President’s Message

I am pleased to announce that Colleen Eubanks has agreed to serve as IASP’s new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The search committee unanimously agreed that among the many very qualified applicants, Colleen was the best person to lead the IASP office. With Colleen as CEO, we look forward to continuing positive and constructive collaboration to serve our members at the highest possible professional level.

I am likewise excited and proud to announce the details of the IASP Virtual Series on Pain & Expo. Just launched, the website – including registration – provides insight into the six-month groundbreaking event, offering an immersive virtual education and networking experience.

The IASP Virtual Series on Pain & Expo will consist of scientific education and content that was earmarked for the 2020 World Congress on Pain. With in-person meetings postponed, IASP knows that the science of pain cannot wait and it is bringing it online for all in the international global community.

This groundbreaking event includes:

- **20+ Accredited scientific sessions:** 90-minute sessions each consisting of a 60-minute scientific presentation and a 30-minute live Q&A session with new sessions every month.
- **450 Posters in an accredited poster gallery:** View the posters, watch videos of poster presentations, engage with the authors, and obtain continuing medical education credits in the virtual gallery.
- **Networking lounges:** Topic-specific chat rooms for attendees to converse about sessions and collaborate with other attendees across disciplines and specialties.
- **Industry updates:** Explore symposia, virtual exhibit booths, and expert roundtables that showcase the latest industry research.
- **ALiVE:** Area for the Lived Virtual Experience: Presented by the Global Alliance of Pain Patient Advocates (GAPPA), these accredited workshops will give healthcare providers, researchers, and patient advocates opportunities to learn about incorporating the patient voice in pain research and clinical practice.

The program will span six months with new session content added biweekly. Live sessions will be offered with chat, polling, and Q&A segments to allow for maximum engagement. Sessions will be available on-demand to allow convenient access for all attendees from our entire global community.

As an added benefit, those who have registered for the 2021 World Congress on Pain will receive free access to the IASP Virtual Series on Pain & Expo. Please note that registration for the Virtual Series is available separate from Congress registration for both members and non-members.

For more information about the IASP Virtual Series on Pain & Expo, including session schedules, videos, and more, please visit www.iasp-pain.org/virtual-series.

IASP has achieved a great deal in the last five months despite difficult working conditions. We are all thankful to our staff for their commitment and hard work.

**Lars Arendt-Nielsen, Dr. Med., PhD**
Follow Lars on LinkedIn

TOP TOPICS

Registration Open: IASP Virtual Series on Pain & Expo
IASP is pleased to announce the Virtual Series on Pain & Expo, a six-month event of innovative virtual content and interactive engagement. LEARN MORE

Free Course: Southeast Asia Pain Education
Register for a complimentary three-part CME/CPD accredited educational course focused on medical and scientific education gaps in Southeast Asia. LEARN MORE

IASP Recognized for Work on ICD-11
IASP was awarded a 2020 Power of A Silver Award, ASAE’s highest honor for associations that go above and beyond their everyday mission to undertake initiatives that benefit the world. LEARN MORE

New Book Available from IASP Press
*Itch and Pain: Similarities, Interactions, and Differences*, edited by IASP President Lars Arendt-Nielsen, Gil Yosipovitch, and Hjalte Andersen is now available for purchase. LEARN MORE

Grant Winners Announced
- 2020 Collaborative Research Grant Winners LEARN MORE
- 2020 John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship Winner LEARN MORE
- 2019 Developing Countries Project Grant Winner Report LEARN MORE

Published: IASP Revised Definition of Pain
For the first time since 1979, IASP introduced a revised definition of pain, the result of a two-year process that the association hopes will lead to revised ways of assessing pain. LEARN MORE

Input Wanted for Website Redesign
IASP is planning a redesign of our websites. We want to make sure the new websites will meet the needs and expectations of our website users--including you! Respondents will be entered into a drawing. TAKE SURVEY

Call for Papers Relevant to COVID-19
Manuscripts relevant to the pandemic are still being accepted by IASP publications, PAIN and PAIN Reports. LEARN MORE

PUBLICATIONS

*PAIN, AUGUST 2020*

Pain, nicotine, and tobacco smoking: current state of the science

Considering the potential for an increase in chronic pain after the COVID-19 pandemic VIDEO
The efficacy of mindfulness-based interventions in acute pain: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Molecular, circuit, and anatomical changes in the prefrontal cortex in chronic pain

