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UTCSP Holds Its First Interfaculty Educational Opportunity in Pain

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is committed to closing the gap between evidence-based pain management practices and the pain relief provided by health professionals. When dealing with pain, patients are likely to receive care and advice from a variety of health care professionals. To treat pain effectively, all members of the care network must share a common commitment to working together to help manage an individual's pain as well as the underlying disease or condition. This requires a shared understanding of each other's roles and of core principles underlying pain assessment and management strategies.

To help create that shared understanding the UTCSP is leading by example, forming a multidisciplinary Education Committee and using an interdisciplinary approach to increase pain content in all health science curricula. Its first education initiative is at the undergraduate level, where the UTCSP has the opportunity to shape the attitudes and practice of new professionals.

In March of 2002, 555 students from six different health discipline programs at the University of Toronto will participate in a weeklong (20 hour) interfaculty education program called "Pain: A Multidimensional Issue". This program will feature a number of innovative educational strategies, such as a common curriculum delivered to a mixed group of pre-clinical professional students and the use of standardized patients in unfolding case scenarios. A subset of 120 students will be recruited to participate in an e-learning trial where web-based clinical scenarios are used to promote collaborative knowledge building. Further information can be found at the program web site <http://icarus.med.utoronto.ca/pain/index.htm>

Type/Number of Students Participating in Pain Week	
3 rd year Dentistry:	70
2 nd year Medicine:	190
2 nd year Nursing:	30
3 rd year Pharmacy:	140
2 nd year Physical Therapy:	65
2 nd year Occupational Therapy	<u>60</u>
Total:	555

This educational initiative has received wide support from curriculum committees and individual members of all Faculties involved. It has received planning support from the Center for Research in Education, the Faculty of Medicine Educational Computing Division, and the University of Toronto Library. Generous financial support has been received from Janssen Ortho, Pharmacia Canada & Pfizer, Purdue Pharma and Merck Frosst. Financial support has also been received from the Council of Health Science and Social Work Deans at UT

MUPPUT – Multi-Professional Pain Group at the University of Toronto - 2002 Schedule:

February 28, 2002 – Dr. Thuan Dao, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto presents “**Pain and Gender**”

April 25, 2002 – Dr. Alex Jadad, Rose Chair in Supportive Care, University of Toronto, UHN presents “**E-Health: Implications for Pain Management and Research**”

May 16, 2002 – Dr. Peter Keir & Dr. Anne Moore, School of Kinesiology and Health Science, York University present “**Repetitive Strain Injury**”

*MUPPUT meetings are held at **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** in **Room 3264 Medical Sciences Building, 1 King’s College Circle, University of Toronto.** If you plan to attend or for further information, please contact **Lucy Gagliese** at: lgagliese@torhosp.toronto.on.ca*

UTCSP Clinician Scientist Fellowship (2002):

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applicants for the UTCSP Clinician-Scientist Fellowship. The Fellowship is intended for those trainees who wish to pursue a career as a clinician-scientist with both basic research in pain and in the application to clinical pain management problems. The award is for the support of an individual doing full time research. Applicants should exhibit high academic achievement, research ability or potential, excellent communication skills, and interpersonal and leadership abilities.

Value and duration:

- The value of the award will normally be \$25,000 for a period of one year. Holders of the fellowship may apply annually (competitive application) for further support up to a maximum of 4 years.
- The fellowship will normally start in July 1 or September 1

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have a professional degree (MD, DDS, B. Pharm or B.Sc.(Nursing) at the time of taking up the award.
- Applicants must be registered or plan to register in a graduate program* that requires a defended thesis in Division IV, Life Sciences, School of Graduate Studies University of Toronto, and carry out research under the supervision of a faculty member of the UTCSP.
- This award is not automatically renewed; students must apply annually to be considered for further funding.

Conditions of the Fellowship:

- You must be enrolled as a full-time student in a graduate program* in Division IV, Life Sciences, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto for the full duration of the award.
- You must spend at least 85% of your time on research.

- You cannot be enrolled in a qualifying or “make-up” year or be on a paid educational leave or sabbatical.
- You may accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other employment, which do not exceed a maximum of 10 hours per week on average.
- You are required to apply for salary support funding from an external agency. A copy of the front page of the application(s) must be forwarded to the UTCSP office prior to payment of the Fellowship being initiated. If external funding is obtained you must accept this funding and the Clinician-Scientist award will fund the differential to a total dependent on your qualifications and postgraduate experience and set by the UTCSP Research Committee.

