding the professionals you need to take your business to the next level.



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- [International Symposium on Pediatric Pain 2023](#)
Halifax, Nova Scotia
1-4 October 2023
- [20th World Congress on Pain](#)
Amsterdam, Netherlands
5-9 August 2024



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