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CONGRATULATIONS!

Gagliese Awarded CIHR New Investigator Award

Congratulations to Dr. Lucia Gagliese from York University who received a New Investigator Award from the CIHR Institute of Aging in the Fall 2002 Research Personnel Awards competitions, the results of which were recently announced. Dr. Gagliese's work is entitled "Effects of NMDA-receptor antagonism on hyperalgesia opioid use and pain after major surgery in young and elderly patients".

Katz Promoted to Full Professor

Congratulations to Dr. Joel Katz whose academic promotion to the rank of Full Professor at the University of Toronto has been approved effective July 1, 2003.

PAIN IN THE NEWS

Pain is in the news once again! This time it is featured in the May 19, 2003 issue of Newsweek magazine. To read the cover story, entitled "[Taking a New Look at Pain](#)" by Claudia Kalb, click on the title link. Also featured in the May 19 issue of Newsweek are the following pain related articles:

["Small Patients, Big Pain"](#) by Karen Springen

["Fibromyalgia: Not All in Your Head"](#) by Anne Underwood

["Where Does It Hurt"](#) by Sherwin Nuland, M.D.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

Jeffrey Posluns Lecture 2003

Sponsored by the Posluns Family, Wasser Pain Management Centre,
and University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain

"Inadequate Pain Treatment: A Silent Epidemic"

presented by **Manon Choiniere, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology,
Faculty of Medicine, University of Montreal; Clinician Scientist, Montreal Heart Institute

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2003

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: 15th Floor Classroom, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue

Pain Plasticity Symposium

Supported by the Neuroscience Network and the Pain Research from Molecules to Community Collaborative National Training Program

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2003
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: University of Toronto
Medical Sciences Building
1 King's College Circle, Room 2172
Toronto, Ontario

- 1:00 **OPENING REMARKS/Introduction**, Dr. Michael Salter, Director, University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain, Toronto, ON.
- 1:10 Dr. RuRong Ji, Department of Anesthesia & Critical Med. Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard, Mass.
"MAP Kinase, Spinal Cord Plasticity, and Pain"
- 2:00 Dr. Yves De Koninck, Ctr Res ULRG, Universite Laval, Quebec City, PQ.
"Novel Substrates of Plasticity in Spinal Lamina I; Switching Firing Mode or Postsynaptic Inhibition."
- 2:50 Dr. Graham Pitcher, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON.
"The DREAM Gene and Pain Modulation"
- 3:10 Break/Refreshments
- 3:30 Dr. Fernando Cervero, Anesthesia Research Unit, McGill University, Montreal.
"A Mechanistic View of Secondary Hyperalgesia: Role of Presynaptic Inhibition"
- 4:10 Dr. Makoto Tsuda, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON.
"Role of Ionotropic ATP Receptors P2XRs in Pain Signaling"
- 4:30 Dr. Cathy Cahill, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
"Functional Implications of Delta Opioid Receptor Targeting"

For further information and to register (free) please contact:

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"Pain: The Silent Epidemic" – 2003 Conference of the Canadian Pain Society

Sheraton Hotel, Toronto

May 22-24, 2003

For further information and on-line registration, visit the Conference website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/toronto2003/>

Smi's 4th Annual Conference – Pain Therapeutics

June 11-12, 2003

The Hatton

London, United Kingdom

For further information and on-line registration, visit the Conference website at:

<http://www.smi-online.co.uk/events/overview.asp?is=4&id=814>

ISAN 2003: Advancing Autonomic Neuroscience after the Genome

Calgary, Alberta

July 4-8, 2003

For further information, visit the ISAN website:

<http://www.fp.ucalgary.ca/isan2003/features.htm>

2003 ENS (Enteric Neuroscience) Satellite Symposium

Banff, Alberta

July 9-13, 2003

For further information, e-mail: ksharkey@ucalgary.ca

or visit the website at: <http://www.med.ucalgary.ca/webs/ENS>

Autonomic Dysfunction After Spinal Cord Injury: Mechanisms, Prevention and Treatment

Banff, Alberta

July 10-11, 2003

For further information, e-mail: bpettypiece@rri.ca

or visit the website at: <http://www.rri.ca/biotherapeutics/BanffSymposium.htm>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Academic/Clinical Psychologist, Edmonton, Alberta

The Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine and the Division of Clinical Psychology/Department of Psychiatry invites applications for a joint academic/ clinical position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level for the University of Alberta's Multidisciplinary Pain Centre. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Psychology or recognized equivalent. Evidence of strong research productivity and clinical experience in the area of psychological management of pain are essential. Eligibility for registration with the College of Alberta Psychologists is required. We are seeking a highly motivated individual who can be successful in obtaining peer reviewed research funding and salary

support within three years of appointment. The salary and benefits package offered are comprehensive and competitive. The successful candidate will be eligible for start up research funds of \$20,000 per annum for a period of three years.

