Message from the Chair

As those who were able to attend the business meeting of the Orofacial Pain SIG in Montréal already know, I have taken over for Peter Svensson as Chair of the SIG. I would like to start my comments by recognizing with gratitude the work of Peter and Thomas List (outgoing Secretary/Treasurer) on behalf of the SIG. As a new Chair with a decidedly non-dental background, I will continue to rely on their advice particularly with regard to the SIG’s role in the continuing examination of classification, diagnosis and treatment of orofacial pain conditions. In addition, I would like to warmly welcome two new elected officers: Bill Maixner, who is the Chair-elect, and Eli Eliav, who has replaced Thomas as Secretary/Treasurer. I look forward to working with both of them over the course of the next two years. I would also like to acknowledge the continued service of Paul Pionchon as Chair of the Meeting Committee, and Richard Ohrbach as Chair of the Newsletter Committee. Finally, I would like to thank Antoon De Laat for graciously agreeing to serve as the first Chair of the new Honorary Membership Committee and for drafting a set of bylaws for this committee.

Our SIG enjoyed good visibility at the Montréal IASP meeting. In collaboration with the SIG on Neuropathic Pain, a joint satellite meeting was held to celebrate the research accomplishments of Ronald Dubner. This meeting was well-attended and had presentations from a number of orofacial pain researchers. At the main Congress, Ken Hargreaves gave a plenary lecture, there was a clinical refresher course in orofacial pain and there were several orofacial pain-related workshops and symposia. Despite these notable contributions, it was suggested during the business meeting that the SIG could potentially further increase its profile at the IASP meetings. One way is to increase the number of workshop or symposia proposals submitted to the IASP by members of the SIG.

Raphael Benoliel and Satu Jääskeläinen, who are members of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2012 IASP meeting in Yokohama, Japan, have agreed to review and provide constructive comments to any planned workshop or symposia proposals from SIG members for the next Congress, if requested. As the call-for-proposals will be made in the near future, it is imperative that SIG members start thinking about proposals now. On a related note, it was agreed that the next Orofacial Pain SIG scientific meeting will be held as a satellite meeting to the IASP meeting in Yokohama. I know that Paul Pionchon would be happy to receive topics of interest to the membership for this satellite meeting.

In the past newsletter, Peter Svensson, in his comments from the Chair, raised a concern with regard to the relatively few active researchers and specialized clinicians in the orofacial pain field, and the challenge of recruiting new, younger members. One of the proposals discussed at the business meeting was to begin giving out awards for the best basic and clinical science posters to trainees in the orofacial pain area, presenting their work at the IASP meeting. I think this is a particularly good suggestion and through the discussion at the business meeting, it appeared that it enjoyed broad support from the members of the SIG. Specifics of this proposal can be found later in the newsletter.

Brian Cairns
SIG Chair

Objectives of the SIG on Orofacial Pain

- To provide a multidisciplinary forum for discussion and exchange regarding the research, educational, and clinical aspects of orofacial pain
- To encourage research in the area, including multi-center studies, in order to enhance knowledge on the subject and advance the ability to alleviate pain in these patients.
To critically examine and harmonize, within and across the disciplines involved, the existing schemes for classification, diagnosis, and treatment.

Minutes of IASP Orofacial Pain SIG Business Meeting

13th World Congress on Pain
Montréal, Canada, September 1, 2010

Attendees

In memoriam – James Lund
A minute of silence was held for James Lund. An obituary was attached to the SIG Minutes, spring 2010, and can be found at the IASP website. His important contributions to neuroscience, specifically the pain adaptation model, were highlighted.

Approval of the Glasgow 2008 General Meeting Minutes
The minutes from the prior meeting were sent to all members as part of a newsletter before the meeting. The minutes were approved.

