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# Pain Community

Working Together for Pain Relief Throughout the World

## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The [NeuPSIG 2023 International Congress on Neuropathic Pain \(NeuPSIG 2023\)](#) took place last week in Lisbon, Portugal, and was a resounding success. More than 600 attendees experienced cutting-edge scientific and clinical updates in the field of neuropathic pain with focused topic areas, engaging lectures, and more than 300 poster abstracts covering clinical and basic science. Thank you to the [Neuropathic Pain Special Interest Group](#), [Scientific Program Committee](#), [Exhibitors](#) and [Supporters](#), [IASP staff](#), [speakers](#), and attendees for making NeuPSIG 2023 a success.



The [International Symposium on Pediatric Pain 2023](#), 1 – 4 October in Halifax, Canada, is less than a month away. I am thrilled with the development of the Scientific Program, including Pain Education Day, which features plenary speakers from around the world. [Register now](#) and plan your trip to Halifax.

Preparations for the [2024 World Congress on Pain](#), 5 – 9 August in Amsterdam, Netherlands continue at the IASP office. IASP is currently accepting [Topical Workshop proposals](#) until 11 October. Special consideration will be given to submissions that incorporate the 50th Anniversary and history of discovery when submitting proposals.

IASP is accepting submissions [2024 World Congress on Pain Awards and Prizes](#) until 30 October. Recipients will present their research at the World Congress. I encourage you to apply or nominate a colleague for the following:

- [Ronald Dubner Research Prize](#)
- [Patrick D. Wall Young Investigator Prize for Basic Science](#)
- [Ulf Lindblom Young Investigator Prize for Clinical Science](#)

- [IASP Award for Excellence in Pain Research and Management in Developing Countries](#)

I also want to remind you that we are accepting applications for [Pain School and Pain Camp](#) funding until 21 September. The IASP Education Programs Working Group, under the direction of the IASP Council, created guidelines for Pain Schools and Pain Camps to make the funding application process more equitable. All those seeking IASP support in 2024 for conducting a Pain Camp or Pain School must complete the submission process specified in the [guidelines](#).

Finally, the newly formed IASP Ethical Review Board (ERB) is looking for volunteers from people with lived experience. The ERB will play a crucial role in advising leadership on matters relating to the ethical and reputational integrity of IASP. More details can be found on the IASP website.

Have a great September,



M. Catherine Bushnell, PhD



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## IASP UPDATE

### Submit an Application for Pain School or Pain Camp Funding

[Pain Schools](#) are multidisciplinary and multi-professional educational events intended to promote the development of the next generation of basic science and clinical pain researchers. [Run your own IASP-supported Pain School](#) with funding up to \$15,000 US.

[Pain Camps](#) are inter-professional residential educational events aimed at promoting interdisciplinary pain management by improving the knowledge and skills of young healthcare professionals in low-and-middle-income countries. [Run your own IASP-supported Pain Camp](#) with funding between \$20,000 US to \$30,000 US.



**Application Deadline: 21 September****WORLD CONGRESS ON PAIN UPDATE****Submit Topical Workshop Proposals for the 2024 World Congress on Pain**

IASP is accepting applications for [2024 World Congress Topical Workshops](#). Topical Workshops provide an overview of a wide range of topics in pain, offer practical reviews of current research and therapies, and allow attendees to participate in discussions with international experts on pain management and research.

**Submission Deadline: 11 October****Apply for 2024 World Congress on Pain Awards and Prizes by 30 October**

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Recipients will receive their Awards and Prizes and present their research at the 2024 World Congress on Pain in Amsterdam.

**Submission Deadline: 30 October**



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## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PEDIATRIC PAIN 2023 (ISPP 2023)



### Register for ISPP 2023

[As the premier interdisciplinary conference](#) on pain in infants, children, and adolescents, ISPP 2023, 1-4 October, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, brings together multidisciplinary professionals and scholars for the latest research in pediatric pain. Join attendees in building capacity in the pediatric pain community by fostering partnerships and innovation through joint learning.

If you need help completing your ISPP 2023 registration, please email [ISPP@iasp-pain.org](mailto:ISPP@iasp-pain.org).



### Pain Education Day: Knowledge Mobilization: Taking Evidence Outside of the Box

[Pain Education Day will precede ISPP 2023](#) on 1 October, providing attendees with a deep dive into knowledge mobilization and bridging the gaps between research, practice, and policy.

This is a Patients Included event hosted by Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP) in partnership with the Centre for Pediatric Pain Research (CPPR) and the Pain in Child Health (PICH) training program.



