Message From the IASP President

The Importance of Being a Member of IASP

As an IASP member, you are part of a global community with one goal in mind: working together for pain relief throughout the world.

When I took over the IASP presidency I planned to: 1) increase member benefits and ensure more member engagements (what's in it for me?), and 2) focus on how we as members can contribute to the global voice advocating for better pain management throughout the world (how can I make a difference?).

To the first point, there are the traditional financial advantages of being a member such as discounts to the IASP World Congress, access to a global professional network through 24 Special Interest Groups, access to world-class science through PAIN and PAIN Reports, and grant and funding opportunities. Most recently, we unveiled the IASP Pain Education Resource Center (PERC), an online education portal available exclusively to IASP members. In addition to these benefits, the IASP staff team is working closely with the Membership & Chapters Committee to ensure we are providing the most value to all members, no matter your career stage or specialty.

To the second point, I want to reiterate how important it is that we continue to be an active voice in the pain management community and how proud we all should be to belong to a community that actually makes a difference for the millions around the world suffering from pain.

Lars Arendt-Nielsen, Dr. Med., PhD
Bonica Award Recipient

IASP is delighted to recognize Srinivasa N. Raja, MD as the recipient of the 2020 John J. Bonica Award. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to pain research or therapy and honors IASP founder – and Dr. Raja’s former mentor – John J. Bonica. READ MORE

John D. Loeser Award Winner

IASP is pleased to announce that Robert H. Dworkin, PhD is the 2020 recipient of the John D. Loeser Award. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the pain field and is intended to create a tradition that instructs, inspires, and challenges clinicians and researchers to understand human pain, and the suffering it produces, in the broadest ways possible. READ MORE

Pain SIG Symposium in Valencia

Join the Acute Pain SIG in Valencia, Spain on 3 September 2019 for a symposium with PAIN OUT that discusses pain after surgery in vulnerable patients. The symposium takes place prior to the 11th Congress of the European Pain Federation (EFIC). READ MORE

IASP Presidential Task Force: Cannabis and Pain: Systematic Review of Animal Studies

Become a citizen scientist as part of an IASP Presidential Task Force! This is a great opportunity to develop your professional skills & advance your career as a researcher by reviewing studies in which cannabinoids were tested for antinociceptive effects. SIGN-UP

PAIN’s Impact Factor Increases to 6.029

IASP is pleased to announce that PAIN, the official journal of IASP, has received a new Journal Impact Factor of 6.029, an 8.45% increase from 2017. PAIN is now ranked 3 of 31 in Anesthesiology, 21 of 199 in Clinical Neurology, and 31 of 267 in Neurosciences. READ MORE

Chapter and SIG News

Swiss Association for the Study of Pain Holds Meeting in Basel

This year, on the third weekend of June, SASP had the opportunity to join the Pediatric Pain SIG of IASP and to hold their annual congress on the Education Day of the ISPP 2019. READ MORE

Italian Association for the Study of Pain Host Their 42nd National Congress

More than 550 specialists from a variety of disciplines attended the 42nd National Congress, held 6 – 9 June 2019 in Rome. Specialists gathered in a multidisciplinary meeting underscoring how the pain medicine field represents a specialty that must bring together a wealth of knowledge from an array of sources. READ MORE

More than 800 Pain Professionals Gather at the NeuPSIG 7th International Congress

More than 800 attendees gathered in London in May 2019 to discuss the latest research and developments in understanding the mechanisms, assessment, prevention, and treatment of neuropathic pain. Read first-hand experiences from an attendee’s perspective from PRF’s Correspondents blog that provides interviews with plenary speakers, summaries of scientific sessions, and more. READ MORE | VIEW PICS

The Pain Registries SIG Launches

In January 2019, following on from a very successful Workshop at IASP in Boston, the IASP Council created a Special Interest Group for those interested in Pain Registries. The SIG is now considered a SIG in Formation and will be officially inducted at the 2020 World Congress on Pain in Amsterdam. Please see our SIG webpage for further details. READ MORE

Join the new Pain in Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities SIG

We invite you to join our new SIG! Our mission is to advance the awareness, understanding, and treatment of pain among children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). READ MORE

IASP JOURNALS

Editor’s Choice Articles: July 2019

https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=17149323&contentType=MailMessage
Peripheral afferents and the pain experience
Migraine understood as a sensory threshold disease
Time for change: an experimental investigation of chronic pain patients' emotional and attitudinal responses to simulated opioid-tapering advice
Somatotopically specific primary somatosensory connectivity to salience and default mode networks encodes clinical pain

Read PAIN Online

IASP GLOBAL YEAR

2019 Global Year Against Pain in the Most Vulnerable

Use Your Network to Help Relieve Pain in Vulnerable Populations

IASP needs your help reaching every pain expert and trainee in the world with the latest guidance on assessing and treating pain in patients with communication barriers such as children and the elderly. Simply share this link to 13 fact sheets and other resources from the IASP Global Year website with your professional network and help change the statistics that show these populations are at high risk of inadequate pain care.