Report of the Chair
Major accomplishments of the 2008-2010 SIG include the following meeting activities:

- The SIG on Orofacial Pain and the International RDC/TMD Consortium Network co-organized the International Consensus Workshop “Convergence on an Orofacial Pain Taxonomy” at the 2009 IADR meeting in Miami, as announced in the fall 2009 SIG Newsletter. An update on this activity is given below.
- A satellite meeting was arranged in collaboration with the SIG on Neuropathic Pain, “Neuropathic Pain: Focus on Orofacial Mechanisms and Quantitative Sensory Testing.” The meeting was a tribute to Ron Dubner, and more than 100 participants attended. The surplus from the course, $5000, went to the SIG on Orofacial Pain.
- A refresher course was arranged by the SIG on Orofacial Pain: “Orofacial Pain and Headache.” Presenters were A de Laat, P Goadsby, and J Zakrzewska. Unfortunately, this course was scheduled at the same time as the satellite meeting regarding neuropathic pain. The attendees expressed several concerns regarding the simultaneous scheduling of two programs with significant overlapping content and a need for the Organizing Committee to avoid similar problems in the future.
- A topical symposium was given by SIG members R Benoliel, E Eliav, and S Graff-Radford: “Orofacial Pain - Created by Nerve Injury, Evaluation and Therapy.”
- Orofacial pain was recognized through the notable mechanism of a plenary lecture, in “Orofacial Pain,” by K Hargreaves.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
Thomas List reported that the finances are in good shape. The only regular income for the SIG on Orofacial Pain is the dues. Current fund balance (as of 6/28/2010) is $28,553.

To attract more young members to the SIG on Orofacial Pain, a poster prize was suggested. And, such an award would make our group more publicly visible. Since the IASP already has travel award money, a small award coupled with recognition for the best posters in each of basic and clinical categories was suggested.

An allocation of funds from our treasury was suggested for the translation of instruments. The importance of carrying out translations according to scientific standards was emphasized. The translation process used for the RDC/TMD and other research instruments by the International RDC/TMD Consortium Network (see www.rdc-tmdinternational.org/Default.aspx?tabid=85 for related documents) can be used as a model for the SIG on Orofacial Pain. It was decided that an ad hoc committee should be formed to determine which instruments would most benefit from translation and what the costs, per number of languages, would be. An allocation of up to $5000 was agreed upon.

Report from IASP Council
Antoon de Laat reported on the activities of the IASP Council, where he and Paul Pionchon represent the SIG on Orofacial Pain. The IASP has over 17 special interest groups. Financially, the IASP is in good shape, mainly through income from the journal and from books. For example, 6,800 delegates attended the World Congress of Pain, where more than 2,000 books were sold. The Global Year Against Pain topic for IASP is “Acute Pain” in 2011, and will be “Headache” in 2012. Fellowship awards for researchers and special support for fellowship awards for delegates from developing countries have increased from IASP. Antoon de Laat emphasized the need to push for new candidate members for the IASP Council from the orofacial pain community.

Meeting Committee Report
The 2009 Miami workshop “Convergence on an Orofacial Pain Taxonomy” was arranged by the International RDC/TMD Consortium Network and the Orofacial Pain SIG. Workshop goals were to (1) finalize revision of the RDC/TMD into a Diagnostic Criteria for TMD (DC/TMD); which would be more appropriate for routine clinical implementation; (2) provide a broad foundation for further development of suitable diagnostic systems for not only TMD but also orofacial pain; and (3) provide research recommendations oriented toward improving our understanding of TMD and orofacial pain. The workshop report gives a full description of the workshop, including an Executive Summary and lists of participants and sponsors, at: www.rdc-tmdinternational.org/Default.aspx?tabid=98. As lead authors, Eric Schiffman and Richard Ohrbach have begun crafting the final DC/TMD document based on the Miami Workshop recommendations; plans are to submit the manuscript to the Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) in the autumn of 2010.

During the Miami meeting, it became clear that two documents needed to be developed:

1. DC/TMD: to define an inclusive set of TMD disorders suitable (i) for routine clinical use by the non-specialist and (ii) in research when a valid classification method for TMD is needed. The DC/TMD would qualify the evidence base of each disorder and its related tests.
2. RDC/TMD v2.0: to identify a set of less common TMD disorders for which sufficient evidence exists to operationalize the diagnostic criteria for these conditions (Axis I). In addition, Version 2.0 would (ii) expand assessment methods and measures to facilitate the diagnosis of TMD (Axis I) and person assessment (Axis II), thus forming an addendum to the DC/TMD, and (iii) create a third domain for additional measures (e.g., genetics and neuroscience data) that supplement both the diagnosis and the overall person assessment.