The University of Alberta and Capital Health Region provides an active and stimulating environment with excellent basic science facilities. Successful candidates for the full time academic position will be situated at the Walter C. Mackenzie Health and Sciences Centre, a state-of-the-art tertiary care and academic centre acting as the major referral center for Northern Alberta, the Northwest Territories and parts of northeastern British Columbia with a population of over one million people.

Interested applicants are asked to forward a CV and the names and addresses of three references to: Dr Barry A Finegan, Professor and Chair, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, 3B2.32 Walter C. Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6G 2R7, email: Lm6@ualberta.ca.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian Citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. *The University of Alberta hires on the basis of merit. We are committed to the principle of equity in employment. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons.*

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS – CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

2003 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 2003. Deadline for receipt of applications by IASP is **September 1, 2003**. Awards will be announced by December 15, 2003. Please contact IASP at the address below for an application form.

1. The John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship was established in 1998 in memory of the founder of the International Association for the Study of Pain, Professor John Bonica, to support training in clinical and basic science research in the field of pain.
2. One 12-month Fellowship is awarded per year. The applicant will be expected to designate the institution and mentor of his/her proposed training.
3. A stipend of \$US 25,000 per year will be provided for the trainee's salary for the 12-month period. The stipend may not be used for indirect costs (overhead or handling fees) or for the purchase of any supplies or equipment. A grant to defer the cost of travel to and from the mentor's laboratory may be awarded upon the recommendation of the chair of the IASP Committee on Research and at the discretion of the IASP Executive Committee. Any such travel award may not exceed \$US 3,000 and will cover advanced purchase economy (apex) class airfare or comparable rail fare or mileage (whichever is less).

4. The award is ordinarily made for 12 consecutive months, but minor exceptions (e.g., two six-month periods separated by a month or two) may be granted by the chair of the IASP Committee on Research.
5. There are no restrictions as to the trainee's age or degree(s), but it is understood that the trainee will generally be in an early stage of his/her career.
6. The mentor shall be a member of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), and the trainee shall either be a member of IASP or apply for membership upon award of the Fellowship.
7. Applications for the Fellowship shall consist of two parts: information about the applicant and information about the mentor. A complete set of the following materials must be submitted by mail or fax at the time of application (no submissions via email):

Applicant: (Request application from IASP)

- a. Curriculum vitae
- b. An application which includes:
 - Name, degrees, mailing address, telephone number, fax number
 - Proposed dates of training
 - Proposed location of training (name of institute and name of mentor)
 - Description of training sought
 - Reasons for choosing the mentor
 - Specific research project to be pursued
 - Discussion of the applicability of the training to the applicant's future research career
- c. Two letters of recommendation from IASP members (other than the proposing mentor)

Mentor:

- a. Curriculum vitae (current)
 - b. A letter agreeing to be the trainee's mentor and confirming that the mentor has sufficient time and resources to accomplish the training
 - c. Confirmation that the host institution will agree to accept a grant for payment of salary only and will not charge indirect costs (overhead and handling fees) to IASP.
8. Applications for the Fellowship will be reviewed once a year and must be received by the International Association for the Study of Pain by September 1st. Awards will be announced by December 15th .
 9. Applications will be reviewed by the IASP Committee on Research which will make a recommendation to the IASP Council. The Committee will give due regard to a balance between clinical research and basic science research awards. The Committee will consider the qualifications of both applicant and mentor, and give due regard to the usefulness of the training to the applicant's future research career. IASP reserves the right to make no award.

10. Upon completion of the Fellowship, the trainee will be required to submit a report to the chair of the IASP Research Committee citing date of completion of the Fellowship and describing the research performed and training received.

11. The trainee will be required to acknowledge the John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship in publications arising from work started or completed during the training period and to send copies of such publications to the chair of the IASP Committee on Research.

12. The full amount of the Fellowship award will be disbursed to the host institution at the start of the training period.

Request applications from and send correspondence to:

IASP Secretariat, Fellowship Program

909 NE 43rd St., Suite 306

Seattle WA 98105-6020 USA

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email: iaspdesk@juno.com

Deadline for receipt of application: September 1, 2003

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