

**CANDIDATE PROFILE****Jordi Miro, Spain**

Psychology, Clinical researcher and Educator

Please provide a brief description of your work and interest in the pain field.

As a psychologist and scientist-practitioner, my work has focused on improving the assessment, treatment, and self-management of chronic pain, particularly among children and adolescents, blind and low-vision individuals, and people living in under-resourced settings. I have developed and evaluated psychosocial treatments, pain assessment measures, and digital health approaches, including mobile applications designed to support pain management in real-world settings.

My interest in pain is grounded in the conviction that pain care must be scientifically rigorous, clinically useful, culturally responsive, and accessible. Much of my research has examined how pain affects daily functioning, how psychological and social factors influence pain experience and treatment outcomes, and how evidence-based interventions can be adapted to different communities, health systems, and cultural contexts.

Alongside research and clinical innovation, I have invested substantial effort in education, mentoring, and capacity-building. I have helped train early-career researchers and clinicians, contributed to international networks in Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, and supported initiatives aimed at strengthening pain education and care where resources are limited. Across these activities, my goal has remained consistent: to generate knowledge that improves the lives of people with pain and to help build the professional capacity needed to deliver better pain care worldwide.

Please provide a brief statement of why you are interested in running for Secretary—why would someone want to vote for you?

I joined IASP in 1988 as an undergraduate psychology student, and it has shaped my professional life ever since. I am running for Secretary to serve an Association I know deeply and value greatly. I would bring continuity, institutional memory, and practical governance experience from my service as Councilor from 2018 to 2024, current IASP–FEDELAT Liaison, member of the 2026 World Congress Scientific Program Committee, and Co-Chair of the 2028 SPC. I see the Secretary role as one of stewardship: ensuring that decisions are documented, responsibilities are clear, and members can have confidence in how IASP works.

Leadership in Audit Oversight, Compliance, and Meeting Record Management: As Secretary, you're responsible for financial reporting integrity and meeting records. How will you lead the Audit Committee to ensure compliance, transparency, and ethical conduct in financial practices? Please provide examples of your experience in taking comprehensive minutes for organizations or committees, ensuring clarity and accuracy.

My experience as Secretary of the Catalan Society for Behavior Research and Therapy and the Spanish Society of Clinical and Health Psychology (SEPCyS) gave me direct responsibility for preparing agendas, taking minutes, documenting decisions, and ensuring that follow-up actions were clear and traceable. These roles taught me that accurate records are not an administrative formality; they are essential tools for accountability, institutional memory, and trust.

As IASP Secretary, and as Chair of the Audit Committee, I would approach this responsibility with independence, discretion, attention to conflicts of interest, and respect for established procedures. I would support a structured review process in which financial statements, budgets, audit findings, internal controls, and areas of risk are examined regularly and documented carefully. Working with the Treasurer, Executive Committee, Council, auditors,

and staff, I would help ensure that questions, decisions, responsible parties, timelines, unresolved issues, and follow-up items are recorded clearly.

In addition to serving as Secretary of SEPCyS, I subsequently served as Treasurer, giving me practical experience with financial oversight in the same scientific society. This allowed me to understand governance from both sides: documenting decisions and stewarding financial resources. I understand the importance of transparent procedures, separation of responsibilities, careful review of supporting documentation, and early identification of potential concerns. I would aim to help the Audit Committee maintain a culture of ethical conduct, clarity, and constructive scrutiny, so that financial reporting and meeting records support both compliance and confidence among IASP members.

Experience in Collaborative Decision Making: Can you provide examples of your experience working collaboratively within a committee or team to achieve common goals? How do you plan to foster collaboration among the Secretariat, Executive Committee, Council, and various committees within IASP ?

Collaborative decision-making has been central to my academic and institutional work. As Secretary of two scientific societies in Spain, I worked with executive boards to coordinate meetings, document decisions, and translate discussion into action. As Coordinator of the Pediatric Pain Special Interest Group of the Spanish Pain Society, I helped bring together clinicians, researchers, professional societies, and representatives of the Spanish Ministry of Health to develop shared priorities for pediatric pain care and research.

My IASP service has further strengthened this experience. During my term as Councilor from 2018 to 2024, I gained direct knowledge of IASP governance, committee work, and the importance of clear communication across structures. My current role as IASP–FEDELAT Liaison, and my responsibilities in the Scientific Program Committees for the 2026 and 2028 World Congresses, have reinforced the value of respectful coordination across regions, disciplines, and professional cultures.

