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**President’s Message**

>> The Thai Association for the Study of Pain (TASP) is the third-largest IASP chapter worldwide. Under its current president, Supranee Niruthisard, TASP is promoting research, education, clinical practice and advocacy for better health care.

TASP is a consultant for FDA Thailand and works with its national government on guidelines and education. Like many other pain societies, TASP is challenged by opioid use for non-cancer pain; a guideline on this topic is now being developed under the leadership of Dr. Pin.

When I attended the 27th Annual Scientific Meeting of TASP in Bangkok on May 12-14, I was particularly impressed by the high standards of teaching on pharmacology, enhanced recovery after surgery, and neuropathic pain, and of course by the outstanding hospitality.

>> Under its new president Kris Vissers, the World Institute of Pain (WIP) is dedicated to promoting quality standards for interventional pain treatment. From an IASP perspective, interventions play a minor role in the multimodal pain therapy paradigm. But if they are done at all, I think we agree that they should be done right.
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?"

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Pain Educators in Developing Countries Win IASP Grants

The IASP Developing Countries Project: Initiative for Improving Pain Education has awarded grants to eight recipients. These grants are intended to improve the scope and availability of essential education for pain clinicians of all disciplines and to encourage innovative approaches, taking into account specific local needs. The winners and their projects are:

- Fauzia Khan (Pakistan): Addressing pain assessment and management in paediatric anaesthesia and surgery--basic introductory courses
- Andrew Kwikiriza (Uganda): Improving burn and wound care associated pain through the development of focused educational initiatives and analgesia protocols in Mbarara, Uganda
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- Vladimir Poroch (Romania): Physicians’ education for pain in Northeast Romania
- Vladimir Romanenko (Ukraine): Implementing IASP core curriculum in medical student undergraduate education in Ukraine
- Lingxiao Wang (China): A multidisciplinary pain education course on managing osteoarthritis pain for primary health providers in Guangzhou, China
- Hong Xiao (China): A pain education course for multidisciplinary primary practitioners in the community hospital of Sichuan Province

SIG and Chapters Corner

SIG on Pain in Childhood

The 11th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain (ISPP) will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 6-9, 2017. Details of the meeting are on the ISPP website, and abstracts and proposals for workshops are now being accepted. The deadline for submission of workshop proposals is August 15, 2016, and for poster abstracts is January 31, 2017. Questions or comments? Please contact the Congress Secretariat.

SIG on Pain, Mind, and Movement

A US$1,000 scholarship is available to help a member with the costs of attending the World Congress on Pain in Yokohama. Deadline is July 29. Here are the eligibility details and the application form.