Application Procedures

Deadline for application is **April 1, 2002**. **The following documents must be submitted in triplicate:**

- **Curriculum vitae including publication list, awards, name of supervisor.**
- **Copies of current and previous academic program transcripts.**
- **A one-page summary outline of the proposed research and how this fellowship will help further the applicant's goals.**
- **Two letters of reference. Letters of reference should be either mailed directly to the UTCSP or included in the application package (letters should be in sealed and signed envelopes).**
- **A letter should be provided by the proposed supervisor stating that he/she agrees to accept the student into their lab.**

Submission of applications:

Submit your application to Ms. Nancy Mitchell, University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain, Faculty of Dentistry, Room 374, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1G6, Tel: (416) 979-4762, Fax: (416) 979-4936, nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca

Selection:

Applicants will be ranked and selected by the UTCSP Research Committee

* In exceptional cases an individualized training program can be set up in lieu of official registration as a student in the School of Graduate Studies. A supervisory committee would oversee the fellow’s training program.

Purdue Pharma OGSST Award – 2002/2003 Competition:

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applications from eligible students for the 2002/2003 Purdue Pharma OGSST Award. The applications are due no later than **April 1, 2002**. This award is open to Graduate students in the Faculty of Medicine who are studying in the area of pain and working with a member of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain. Second preference will be given to graduate students at the University of Toronto who are studying in the area of pain and working with a member of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain.

For an application or to obtain additional information/requirements, contact **Sheila Wolfe** at the **Office of the Associate Dean, Graduate & Inter-Faculty Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, Room 2113, MSB, phone: 946-7317, e-mail: sheila.wolfe@utoronto.ca**

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

Palliative Care Grand Rounds

Presented by The Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care and the Hospice Palliative Care Network Project (HPCNet)

“E-Health and Palliative Care: Bridging the High Tech and the High Touch”

Presenter: **Dr. Alex Jadad**, Rose Chair in Palliative Care, University of Toronto and Director of Program in E-Health and Innovation

Date: **Wednesday, February 27, 2002**

Time: **5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** (Refreshments at 5:00 p.m.)

Location: Mount Sinai Hospital, Ben Sadowski Auditorium, 18th Fl, 600 University Ave. *No fees or registration required.*

Wasser Pain Management Centre – Education Rounds

March 6, 2002 – Helen Mayberg – “The Neurology of Depression: A Functional Neuroimaging Perspective”

March 20, 2002 – Douglas Gourlay – “Regulations around Methadone in Pain and Chemical Dependence”

March 27, 2002 – Claudine Hattab-Blum – “The Role of Physical Modalities in the Treatment of Chronic Pelvic Pain”

*Wasser Education Rounds are held at **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.** in Room 1163, Wasser Pain Management Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue.*

American Society of Pain Management Nurses Annual Conference

Sponsored by the American Society of Pain Management
Salt Lake City, Utah

March 1-4, 2002

For further information, contact:

ASPMN

7794 Grow Drive

Pensacola, Florida

32514 USA

Tel: 915-629-7156

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15th Annual Society for Pain Practice Management Seminar

Sponsored by the Society for Pain Practice Management
Scottsdale, Arizona

March 9-13, 2002

For further information, contact:

Connie Beuchele
Executive Director
The Society for Pain Practice Management
4801 College Boulevard
Leawood, KS
66211 USA

Tel: 913-387-3155

Fax: 913-387-3156

Or visit the website at: <http://www.SPPM.ORG>

“Neurobiology of Craniofacial/Deep Tissue Persistent Pain”

American Pain Society Pre-conference Event
Baltimore Maryland

March 13-14, 2002

For further information, contact:

American Pain Society
4700 West Lake Avenue
Glenview, Illinois
60025 USA

Tel: 847-375-4715

Fax: 877-734-8758 (toll free)

Or visit the website at: <http://www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/>

“The Changing Face of Pediatric Pain”

American Pain Society Pre-conference Event
Baltimore, Maryland

March 14, 2002

For further information, contact:

American Pain Society
4700 West Lake Avenue
Glenview, Illinois
60025 USA

Tel: 847-375-4715

Fax: 877-734-8758 (toll free)

Or visit the website at: <http://www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/>