As Secretary, I would foster collaboration by helping ensure that meetings are purposeful, records are accurate, responsibilities are explicit, and action items are followed. I would support regular communication among the Secretariat, Executive Committee, Council, and committees; encourage cross-committee coordination where priorities overlap; promote inclusive processes that allow members from different regions, disciplines, and career stages to contribute; and help preserve institutional memory by ensuring that decisions, rationales, and follow-up responsibilities are clearly recorded. For me, effective collaboration is not only about consultation, it is about creating reliable processes through which diverse contributions can inform decisions and lead to action.

Experience in Financial Oversight and Governance: The Executive Committee plays a crucial role in overseeing the financial management and governance of IASP. Can you describe your experience in financial oversight and governance, particularly in reviewing budgets, financial reports, and implementing financial policies? How will you contribute to ensuring the fiscal health and accountability of the association?

I have gained financial oversight and governance experience through scientific, academic, and charitable roles. After serving as Secretary of the Spanish Society of Clinical and Health Psychology (SEPCyS), I subsequently served as its Treasurer, which gave me direct responsibility for monitoring funds, reviewing budgets and financial reports, and ensuring that spending decisions were aligned with the society's mission and obligations. This progression from Secretary to Treasurer gave me a practical understanding of both governance documentation and financial stewardship.

In my roles as Director of the graduate program in Health Psychology, Director of the Chair in Pediatric Pain at my university, President of the Children's Comfort Project, and Co-Chair of 11 national and international scientific meetings, I have also been responsible for budget planning, resource allocation, administrative coordination, and reporting to institutional partners. These experiences have taught me to review financial information not only for accuracy, but also for strategic alignment, sustainability, and risk.

My service as IASP Councilor from 2018 to 2024 gave me insight into the governance responsibilities of a large international association. As Secretary, I would contribute by supporting regular and well-documented review of financial reports, budgets, controls, and risks; asking disciplined questions; helping ensure that decisions are traceable; and promoting clear communication among the Audit Committee, Treasurer, Executive Committee, Council, and staff.

Engagement with the Global Pain Community: As Secretary, you hold a key position within IASP, facilitating communication and collaboration among stakeholders. Pain management is a global issue affecting diverse populations. How do you plan to engage with and represent the interests of the global pain community, ensuring inclusivity and diversity in IASP initiatives and policies?

My approach to global engagement is based on sustained relationships, shared priorities, and practical mechanisms for participation. My service as IASP Councilor from 2018 to 2024 gave me a broad view of the Association's regional, disciplinary, and professional diversity. Since 2024, I have served as IASP–FEDELAT Liaison, working with regional leaders to support education, advocacy, and capacity-building in Latin America. I was honored that this collaborative work was recognized with a FEDELAT award at its 2025 Congress in Bogotá.

These experiences have reinforced my belief that inclusivity requires more than representation. It requires listening to regional priorities, reducing linguistic and structural barriers, supporting early-career professionals, and creating routes for members from different settings to contribute to IASP activities. My work on the Declaration of Lima on Pain in Childhood, my collaboration with FEDELAT, and my emerging work with colleagues in the Middle East have all strengthened this view.

As Secretary, I would support policies and practices that make IASP more accessible and responsive to its diverse membership. This includes clear communication across committees, feasible efforts to reduce linguistic barriers, collaboration with chapters and regional federations, and meeting processes that allow voices from different disciplines, regions, and career stages to be heard. My goal would be to help IASP remain truly international not only in membership, but also in participation, leadership, and impact.

IASP Involvement

- Member, International Association for the Study of Pain, since 1988
- Education Initiatives Working Group, 2010-2016
- Early Career Research Grants Committee and Collaborative Research Grants Committee, 2018
- Elected Councilor, International Association for the Study of Pain, 2018-2024.
- Educational Programs Working Group, 2019
- Visual Identity and Logo Redesign Task Force, 2019
- IASP 50th Anniversary activities, 2020.
- Presidential Task Force on Chapter and Federation Relationships and Policies, 2021-22
- IASP Nominations Committee, 2022-2024
- Global Advocacy Working Group, 2022-present.
- Global Year Task Force for Integrative Pain Care, 2022-2023
- IASP Liaison with FEDELAT / Federation of IASP Latin American Chapters, since 2024.
- Member, 2025 IASP Global Year Task Force on Pain Management, Research and Education in Low- and Middle-Income Settings; co-author/contributor to related IASP fact sheets, 2025.
- Team member, IASP Collaborative Research Grant led by Saurab Sharma: Understanding and treating chronic pain in children in low- and middle-income countries: The first step, 2026.
- Member, Scientific Program Committee, IASP 2026 World Congress on Pain, Bangkok.
- Co-Chair, Scientific Program Committee, IASP 2028 World Congress on Pain, Geneva.
- Co-author/contributor to 6 IASP fact sheets on low-income settings, refugee and displaced populations, and clinical pain research priorities in LMIC settings.
- Contributor, IASP Interprofessional Pain Curriculum.
- Active member Special Interest Groups: Pain in Childhood, Pain Education, and Pain Registries.

