



NeuPSIG Symposium at the IASP World Congress on Pain

The NeuPSIG Symposium was attended by more than 210 attendees, reflecting the enthusiasm of attendees who came a day earlier to the IASP World Congress to hear about “burning” topics in neuropathic pain.

We provided an opportunity for several Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to present their work, with their talks selected based on their relevance to the four main topics of the satellite meeting which was gleaned from their abstracts that were submitted to IASP congress. The resulting mix of established investigators and ECRs proved very successful and is a model that NeuPSIG will continue to implement whenever the opportunity presents itself



A Few Symposium Highlights:

1. Dr. Blair Smith, a past Chair of NeuPSIG, was recognized for his long-term commitment and contributions to the organization by being designated as an Honorary member NeuPSIG. This is the highest honor that NeuPSIG bestows on members who have demonstrated dedication and leadership towards the advancement of NeuPSIG. Dr. Smith received a NeuPSIG shield to commemorate this honor, but due to transportation disruptions he joined us by zoom link.
2. An announcement about work by a NeuPSIG task force led by Dr. Nadia Soliman to revise and update the guidelines for neuropathic pain. A manuscript is being prepared and will be submitted for publication soon.
3. There was an announcement of a new initiative by NeuPSIG to put together guidelines to investigate chemotherapy-induced pain (CIPN) in pre-clinical animal models and in the clinic. A call went out to the NeuPSIG membership asking for volunteers for this essential work that is expected to achieve a similar success to the NeuPSIG guidelines for the treatment of neuropathic pain. Interested members in the new CIPN initiative can [reach out to Dr. Lesley Colvin](#) to indicate their interest in participating in this project. Details of this specific call will appear shortly on the NeuPSIG home page.
4. It was announced that the [9th International Congress on Neuropathic Pain](#) will take place on 4-6 September 2025 in Berlin, Germany. A new meeting website is already on-line and will be updated as new information becomes available. So, [visit the site to stay updated](#) , and plan to attend this exciting meeting.

Changes to NeuPSIG Executive and Management Committees

Several changes were announced during the business meeting on 6 August: the Chair of NeuPSIG was passed from Dr. Simon Haroutounian to Dr. Patrick Dougherty; Dr. Theodore (Ted) Price became Vice Chair; Dr. Julia Forstenpointner (an early career scientist), Dr. Pall Karlsson and Dr. Qiufu Ma were appointed to the Management Committee. The tenure of Treasurer (Dr. David Bennett) and Secretary (Dr. Margarita Calvo) and the tenure of the rest of existing Management Committee members was extended for another term to compensate for the disruption of COVID.

The state of the SIG is good, and finances are stable enough to support some initiatives, for example support for ECRs and researchers from low- and middle-income countries to attend our next meeting in Berlin.

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