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## MEMBERSHIP

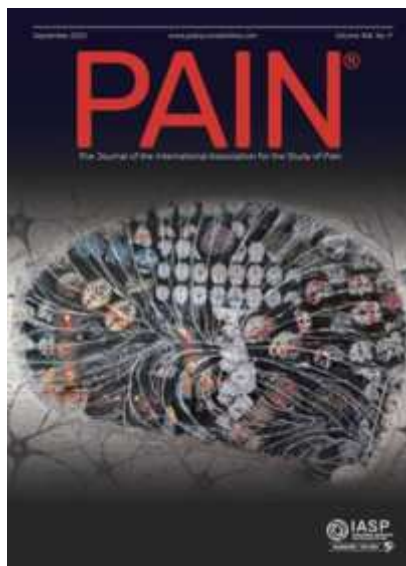
### Member Spotlight

The September Member Spotlight highlights Saurab Sharma, PhD, of the University of New South Wales. Dr. Saurab became an IASP member in 2014 to create connections with pain researchers; he sought to work with the leaders in the pain field, access the *PAIN* journal, apply for IASP grants, attend IASP congresses, and contribute to the global pain community. Learn more about [Dr. Sharma's work in his full-member spotlight](#).



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## JOURNALS



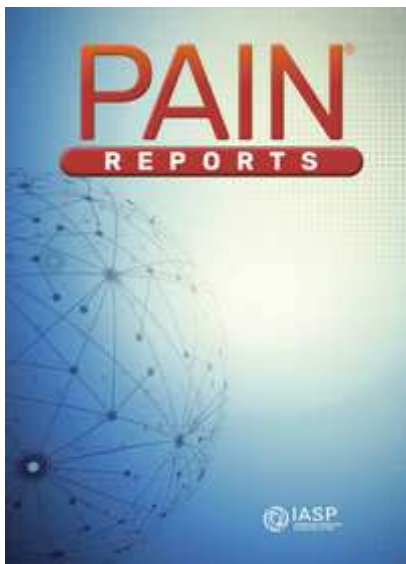
### The September Issue of *PAIN* is Now Available.

[The September issue of \*PAIN\*](#) features two Editor Choice articles, two 2023 Global Year articles, and includes a [comprehensive review](#) on predicting chronic postsurgical pain: current evidence and a novel program to develop predictive biomarker signatures.



### *PAIN Reports*

[Read a new article](#) in the September issue of *PAIN Reports* on decreased expression of hyaluronan synthase and loss of hyaluronan-rich



cells in the anterior tibial fascia of the rat model of chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy.



## PAIN RESEARCH FORUM

### First Long-Term Brain Recordings in Chronic Pain Patients Yields “Biomarker”

[Intracranial electrode recordings](#) in four chronic patients over 180-days shows activity in the orbitofrontal cortex predicts chronic pain states.



### A2CPS: A New Frontier in Pain Research

A2CPS, [a newly established research program](#), aims to better understand the factors underlying the transition from acute to chronic pain.



### The Pain Beat (Episode 16) – A2CPS: Acute to Chronic Pain Signatures

[This 16th episode of The Pain Beat](#) highlights the work of a vibrant consortium of pain researchers working on a project known as Acute to Chronic Pain Signatures (A2CPS). A2CPS is focused on the identification of biomarkers to predict which patients will transition from acute to chronic pain and which patients living with chronic pain can improve their quality of life with management.




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## SIG AND CHAPTER UPDATE



### Register to Attend the 19 September Complex Regional Pain Syndrome SIG Symposium at EFIC 2023

[The Symposium, What Can We Learn from Regional and Widespread Symptoms in CRPS](#) will focus on CRPS as a whole and feature an interactive workshop. Attendees will understand the importance of defining regional pain in the context of CRPS, how CRPS is understood across disciplines, cases of CRPS and other regional pain syndromes and discuss widespread pain and other symptoms of CRPS.



### Register to Attend the 23 September Acute Pain SIG Symposium at EFIC 2023

[The Symposium, Improving Outcomes of Postoperative Pain Management: The Way to Go](#), will cover outcomes of postoperative pain management, focusing on regional anesthesia and integrative medicine. Acute Pain SIG invites you to attend and learn how expanding the role of the APS to transform into an interdisciplinary transitional pain service seems a promising approach.



## Register for the 9 October Social Aspects of Pain SIG Webinar

[The IASP Social Aspects of Pain SIG](#) will host the Pain, Stigma, Discrimination, and Injustice webinar. This webinar will explore how stigma, discrimination, and perceived injustice are associated with adverse pain outcomes across different conditions and contexts. Featuring:

- Claire E. Ashton-James, PhD
- Joanna L. McParland, PhD
- Whitney Scott, PhD



## Register for the 25 October Pain, Mind, and Movement Webinar



[The IASP Pain, Mind, and Movement SIG](#) will host the Exploring the Evidence Behind Physical Activity and Pain: Spanning Basic Science to Clinical Application webinar. This webinar will discuss the current evidence on the benefits of regular physical activity and exercise in the management of chronic musculoskeletal pain and will review specific recommendations regarding therapeutic exercise that include dosing, decreasing exercise barriers, and utilization of the biopsychosocial model of pain.

- Marie Hoeger Bement, MPT, PhD
- Kathleen A. Sluka, PT, PhD, FAPTA



## 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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