President's Message

I hope you, your family, and your communities are remaining safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

Recently, The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) announced the 2020 World Congress on Pain has been rescheduled for 27 June – 1 July 2021.

While this difficult decision is necessary to protect our members, colleagues, and families, we understand the unfortunate impact it has on members, sponsors, and concurrent pain meetings. I want to thank members, sponsors, and other meeting coordinators for the shared understanding, support, and collaboration during this unprecedented time. It is important, especially during the present situation, that the pain community remains united to ensure focused pain management and research.

IASP recognizes the influential role the World Congress plays in your professional career and the pain industry, and has been exploring creative ways to adjust the program to keep our members engaged and connected as we prepare for World Congress. For example, IASP will be providing a series of virtual meetings this fall with workshops, posters, and symposia. Further information will be released on the IASP World Congress website in the coming weeks. We look for innovative ways to bring programming to our members so that we continue to deliver the education, mentoring, and professional content that has made IASP the unique, global association it is.

Finally, I would like to thank those of you who have sacrificed time with loved ones, self-care, and your safety to provide care to those infected. Your hard work is much appreciated.

As always, thank you for your continued support of IASP, and we look forward to sharing updates on the World Congress and fall programs.

Lars Arendt-Nielsen, Dr. Med., PhD

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World Congress Moved to 2021

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IASP has rescheduled its biennial meeting for 27 June - 1 July 2021. [LEARN MORE](#)

Receive up to US$15,000 to help fund your collaborative research project. Applications close 7 May 2020. [LEARN MORE](#)

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Attend a 5-day summer research and training program in the beautiful town of Heidelberg, Germany. Applications close 15 May 2020. [LEARN MORE](#)

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### PUBLICATIONS

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Selective modulation of tonic aversive qualities of neuropathic pain by morphine in the central nucleus of the amygdala requires endogenous opioid signaling in the anterior cingulate cortex

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#### Expedited Article

Managing patients with chronic pain during the Covid-19 outbreak

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**PAIN Reports, March/April 2020**

Induced oscillatory signaling in the beta frequency of top-down pain modulation

Improvements in clinical pain and experimental pain sensitivity after cognitive functional therapy in patients with severe persistent low back pain

Pediatric pain treatment and prevention for hospitalized children

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### IASP WORLD CONGRESS ON PAIN

**IASP 2021 WORLD CONGRESS ON PAIN**

Amsterdam • 27 June–1 July 2021

**World Congress on Pain Moved to June 2021**

IASP has rescheduled World Congress for 27 June - 1 July 2021.
Welcome to the 2020 Global Year for the Prevention of Pain! Look out for new, freely accessible resources, including factsheets, webinars, and more.

To join the conversation, use #GlobalYear2020 and #IASPGlobalYear on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter.

New Resources Available
Take a look at new Global Year resources including factsheet slides and translations. LEARN MORE

Global Year Webinar Series
As part of the 2020 Global Year for the Prevention of Pain, IASP is offering a free webinar series. Check out upcoming webinars and register to save your seat! LEARN MORE

Recordings Available
Couldn't attend a webinar? Catch up with the webinar recording. LEARN MORE

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NEW The IASP Member Spotlight highlights IASP members and their work, showcasing the interdisciplinary nature of pain management and research.

Interested in participating in the program? Email Jeanette Gass

Kevin Foxman Boehnke, PhD (USA)
Dr. Boehnke is currently Research Investigator, Anesthesiology Department, Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (USA) where he studies cannabis and chronic pain.

Resource Spotlight
Music, the Brain, and Chronic Pain
This workshop will:

- Present current and cutting-edge scientific research on pain, music, and music therapies
- Discuss the gaps and research opportunities in the field of music and health
- Encourage dialogues and discussions about the potential impact of music on pain management

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RELIEF & PAIN RESEARCH FORUM (PRF)

Helping Others Eases Pain
A new study shows that altruistic behaviors relieve acute pain in healthy volunteers and chronic pain in cancer patients.

The Culture of Research: "A Shocking Portrait" Calls for Immediate Change
A Wellcome Trust study documents a plethora of widespread issues, including career insecurity, bullying and harassment, sexism and mental health issues. Pain investigators who spoke to PRF said these problems apply to the pain research environment too.

In Memoriam: Ronald Melzack (1929-2019)
Terence J. Coderre (McGill University, Canada), and Lucia Gagliese (York University, Canada), each provide a personal remembrance of pioneering pain researcher, Dr. Ronald Melzack, who passed away on 22 December 2019.

IASP Pain Research Forum Webinar: Automated Measurement of Acute Mechanical Pain at Millisecond Timescales
A recording of the 24 March webinar with Ishmail Abdus-Saboor (University of Pennsylvania, US) is now available.

PRF Papers of the Week
See PRF’s weekly review of the pain research literature, including basic science, translational and clinical pain research studies.

More From PRF

The IASP Global Alliance of Pain Patient Advocates (GAPPA): Incorporating the Lived Experience of Pain into the Study of Pain
In this invited op-ed, Joletta Belton and Blair Smith, co-chairs of GAPPA, discuss a new initiative aiming to advance pain research and care by incorporating the perspectives of people who have lived with or have been affected by pain.

A New Clinical Trial Shows Clear Benefits of TENS for Fibromyalgia – Finally!
Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation reduces pain from movement and fatigue.

Providers’ Expectations Directly Transmit Placebo Effects to Patients via Facial Expressions
A new study shows that social transmission of placebo effects via subtle facial cues decreases experimental heat pain.

More From RELIEF

UPCOMING EVENTS

In light of the current concerns surrounding the coronavirus, please check to verify your event
Thai Association for the Study of Pain Annual Scientific Meeting
14-15 May 2020 | Bangkok, Thailand

Canadian Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting
19-22 May 2020 | Calgary, Alberta

Pain Association of Singapore Annual Scientific Meeting
27 June 2020 | Singapore

43rd National Congress of the Italian Association for the Study of Pain
10-12 September 2020 | Rome, Italy

SPS &SKG Annual Congress 2020
1-2 October 2020 | Bern, Switzerland