Minutes for the IASP APSIG meeting  
5th September 2017

Held at the Pre-Congress “Pain after Surgery” Satellite Symposium, Bella Center, Copenhagen

Attending:
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Stephan Schug (SS)  Australia
Dan Carr (DC)  USA
Esther Pogatzki-Zahn (EP-Z)  Germany
Winfried Meissner (WM)  Germany
Jane Quinlan (JQ)  UK
Audan Stubhaug (AS)  Norway
Babita Ghai (BG)  India
Patricia Lavand’Homme (PL-H)  Belgium
Hance Clark (HC)  Canada
Eske Aasvang (EA)  Denmark
Brigitte Brandsborg (BB)  Denmark
Norbert Schmitter (NS)  Switzerland

Discussion:

1. APSIG Satellite meeting proposals

The World Congress on Pain will be held in Boston from the 12th-16th September 2018. APSIG would like to hold a pre-congress satellite meeting.

We may do a joint meeting with the CRPS SIG (chair-elect Andreas Goebel) as there are commonalities between CRPS and CPSP (chronic post-surgical pain). DC highlighted that some acute pains become CRPS while most don’t progress. The difference between CRPS and CPSP is that the latter is triggered by minor trauma with no acute severe pain or significant inflammatory insult so differs from post-traumatic or CPSP.

Need to develop programme and then Andreas will submit brief outline (with DC’s input).

It was suggested that the joint meeting could also link with Dom Aldington to look at veterans, but this was felt too complicated to consider for now.

DC has already sketched out two thirds of the programme.

The group felt that there should be a joint half day then split into the SIG groups in the afternoon.

PLH suggested having the morning as acute and chronic pain after trauma including CRPS, then concentrating on pain after surgery in the afternoon.

All agreed on having a joint meeting in the morning then two streams in the afternoon.

*The joint satellite APSIG and CRPS SIG meeting has now been approved by IASP*

2. Social after the satellite meeting

DC knows of an excellent Chinese restaurant in Boston that may be suitable for an evening dinner reception.
After some discussion it was decided to keep a cocktail reception at the venue immediately after the satellite so that everyone stays, and invite those who would like to come to dinner to join us at the Chinese restaurant. DC will contact the restaurant for prices and this could be included in the registration documents.

3. **Topical workshops for the World Congress**

We shall aim to have two dedicated SIG sessions during the Congress. EP-Z invited everyone to send suggestions to SS and EP-Z for workshop topics and/or speakers by early November, even if they are just rough ideas. We shall also send an email to the whole SIG asking for ideas.

4. **Pain education**

Next year will be the IASP Global Year for Pain Education. EP-Z spoke about using apps and videos for patients (eg Beth Darnell’s internet based intervention for pre op catastrophizing: [http://www.painmedicinenews.com/Clinical-Pain-Medicine/Article/05-17/Beyond-Opioids-Surgeons-Explore-New-Approaches-To-Pain-Control/41299/ses=ogst?enl=true](http://www.painmedicinenews.com/Clinical-Pain-Medicine/Article/05-17/Beyond-Opioids-Surgeons-Explore-New-Approaches-To-Pain-Control/41299/ses=ogst?enl=true))

IASP’s *Pain Reports* will want articles on patient pain education, so APSIG could contribute to those. EA spoke about using technology to help people adhere to advice.

5. **APSIG newsletter**

BG is now the new editor for the newsletter

SS and DC called for a co-editor to help her. We could send out a mailing to the whole SIG to ask for volunteers

JQ to prepare draft email to be sent to the whole SIG membership with all the above information.

Minutes completed by Jane Quinlan (APSIG Secretary) on 21/9/17, based on contemporaneous notes taken on 5/9/17