



IASP 2025 GLOBAL YEAR

Pain Management, Research and Education
in Low- and Middle-Income Settings

It is a great privilege to welcome you to the 2025 IASP Global Year, which is dedicated to the theme *Pain Management, Education, and Research in Low- and Middle-Income Settings*.

I am most grateful to Margarita Calvo and Saurab Sharma for agreeing to lead this effort, as indeed I am to all those IASP members who have generously agreed to donate their time and energy to serve on the 2025 Global Year committee.

This Global Year theme is consistent with our mission statement: *“IASP brings together scientists, clinicians, healthcare providers, and policymakers to stimulate and support the study of pain and to translate that knowledge into improved pain relief worldwide.”*

Inevitably, a major focus will be on Low—and Middle-Income countries, where 83% of the global population resides. However, in this context, the word “settings” is used to include not only Low- and Middle-Income Countries but also disadvantaged populations in high-income economies.

Throughout 2025, IASP will make available an exciting range of materials related to the Global Year theme. We hope that these will be of use and interest not only to IASP members, SIGs, national chapters, and regional federations but also to a wide public audience, including people living with pain, the general public, and policymakers. These materials will include fact sheets, webinars, infographics, and other materials that are free to access and share.

Selected articles in IASP’s publications, such as *PAIN* and *PAIN Reports*, related to the Global Year theme, will be designated as such and made freely accessible. Please look out for papers bearing the Global Year logo.

A major clinical resource that is already available for you to use is [IASP’s Multidisciplinary Pain Centre toolkit](#), which is geared to the requirements of healthcare systems in LMICs. This initiative was developed by an international team led by IASP President-Elect Mary Cardosa. Having been successfully trialed in Myanmar, Indonesia, and Vietnam, it is now all set for global rollout.

A feature of past Global Years is that IASP members have generously volunteered to translate fact sheets into many languages. This process is usually delivered through our 98 national chapters. If you would like to volunteer to translate a Global Year document, please contact either the leadership of your national chapter or the IASP office.

An important part of IASP’s global mission is our [Pain Camps](#). In addition to our well-established camp in Southeast Asia, 2025 will see our inaugural Pain Camps in Africa and South Asia. I look

forward to meeting some of our members at these important events.

I do hope that you will find the global year of interest beneficial to your clinical, research, and educational work. If you feel that we have overlooked an important aspect, please do not hesitate to contact the [IASP Help Desk](#).

With warm regards,

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IASP President