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE FOR IASP SECRETARY

Psychologist, scientist-practitioner, and long-standing IASP member with extensive experience in pain research and education, scientific leadership, governance, financial oversight, and international capacity-building. I have served IASP as Councilor, IASP-FEDELAT Liaison, contributor to multiple committees and working groups, coauthor of multiple global year fact-sheets, and member/co-chair of World Congress Scientific Program Committees. I would bring to the Secretary role institutional memory, practical governance experience, financial stewardship, global engagement, and service-oriented commitment to accurate records, disciplined follow-up, transparency, and trust.

SELECTED IASP SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Current and recent IASP leadership

- Member, International Association for the Study of Pain, since 1988.
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Prior IASP committees, task forces, working groups and SIGs

- Education Initiatives Working Group, 2010-2016; Educational Programs Working Group, 2019.
- Early Career Research Grants Committee and Collaborative Research Grants Committee, 2018.
- Visual Identity and Logo Redesign Task Force, 2019; IASP 50th Anniversary activities, 2020.
- Global Year Task Force for Integrative Pain Care, 2022-2023;
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GOVERNANCE, SECRETARIAT AND FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

- *Secretary*, Catalan Society for Behavior Research and Therapy, 2005-2010: agendas, minutes, decision records, follow-up actions, and executive board coordination.
- *Secretary/Vice-Secretary*, Spanish Society of Clinical and Health Psychology (SEPCyS), 2005-2008: governance documentation, meeting records, and institutional continuity.
- *Treasurer*, SEPCyS, 2009-2011: monitoring funds, reviewing budgets and financial reports, and supporting responsible financial stewardship.
- Director, Master programs in (1) Clinical and Health Psychology, (2) Health Psychology, and (3) General Health Psychology, URV, 2003-present.
- Director, Unit for the Study and Treatment of Pain - ALGOS, URV, 2002-present; Coordinator, ALGOS Pain Research Program, IISPV, 2010-present.
- Director, Chair in Pediatric Pain, URV-Fundación Grünenthal, 2015-present; President, Asociación Dolor Infantil / Children's Comfort Project, 2020-present.

- Board roles: Research Center for Behavior Assessment; Fundación Grünenthal España; Fundació Universitat Rovira i Virgili.

CORE SKILLS FOR THE SECRETARY ROLE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting records, minutes, action items and disciplined follow-up. • Financial oversight, budget review, accountability and risk awareness. • Cross-committee communication, inclusive decision-making and coordination across regions and disciplines. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance documentation, institutional continuity and confidential handling of sensitive matters. • Audit Committee readiness, constructive scrutiny and attention to conflicts of interest. • Multilingual communication: Catalan, Spanish and English; ability to communicate with Portuguese and Italian speakers. |
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SIGNIFICANT WORK IN THE FIELD OF PAIN

- Developed the first multidisciplinary pediatric chronic pain management program in Spain, services provided free of charge since 2007.
- PI or co-PI/investigator in 30+ pain-related research projects, including major national and international projects in pediatric pain, digital health and pain education.
- Developed and evaluated psychosocial treatments, pain assessment measures and digital health approaches for chronic pain, including Painometer®, Fibroline®, and mobile-based pain management tools.
- Coordinator/PI, Spanish Network on Pediatric Pain Research; Coordinator/PI, International Network on Chronic Pain in Childhood (IN-ChildPain), ERA-NET Neuron.
- Coordinated the Declaration of Lima on Pain in Childhood, presented to Latin American FEDELAT chapters in Lima, Peru, in 2022.
- Collaborated with FEDELAT on pediatric pain education and advocacy, including Borremos el dolor infantil / Children's Comfort Project; project recognized by a FEDELAT award at its 2024 Congress in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Led or contributed to research on chronic pain in blind and low-vision individuals and on pain among populations facing barriers to care.
- Co-Chair/Chair of 11 national and international scientific meetings on pediatric pain; frequent invited speaker at national and international pain congresses.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS, CAPACITY-BUILDING AND ADVOCACY

- Developed research and capacity-building collaborations in Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and other world regions; recent work includes pediatric chronic pain assessment tools for Arabic-speaking populations.
- Coordinator/PI, Spanish Network on Pediatric Pain Research, funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science, 2016-present.
- Coordinator/PI, International Network on Chronic Pain in Childhood (IN-ChildPain), ERA-NET Neuron, with experts from Europe, Canada, Australia and the United States.
- PI, Currently developing a Digital Treatment for Adolescents with Chronic Pain (DigiDOL-Ad).
- PI, Making pediatric chronic pain matter, understood and better, FEDELAT and Grünenthal Foundation, 2020-2027.
- Contributor to national pain education and policy initiatives, including work with Spanish health and education authorities on pain education needs.