A second 2.5 day closed workshop “RDC/TMD v. 2.0” is planned in conjunction with the IADR meeting in San Diego. The workshop will again be organized by the International RDC/TMD Consortium Network and the Orofacial Pain SIG. The Planning Committee members are Jean-Paul Goulet, Thomas List (committee chair), Frank Lobbezoo, Richard Ohrbach, and Peter Svensson. Invitations for participation have been sent out to the individuals selected for participation. The Planning Committee, in the interest of trying to balance continuity (from the first workshop to the second, and beyond) as well as inclusiveness among the many capable individuals who belong to the sponsoring societies as well as other societies considered important stakeholders, decided that approximately 50% of the attendees would come from the participants of the prior workshop and 50% be individuals who have not participated yet in one of these workshops.

The Planning Committee anticipates sponsoring a third workshop for 2013, which would focus on the RDC for orofacial pain.

**Newsletter Committee Report**

One newsletter has been sent to the members of the SIG on Orofacial Pain. Richard Ohrbach (chair) and Antoon de Laat will continue on the Newsletter Committee next term. The Newsletter Committee is requesting more input and contributions from members.

**Task Force Committee Reports**

Peter Svensson reported on the activities of the task force on neurosensory testing. A manuscript – Svensson et al., Guidelines and recommendations for assessment of somatosensory function in orofacial pain conditions: a taskforce report. – will be submitted to the Journal of Oral Rehabilitation:

Mark Drangsholt reported on the activities of the task force on diagnostic criteria for neuropathic orofacial pain. A systematic review has been conducted, but data analysis has been problematic since the SIG on Neuropathic Pain recently revised their diagnostic criteria. Three reports have been presented at meetings.

**Incoming Chair’s Welcome**

Brian Cairns thanked Thomas List for serving as Secretary/Treasurer and Peter Svensson for serving as Chair.

Brian Cairns’ focus for the SIG on Orofacial Pain for the next period will be:

- To continue to produce a timely newsletter to update membership on the activities of the SIG.
- To maintain and cultivate new alliances with other pain and dental groups such as the International RDC/TMD Consortium Network, the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, the SIG on Neuropathic Pain, the IADR, and the International Headache Society.
- To collaborate with the Consortium in their current work on a third dimension of standardized patient assessment for TMD, via the RDC/TMD v2 in order to look at the utility of biomarkers for diagnosis and therapeutic efficacy monitoring. This will serve as a foundation for the next developmental cycle in which an RDC for orofacial pain is developed, in which this third axis will be critical.

Paul Pionchon was asked to consider holding the next SIG scientific meeting as a satellite meeting to the 2012 IASP World Congress on Pain meeting in Yokohama.

There was additional discussion regarding the need to stimulate young researchers to become interested in orofacial pain research. In the end, it was suggested the SIG could offer a first and second prize for each of the best clinical and basic science posters presented by trainees at the next IASP meeting. The awards could include a cash prize (for example, approximately $500 US each) and a free one year membership to the SIG.

**Announcement of Election of New Officers**

Bill Maixner – Chair-elect
Eli Eliav – Secretary/Treasurer
Proposal
It was suggested that an Honorary Membership Committee be formed in order to honor members of the SIG who have made exceptional contributions to the field of craniofacial pain. The selected individual(s) will be honored at the SIG’s satellite meeting. Antoon de Laat will chair this committee and as of this newsletter the selection guidelines have been developed, but were not available for inclusion into the Newsletter this cycle.

Other Business
Some additional suggestions were made that included organizing an orofacial trainee night or including a social occasion after the SIG on Orofacial Pain meeting as a means to increase recruitment of new, younger members to the SIG.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas List
Secretary/Treasurer (2008–2010)

Guidelines for Honorary Membership in the SIG

The Honorary Membership Committee was created at the SIG business meeting in Montréal. The guidelines are listed below:

1. The Committee will consist of four SIG members and the Chair, with adequate geographical and gender distribution. The Chair invites the members of the committee. All members of the committee will be replaced every six years.

2. In line with the general IASP bylaws, “Honorary members have made a significant contribution to the field of pain and pain management. Honorary membership recognizes their exceptional accomplishments in research, clinical activities, or both; their services to IASP and to the SIG on Orofacial pain, and their other significant impacts on pain and pain relief.”

