

Dear IASP Members,

Allow me to introduce the IASP Early Career Network (ECN).

The ECN is a vibrant and dynamic group representing the young pain researchers and practitioners within IASP. They bring in a new generation of talent, fresh perspectives, and innovative ideas in the field of pain research and management.

I would like to take a moment to commend the ECN Chair, Hadas Nahman-Averbuch, for her outstanding leadership in bringing this vision to fruition. Hadas has demonstrated exceptional dedication and passion, inspiring her peers to rally around this cause. Let me also introduce Marie-Eve Hoeppli, the Chair-elect of the ECN. Marie-Eve's invaluable contributions and expertise have undoubtedly played a crucial role in shaping the ECN's foundation. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the entire ECN leadership team. Your collective commitment and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in establishing a solid framework for the ECN. The enthusiasm, drive, and innovative thinking that we have seen during this process has been admirable.

I want to acknowledge and express my gratitude to IASP past president, Claudia Sommer, for her pivotal role in initiating this group. Claudia's vision and foresight have laid the groundwork for the ECN to thrive and make a lasting impact. Her unwavering support and dedication to fostering the growth of young pain researchers and practitioners will continue to inspire us all.

As the ECN evolves and grows, I encourage all IASP members to support and engage with this vibrant community. The ECN will be present and showcase activities at the 2024 World Congress on Pain, 5 – 9 August in Amsterdam.

The ECN's collective expertise, fresh perspectives, and innovative approaches will undoubtedly enrich our understanding and management of pain, ultimately benefiting patients worldwide.

I am incredibly proud of the ECN's achievements thus far and excited about the immense potential it holds for the future. Together, let us nurture this important community of pain professionals.

Warm regards,



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IASP President