**Read PAIN**

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**PAIN Reports, July/August 2020**

Genomic analysis of 21 patients with corneal neuralgia after refractive surgery

Predicting poor postoperative acute pain outcome in adults: an international, multicentre database analysis of risk factors in 50,005 patients

The association between daily physical exercise and pain among women with fibromyalgia: the moderating role of pain catastrophizing

**Read PAIN Reports**

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**Virtual Series on Pain & Expo**

**Registration is Open!**

IASP recognizes that the science of pain cannot wait. The Virtual Series on Pain & Expo bridges the gap to the 2021 World Congress in Amsterdam and provides an interactive way to connect and engage online.

**Register Now**

Did you know? Registrants for the 2021 World Congress on Pain receive free access to the Virtual Series on Pain & Expo! [REGISTER NOW]

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**2020 GLOBAL YEAR**

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.

**Explore Global Year Content**
Upcoming Global Year Webinars

Living Well with Pain: Supporting Self-Management in Everyday Clinical Practice
Thursday, 3 September 2020 | 8:00 EDT

Integrative and Lifestyle Medicine Strategies for Pain Management
Wednesday, 16 September 2020 | 10:00 EDT

Innovation in Prevention and Management of Pediatric Pain
Tuesday, 6 October 2020 | 15:00 EDT

Multimodal Pain Programs Proven Effective for Hand Surgery
Thursday, 29 October 2020 | 11:00 EDT

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

IASP is turning the spotlight on members! Get to know your global colleagues, how they’re working towards global pain relief, and what the association means to them.

Interested in participating in the program? Email Jeanette Gass

Melita Giummarra, Australia

Dr. Giummarra is currently Senior Research Fellow in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Monash University in Australia. She has been in the pain field for the last 15 years and has been an IASP member for the entire time.

PAIN EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER (PERC)

As an IASP member, enjoy exclusive access to a living library of on-demand educational resources through the IASP Pain Education Resource Center (PERC).

Access recordings from previous IASP World Congresses, webinars, and more, plus, earn CME credits!

Resource Spotlight

50 Years of Spinal Cord Stimulation: Where Are We Now?

- Gain a clear insight on the mechanism of action of various modalities of spinal cord stimulation including burst, high frequency and conventional stimulation and implications for clinical practice.
- Gain an update on the state of the evidence and clinical indications for SCS use in clinical practice.
- Gain insight into the limitations of the evidence controversies as well as limitations of the use of SCS in clinical practice.

View This Resource
Analgesia From General Anesthetics: A “Pain-Off” Switch in the Central Amygdala
Isoflurane and ketamine engage a pain-suppression circuit controlled by GABAergic neurons in the CeA.

The Pain Beat (Episode 2) – Optogenetics and Chemogenetics for Pain Treatment: How Feasible Are They? How Effective Could They Be?
Allan Basbaum, Robert Gereau and Yarimar Carrasquillo discuss whether optogenetics and chemogenetics are feasible approaches to pain treatment and, if so, how effective they might be.

The 2020 PRF Virtual Correspondents Blog
Eight early-career researchers taking part in PRF’s science communications training program are blogging about a variety of topics of interest to pain investigators.

PRF Seminar Recordings
Recordings from July events in PRF’s new virtual seminar series are 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.

Improving Musculoskeletal Pain Care in Brazil Through Education: An Interview With Physiotherapist-Turned-Researcher Felipe Reis
Felipe Reis discusses his path to pain research, the challenges associated with musculoskeletal pain, the pain landscape in Brazil, and more.

Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP): One Year Later
The knowledge mobilization network is advancing evidence-based solutions for pediatric pain management, through unique partnerships and initiatives.

Managing Pain in Kids: What We Know and What We Don’t Know
A new study examines the strength of the evidence for different interventions for pediatric pain and where the gaps in knowledge are.

UPCOMING EVENTS
In light of the current concerns surrounding the coronavirus, please check to verify your event is still happening.

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

9th SARPS Congress on Pain
6-8 November 2020 | Bangladesh
Australian Pain Society (APS) 40th Annual Scientific Meeting
18-21 April 2021 | Canberra, Australia

Submit an Event

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