SELECTED SCHOLARLY IMPACT AND RECOGNITION

- Full Professor of Health Psychology, URV, since 2009
- Distinguished Professor and Researcher ICREA-Acadèmia, Government of Catalonia, 2014-2018 and 2021-2025.
- 250+ peer-reviewed papers; 20+ book chapters; 4 books on pain, health psychology, and cognitive-behavioral therapy.
- PI of multiple funded research and knowledge-transfer projects across national, European and international programs.

- Member of Honor, FEDELAT, 2024; Member of Honor, Cuban Society of Pediatrics, 2014; Fidel Ilizástigui Dupuy Award, University of Medical Sciences of Havana, 2024.

EDUCATION, MENTORSHIP AND EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP

- BSc Psychology, Universitat de Barcelona, 1988; MA Health Psychology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 1990; PhD Health Psychology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 1993.
- Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Education, Health and Arts Professions, New York University, 1994-1995.
- Visiting Scholar and Visiting Professor: University of Pittsburgh Pain Evaluation Treatment Institute; University of Washington Multidisciplinary Pain Center/Rehabilitation Medicine; Bath Centre for Pain Services; Dalhousie University IWK Health Centre; Universidad Santa Paula, Costa Rica; Universidad Ciencias Médicas de la Habana, Cuba.
- Directed +30 completed pain-related doctoral and master dissertations in chronic pain, pediatric pain, pain education, visual impairment, intellectual disability and digital health.
- Mentored postdoctoral researchers and junior faculty in pain research, clinical innovation and academic career development.
- Associate Editor/editorial board roles in pain and health-related journals, including *Frontiers in Pediatric Pain*, *Canadian Journal of Pain*, *Pain Research and Management*, *MHealth*, *Children*, and *Journal of Pain*.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND IASP-RELATED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAST 5 YEARS

- Miró J, Narváez MA, Orrillo E, Ingelmo P, Garcia J. The Declaration of Lima on pain in childhood. *PAIN Reports*. 2022;7:e1055.
- Cuff P, Watt-Watson J, Carr E, ... Miró J. Barriers and facilitators to initiating and sustaining interprofessional pain education. *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice*, 2022;29:100581.
- Miró J, Roman-Juan J, Sánchez-Rodríguez E, Solé E, Castarlenas E, Jensen MP. Chronic pain and high-impact chronic pain in children and adolescents. *Journal of Pain*. 2023;24:812-823.
- Solé E, Roman-Juan J, Sánchez-Rodríguez E, Jensen MP, Miró J. School bullying and peer relationships in children with chronic pain. *PAIN*. 2024;165:1169-1176.
- Miró J, Sampietro A, Monterde S, Ingelmo P, Wicksell RK. Development, implementation and effectiveness of a digital treatment for adolescents with chronic pain. *Frontiers in Digital Health*. 2025;7:1555733
- Finianos J, Abu-Saad Huijjer H, Miró J. Professional education about pediatric pain and current treatment practices among healthcare professionals working in Lebanon. *BMC Medical Education*. 2025;25:538.
- Miró J, Sánchez E, Jensen MP, Lioffi C, ... Pogatzki-Zahn EM. Outcome Assessment in Children and Adolescents With Chronic Pain: An International Clinical Practice Survey. *European Journal of Pain*. 2026;30(1): e70216.
- Mora C, Jensen MP, Miró J. Chronic Pain in Blind and Low Vision Individuals. *J Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 2026;120: 117-133.
- Ceniza-Bordallo, G, Sánchez E, Roman-Juan J, Jensen MP, Miró J. The role of physical activity in children and adolescents with chronic pain. *PAIN*, in press.
- Sanabria-Mazo, J.P., Roman-Juan, J., Jensen, M.P., Miró J. Distinct social pathways in the links between pain interference and psychological function in youth with chronic pain. *PAIN*, in press.

Examples of IASP Fact Sheets

- Amata A, Chacur M, Igwesi-Chidobe Ch, Nicholas M, Lawange S, Miró J. Challenges of treating pain in low-income settings and strategies for improvement. 2025.
- Williams AC de C, Jones LE, Miró J. Pain in refugee and displaced populations. 2025.

SELECTED PAIN SOCIETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Founding member, Spanish Pain Society, since 1990; Scientific Committee and Publications Committee, 2004-2010; Director, Coordinator and promotor Special Interest Group on Pediatric Pain, 2016-present.
- Member, Scientific Committee of the Spanish Pain Society Congress, 2003-2013; reviewer for multiple pain-related journals, including *PAIN*.
- CEO, WELLTECH, URV research-based spin-off created to translate pain assessment and treatment tools into practical digital solutions.