3. Each World Congress year, one Honorary Member will be selected by the committee members.

4. All SIG members may nominate someone for Honorary Membership.

5. To nominate someone, please submit:
   - a letter of recommendation addressing the criteria stated above signed by two current SIG members, and
   - a one-page CV that highlights the nominee’s accomplishments in pain research and/or clinical activities, their involvement and service to IASP and the SIG, and their exceptional contributions to pain issues at national and international levels.

6. It is recommended that potential honorary members are retired or close to retirement.

During the business meeting in Montréal, Antoon De Laat was appointed to be the first Chair.

The following members agreed to participate in the committee:
Rafael Benoliel, Linda LeResche, JT Siqueira, and Koichi Iwata

An Attendee's Perspective of the IASP Meeting Highlights

The IASP held its 13th World Congress in Montréal from August 29 – September 2, 2010. Dr. Choiniere and the Local Arrangements Committee did a fantastic job capturing Montréal’s joie de vivre with the welcome reception featuring entertainers with Cirque du Soleil style acrobatics, musicians, and stilt-walkers during the cocktail reception with appetizers. Montréal’s convention centre, the Palais de Congrès, is conveniently located next to Vieux Montréal which provided a stunning and gorgeous setting for lunch breaks and evening activities following the day’s lectures. The weather cooperated with perfect Montréal al fresco dining for the week.

The Scientific Program Chair, Dr. Mogil, was quoted in the Montréal Gazette as stating that over 6000 of the world's pain experts were gathering at the World Congress for the “Olympics of Pain!” In fact, 6763 people gathered in Montréal for a week of lectures, symposia and workshops, satellite courses, and breakfast and dinner meetings covering multiple aspects of pain research and management. Despite only 200 plus members in the OFP-SIG, the Orofacial Pain content was quite evident with refreshers courses on “Orofacial Pain and Headache” as well as “Neuropathic Pain.” Dr. Kenneth Hargreaves was a featured plenary speaker on Orofacial Pain, and topical symposia discussing orofacial nerve injury evaluation and therapies as well as a workshop on sleep, pain, and orofacial movement disorders were well attended. Prior to the conference, burning mouth was a featured topic at one of the many satellite meetings.

The OFP-SIG sponsored a satellite meeting in collaboration with the Neuropathic Pain SIG discussing mechanisms and neurosensory testing specific to the orofacial region. The SIG’s business meeting, with outgoing Chair Dr. Svensson welcoming Dr. Cairns, provided an opportunity to discuss future directions including future collaborations with other SIGs and proposed new researcher scientific poster awards in basic science and clinical research for the 14th World Congress in Yokohama.

Sujay Mehta
SIG member
Consensus Workshop Update

The workshop sponsored by both the International Consortium and the Orofacial Pain SIG in Miami 2009 has produced a full report available on the web, as well as an executive summary published in the Journal of Oral Rehabilitation. The primary publication from that workshop, the DC/TMD, is nearing completion among the primary authors and will soon be circulated for review by the other workshop participants. That publication will be accompanied by full specifications for the designated clinical examination; the specifications will be posted on the website of the Consortium. The next goal will be to translate the DC/TMD into other languages for submission to the respective national dental journals. Any SIG members who may be interested in participating in that phase of the dissemination of the DC/TMD should contact Richard Ohrbach (ohrbach@buffalo.edu), who is organizing the translation stage.

Taxonomic Developments in Orofacial Pain: Update

Following the Miami conference and as described in the last SIG newsletter, one recommendation was to further develop the area of taxonomy, terminology, and logical relations among disorders via grant proposal-supported research activity in the area of biomedical ontology. Accordingly, several SIG participants worked together with a specialist in ontology in order to submit a proposal to NIH/NIMH in response to an RFA; the proposal focused on developing an ontology related to TMD and orofacial pain. Following peer scientific review, that proposal was revised and resubmitted to NIH/NIDCR. This second proposal included several more SIG members who offered to contribute datasets describing various aspects of TMD, orofacial pain, and the biobehavioral aspects of pain. Scientific review of the second proposal was recently released. More work will need to be done in order for this group of SIG-based investigators to further develop the orofacial pain taxonomy.

Meetings Calendar


The current membership list of the SIG, including email addresses, can be found at: www.iasp-pain.org/directory

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