Hands-On Interventional Pain Management Cadavar Course

Sponsored by the Society for Pain Practice Management

Scottsdale, Arizona

March 14-15, 2002

For further information, contact:

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Or visit the website at: <http://www.SPPM.ORG>

21st Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Pain Society (IASP Chapter)

Baltimore, Maryland

March 14-17, 2002

For further information, contact:

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4700 West Lake Avenue

Glenview, Illinois

60025 USA

Tel: 847-375-4715

Fax: 877-734-8758 (toll free)

Or visit the website at: <http://www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/>

Clinical Significance for Quality of Life Measures in Oncology Research

Sponsored by the Mayo Clinic Cancer Centre

Rochester, Minnesota

April 5-6, 2002

For further information, contact:

Mayo School of CME

Tel: 800-323-2688 or 507-284-2509

Fax: 507284-0532

e-mail: cme@mayo.edu

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS – CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS:

The Dr. John T. Goodman Award For Research In Pediatric Pain.

This prize is for a published paper in which the research was conducted by an undergraduate or graduate student or equivalent (medical residents or medical school students shall be included). The paper must have been submitted within 2 years of the final degree or certification being completed. The paper must have been published in the 24 months prior to the nomination deadline and may be on any aspect of pediatric pain. Both basic science and applied papers are welcomed. The student must be the first author of the paper.

Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome. The nomination must include the published paper (papers that are accepted for publication may be submitted if accompanied by the letter accepting the paper) and a cover letter from the supervisor that: 1. details and attests to the training status of the first author; 2. describes the contribution of the student; and 3. highlights the importance of the paper.

Decisions will be made by a committee appointed by the Chief of Research of the IWK Health Centre. **Please send nominations to be received by April 15, 2002**, to Dr. Robert Bortolussi, Chief of Research, IWK Health Centre, 5850 University Ave., Halifax, Canada, B3J 3G9. If the committee deems that no submitted paper is appropriate, no award will be made. The decisions of the awards committee are final.

Decisions will be announced by May 30, 2002. The prize will consist of a cash award and a plaque that will be awarded at the International Forum on Pediatric Pain in September in Nova Scotia, Canada. The cash prize is currently CAN \$1000 plus a free registration to the Forum. (See the website for more information at:

www.pediatric-pain.ca/ifpp)

More information may be obtained from Patrick McGrath <Patrick.McGrath@dal.ca> or Allen Finley <Allen.Finley@dal.ca>.

2002 IASP Collaborative Research Grants

IASP is pleased to announce a new grants program, the first of which was awarded in 2001. These will be small grant awards, maximum US \$10,000, the purpose of which is to encourage and support collaborative research between two or more research groups located in different countries. The deadline for receipt of applications by IASP is **April 30, 2002**. Awards will be announced by June 30, 2002. For information on eligibility and application procedures, please visit the IASP website at:

<http://www.iasp-pain.org/collabresearch.html>

Or contact:

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Seattle, Washington 98105-6020 USA
Tel: 206-547-6409
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e-mail: IASP @locke.hs.washington.edu

2002 John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship

IASP is pleased to announce the call for applications for the John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship to be awarded in 2002. This award will be \$US 25,000 for a 12 month period, the purpose of which is to support training in clinical and basic science research in the field of pain. The deadline for applications by IASP is **September 1, 2002.** Awards will be announced by December 15, 2002. For information on eligibility and application procedures, please visit the IASP website:

<http://www.iasp-pain.org/bonica.html>

or contact:

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Postdoctoral / Research Associate position (Boulder, Colorado, USA)

Want to fill within 6 months. Watkins-Maier Behavioral Neurosciences Lab, Department of Psychology & Center for Neurosciences, University of Colorado at Boulder, has a postdoctoral research position available immediately. Research focuses on how peripheral and central immune/glial activation alters pain. Present models include immune/glial activation in spinal cord and immune activation near a healthy peripheral nerve. Projects are multidisciplinary, involving behavior, cell culture, immunohistochemistry, molecular biology (RT-PCR, RPA, in situ), assays of immune/glial products, etc. Successful candidates will be expert in some of these techniques and eager to learn others. Must be highly motivated individual who enjoys working with a collaborative group. Salary commensurate with experience.

For further information, visit the website: <http://psych.colorado.edu/~lwatkins>.

Or contact: Linda Watkins - Tel: 303-492-7034; Fax: 303-492-2967;

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