**IASP News**

**Nine Named Honorary Members of IASP**
The IASP Council has approved the appointment of nine distinguished individuals as Honorary Members. Honorary membership recognizes exceptional accomplishments in the pain field as well as distinguished service to the association.

**Two Editions of Pain: Clinical Updates Published in Connection with Global Year Against Pain in the Joints**
Editions on movement to ease chronic joint pain and effective treatment for osteoarthritis are now online.

Register for the World Congress Before May 27 for the Lowest Possible Rate. Join your colleagues in Yokohama, September 26-30.

>> 70 Topical Workshops Now Scheduled

>> 8 Satellite Symposia Highlight Special Interests

>> Emirates and Oneworld offering Air Travel Discounts

>> Sign Up to Tour Yokohama, Tokyo, Kyoto and Nara, or Mt. Fuji and Hakone

**Three New Books From IASP Press**


**Pain and the Conscious Brain**, Luis Garcia-Larrea and Philip L. Jackson, eds., brings together more than 30 leaders from multiple fields to link the complex concept of pain to the equally complex notion of consciousness.


Are you working on a book and looking for a publisher? Consider publishing with IASP Press!

**PAIN®**

**May Edition of PAIN Is Now Available, Editor’s Choice articles include:**

>> Cognitive developmental influences on the ability of preschool-aged children to self-report their pain

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**President’s Message**

**United Nations General Assembly Addresses Pain Management**
The United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the world drug problem received significant media attention last month. While a good deal of the coverage focused on overprescription and inappropriate use of opioids, significant gains were quietly made in the area of access to pain relief. This excellent article tells the story.

In addition, an account from the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) contains valuable information, and the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs summarized the statements of member states in a blog. The full statements of each country are available here.

Dr. Katherine Pettus, IAHPC’s advocacy officer, reports that the next “drug policy milestone” for the international community is the 2019 UNGASS. At that time, UN-member states must report their progress in achieving the goals set out in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

She notes “great progress” in making the international community more aware of the issue of lack of access to controlled medicines, “from the one sentence in the 2009 document to the six constructive
intensity (Video)

**Opioid dose and risk of suicide**

**Primary somatosensory/motor cortical thickness distinguishes paresthesia-dominant from pain-dominant carpal tunnel syndrome** (Video)

**Acquisition and extinction of operant pain-related avoidance behavior using a 3 degrees-of-freedom robotic arm** (Video)

Download the [50 most cited articles in PAIN in 2015](#).

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**Global Year Against Pain**

Plan to Attend the Global Year Satellite Symposium at the World Congress, held in association with the SIG on Musculoskeletal Pain. View the program for "Is Joint Pain Unique or Does it Share Common Features with Other Musculoskeletal Pain Conditions?"

Fact Sheets: 21 Available in 14 Languages

Is your language missing from this list? Please let us know if you would like to translate any of the Fact Sheets.

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**Grants and Fellowships**

Congratulations to three winners of IASP Early Career Research Grants, which support the development of young researchers just starting their careers as independent investigators. Each has been awarded US$20,000. The winners and their research topics are:

- **Rachel Miller**, Rush University Medical Center, United States. "A Functional Imaging Approach to Probe the Role of Mechanosensory Neurons in Experimental Osteoarthritis Knee Pain"
- **Hugues Petitjean**, McGill University, Canada. "Investigations of pruning of inhibitory synaptic contacts onto PKCgamma dorsal horn neurons after nerve injury"
- **Dimitiri Van Ryckeghem**, Ghent University, Belgium. "Attention bias for pain: A dynamic and contextual approach"

Grant applications remain open for the [John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship](#). This two-year fellowship of up to US$50,000 per year supports training for early stage researchers in all aspects of pain research. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 31.

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**SIG and Chapters Corner**

**NeuPSIG**

The Neuropathic Pain Special Interest Group of IASP will host the 6th International Congress on Neuropathic Pain in Gothenburg, Sweden, June 15-18, 2017. Submit your proposal for a plenary lecture, topical workshop, or debate symposium. Deadline for proposals is May 30.

**SIG on Pain in Childhood**

The Royal Society, a fellowship of the world's most eminent scientists, has recognized paragraphs in the UNGASS2016 Outcome Document.*

The hard work now begins, she says, to operationalize those recommendations. Providers and advocates have three-years to help member states with little or no access to controlled medicines develop the measures and processes to improve access so they can report on their achievements at the 2019 UNGASS.

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There is no aspect of pain management that causes more controversy than opioid treatment. At the upcoming World Congress on Pain, a topical workshop will set the struggles of the United States and other developed countries related to unrestrained opioid prescribing for pain against a backdrop of limited availability in other countries. Presentations from three experts will preceed a panel discussion of pertinent concerns voiced by the audience. Not to be missed!

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IASP President

Are you working on a book you would like to see IASP Press publish? IASP Press accepts book proposals throughout the year at press@iasp-pain.org. Find out how to submit your proposal.

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Want to see your event listed on IASP's calendar? Send us an email.
the status of pediatric pain science in its latest awards. Among the 50 new Fellows and
10 new Foreign Members announced by the Royal Society in April is SIG Council
member Maria Fitzgerald, FMedSci, FRS, scientific director of the Paediatric Pain
Research Centre, University College London. The society’s citation noted her work has
had “a major impact on our understanding of how pain perception emerges in early life
and how early pain experience can shape pain sensitivity for life.”