Global Year Fact Sheets on Pain in Vulnerable Populations Now Offered in 12+ Languages

Fact sheets that aim to improve pain assessment and treatment in patients with communication barriers are now available for free download in 12-plus languages. The guidance and tips focus on children, older adults, people with psychiatric disorders, and survivors of war and torture. Thank you to the many IASP volunteers who generously translated these peer-reviewed resources!

Learn More

FEATURED RESOURCE FROM PERC

As an IASP member, you have exclusive access to on-demand continuing education through the IASP Pain Education Resource Center (PERC).

View past IASP World Congress recordings, webinars, and more. Plus, earn CMEs!

Explore PERC

Featured Resource:

Neuropathic Itch in Chronic Skin Conditions

- Understand the molecular mechanism of neuropathic itch and its clinical presentation in skin diseases
- Recognize neuropathic itch in patients and will be able to think in a potential treatment for their patient
- Understand that neuropathic itch is a symptom that can accompany many skin diseases along with neuropathic pain
IAASP WORLD CONGRESS ON PAIN

The IASP World Congress on Pain is the world’s largest gathering of pain professionals. This premier event brings together more than 7,000 scientists, clinicians, and healthcare providers from around the world and across pain disciplines. Don’t miss the leading global forum for pain professionals!

2020 Call for Proposals

Registration
Registration will open in October 2019.

PAIN RESEARCH FORUM (PRF) & RELIEF NEWS

The 2019 PRF-NAPS Correspondents Blog
Six participants in the PRF Correspondents program blogged live from the recently concluded 2019 North American Pain School (NAPS). Catch up on all the goings-on at NAPS.

Wow, That’s FAAH-OUT: Newly Discovered Genetic Mutations in a Woman Who Feels No Pain
Co-inheritance of FAAH SNP and microdeletion in novel pseudogene termed FAAH-OUT identified in a woman with insensitivity to pain.

Spontaneous Firing in DRG Neurons From Patients With Neuropathic Pain
Two studies of human transcriptome also bolster evidence for sex differences.

Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Causes Migraine-Like Pain in Female But Not Male Rodents
Sexually dimorphic response to dural CGRP may explain why migraines are more prevalent in women.

Understanding Placebo and Nocebo Effects: A Chat With Ben Colagiuri
Colagiuri discusses his path to placebo and nocebo research, the development of a novel model for experimentally-induced nausea, and how the placebo research field has progressed over time.

Advice to Young Researchers: Follow Your Passion and Buckle Up Your Seatbelt for Successful Translational Pain Research—A Podcast With Stephen Waxman
Waxman discusses his studies of rare painful diseases, which have lessons for understanding pain more broadly, advice for trainees as they develop their careers in pain research, and why he thinks it’s important to communicate research to the public.

CANoP: A New Special Interest Group on the Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience of Pain
The scientific committee from the inaugural meeting of CANoP discusses this new Special Interest Group as well as some of the latest ideas in the field.
A Translational Collaboration to Advance Understanding of Sickle Cell Pain: A Podcast With Amanda Brandow and Kate Sadler
In this PRF podcast, Brandow and Sadler discuss sickle cell pain, how they are collaborating to help increase understanding of this condition, and much more.

More From PRF

How Sleep Affects Pain
A recent brain imaging study shows that sleep deprivation increases pain sensitivity.

History, Religion, Euthanasia and Pain—Exploring Palliative Care in the Asia-Pacific Region: A Conversation With Cynthia Goh
Palliative care pioneer Cynthia Goh talks about her work in the Asia-Pacific region, how the Opium Wars and religious beliefs have shaped views of opioids in this area of the world, and much more.

More From RELIEF

UPCOMING EVENTS

Acute Pain Pre-EFIC Event: Pain After Surgery in Vulnerable Patients
3 September 2019 | Valencia, Spain
Hosted by the IASP Special Interest Group on Acute Pain.

EFIC 2019 | 11th World Congress of the European Pain Federation
4-7 September 2019 | Valencia, Spain
The congress of the European Pain Federation gives access to leading lecturers and a scientific program consisting of the latest evidence-based and best-practice-based medicine in all relevant disciplines in the field of pain management.

Annual Scientific Meeting on Pelvic Pain | IPPS
17-20 October 2019 | Toronto, Canada
The IPPS Annual Meeting provides practitioners and researchers with an expanded and topical understanding of the evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, and research of disorders associated with chronic pelvic pain.

New Zealand Pain Society Conference 2020
19-21 March 2020 | Bay of Island, Northland, New Zealand
The 2020 Conference provides the opportunity to gather, discuss, learn, and share knowledge, evidence, best practices, and debate to assist with providing up to date approaches to this challenging area of health care. Part of the focus of “Making the Connection” will be looking at and sharing ways to deliver services to Tangata Whenua and also to people outside of main centres in areas where Specialists are not available and where access can be a challenge. International speakers will bring their expertise along with a wide range of New Zealand based clinicians and researchers.

South Africa Pain Society
29-31 May 2020 | Cape Town, South Africa
The annual PainSA congress is a unique opportunity to interact and learn from health care professionals from many different fields. It is a truly interdisciplinary congress that allows for discussion, debate, and networking with others who have a keen interest in pain both acute and chronic pain and management thereof.

Submit an Event