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SIG's Chair Report

Our satellite symposium at the World Congress on Pain on Tuesday, 11 September 2018 in Boston was, in my opinion, a great success. The symposium was entitled 'The Cascade from Tissue Injury to CRPS: Beyond "Chronification?" and was jointly organised by our SIG and the SIG on Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. I thought this idea of combining the satellites of two SIGs on a topic of overlapping interest was an excellent idea, initially proposed by Dan Carr, and then executed in cooperation Andreas Goebel from the CRPS SIG and Esther Pogatzki-Zahn and myself representing our SIG. Proceedings of the meeting with brief abstracts of all presentations can be found in this newsletter.

With regard to the Global Year for Excellence in Pain Education, we are currently planning a webinar on pain education, specifically focused on acute pain. The new chair, Esther Pogatzki-Zahn, and Audun Stubhaug have taken over the planning of this webinar.

With regard to future planning of the SIG, there was a business meeting held at the IASP World Congress, which was well attended and created a lot of interesting discussions – the minutes of this meeting can also be found in this newsletter. It was agreed to repeat the success of the satellite meeting at the EFIC Congress in Copenhagen and therefore to plan another satellite at the EFIC meeting in Valencia in September 2019. In addition, there was agreement that there will also be a satellite again at the IASP World Congress in Amsterdam in 2020.

With this report, I lay down my second term of chairmanship of the Acute Pain SIG and hand it over to Esther Pogatzki-Zahn as the new chair. I enjoyed looking after the SIG throughout most of its still young history and being part of the progress, we have made along the years. I wish Esther and all members a successful continuation of this work!

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Introducing Your New Newsletter Co-Editor

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After qualification as a RN, I initially worked as a perioperative nurse in Australia and then the UK. I’ve worked in pain management since 1997 and am the Lead Nurse Specialist and Head of Pain Services at Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust in London, UK. I am the Chair of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Pain and Palliative Care Forum (14 000 members) and was awarded Fellowship of the RCN in 2017 for services to pain management.

I sit on the British Pain Society (BPS) Council and in my spare time I edit the British Journal of Pain. I was made an Honorary member of the BPS in 2016 and am a lecturer at several universities. I am an editorial board member of Pain Clinical Updates section of IASP PAIN Reports (alongside APSIG member Deb Gordon).

In addition to regularly contributing to e-learning modules, I author pain articles and book chapters and speak at national meetings. My clinical and research interests include chronic post surgical pain and procedural pain.

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At the end of this newsletter I have included a small selection of recent publications from our members. Feel free to send me any relevant acute pain publications for inclusion in the next newsletter. Congratulations to Dan Carr, et al, on their new book Pain After Surgery, which contains many contributions from the great and the good of the acute pain world. These include but are not limited to: the incoming IASP President Lars Arendt-Nielsen, Tim Brennan, Tony Dickenson, Babita Ghai, Deb Gordon, Patricia Lavand’homme, Winfried Meissner, Esther Pogatzki-Zahn, Stephan Schug, Ruth Zaslansky.

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Acute Pain SIG Meeting, September 2018

The Acute Pain SIG business meeting took place on 13 September 2018 in Boston during the IASP World Congress on Pain. Thank you to all who attended. The minutes can be found on the Acute Pain SIG Groupsite. The next SIG meeting will be in September 2019, at the EFIC meeting in Valencia, Spain.

To access the Groupsite, log into IASP, and navigate to the "My Account" page. Follow the link at the bottom of the page under "My Group Memberships" to get to the page. Once there, look at the File Cabinet section to locate SIG documents.

Tufts' Program on Pain Research, Education and Policy (PREP) Chinese Banquet

During the IASP World Congress, Tufts' Program on Pain Research, Education, and Policy (PREP) hosted a Chinese banquet in Boston’s Chinatown to thank and recognize the contributions of students and faculty of that program on its 20th anniversary. Given the happy coincidence that the IASP World Congress took place in Boston concurrently, leaders of the Acute Pain SIG as well as other friends of the Tufts program were likewise invited.

PREP Academic Director Libby Bradshaw appears in the foreground on the right; PREP Founding Director and long-term AP SIG supporter Dan Carr took this photo.

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