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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain will hold its Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, December 10, 2003** at 89 Chestnut Street (formerly the Colony Hotel). The day is planned as follows:

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Registration, coffee/light snacks

9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. – Opening Remarks

9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Short talks by UTCSP Clinician Scientist Trainee Award students:

- David Lam – “Peripheral glutamate receptor mechanisms in temporomandibular joint and muscle pain
- Judith Hunter – “Phantom limb pain”
- Andrea Furlan – “A critical appraisal of the traditional taxonomy of study design”

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Min Zhuo – “The cingulate cortex and pain”

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Bonnie Stevens – “The management of pain in infants and children with neurological and cognitive impairments”

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Short talks by:

- Jackie Bender – title TBA
- Makoto Tsuda – An ionotropic ATP receptor expressed in spinal microglia contributes to tactile allodynia after nerve injury”

12:00 noon to 1:00 a.m. – Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 a.m. – General Meeting

More information will be announced as it becomes available.

If you are interested in attending this event, please RSVP to Nancy Mitchell at nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca.

NIH Biobehavioral Pain Research – Program Announcement

Applications from eligible individuals and institutions are encouraged to study individual differences in pain responses that may be due to factors such as genetic differences, endocrine activity, neural activity, immune function, psychological state, developmental stage, cognitive capacity, disability state, age, gender, social context and cultural background. The pain experience needs to be examined at all levels of research including gene, molecule, cell, organ, and individual with the goal of developing biobehavioral interventions to manage and prevent pain.

For further information on this NIH Program Announcement, including research objectives, support mechanisms, eligibility requirements, application process, and all other inquiries, please visit the NIH website at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-152.html>

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

National Institutes of Health State-Of-The-Science Statement on Symptom Management in Cancer: Pain, Depression and Fatigue

The NIH State of the Science Conference on Symptom Management in Cancer: Pain, Depression and Fatigue convened on July 15-17, 2002. The challenge of the Conference was to increase awareness about the importance of recognizing and actively addressing cancer-related pain symptoms when they occur. Specifically, the need to be able to identify who is at risk for cancer-related pain, depression, and/or fatigue; what treatments work best to address these symptoms, when they occur; and how best to deliver interventions across the continuum of care. During the conference, experts presented the latest research findings on cancer symptom management to an independent non-Federal panel. After weighing all of the scientific evidence, the panel drafted a statement, addressing key questions. The panel's Final Statement, along with publication ordering information, is now available on the NIH Consensus Program Website at: http://consensus.nih.gov/ta/022/022_statement.htm

New Book:

Patrick J. McGrath, G. Allen Finley (eds) **“Pediatric Pain: Biological and Social Context”** – IASP Press, ISBN 0-9310992-49-3

Book Info: Experimental human studies of pain sensation in young children are not feasible for ethical reasons, but animal studies and correlative human studies provide insights into the biological, psychological, and social milieu – all of these are critical factors to be examined in understanding contextual influences on pain. Equally important are the roles of health care services and government agencies, for they not only regulate and administer pain treatment for existing conditions, but also provide the setting for procedural pain onset. Policies regulating the use of opioids can often lead to undertreatment of pain conditions because of failure to appreciate the actual risks of addiction. This volume rationally examines these and other questions and offers new perspectives for recognizing the larger picture: not just the neurological mechanisms of pain sensation, but also the contextual influences on them. In this volume, international experts in pain research and treatment share their perspectives on these contextual factors and point the way toward the future of research.

Hardbound - \$76.00 U.S. (\$57.00 US for IASP members). Order via IASP Press on-line: www.painbooks.org

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), and the University Health Network

October 16, 2003 – 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - “**Morphine and Neuropharmacology**” presented by **Dr. Gavril Pasternak, MD, PhD**, Director of Molecular Neuropharmacology, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre

Palliative Care Grand Rounds will be held at University Health Network, Toronto Western Hospital Site, Westing Wing, Auditorium, 2nd Floor. For further information, please contact Bani Bali, Tel: 416-586-4800 x 2865 or e-mail: bani-bali@tlcpc.org

Grand Rounds – Mount Sinai Hospital

October 22, 2003 – Dr. Ferrari – “The Role of Genetics in Migraine with a Q & A on the Triptan Meta-Analysis” – 9:00 a.m., 18th Floor Auditorium, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue

MUPPUT Rounds – (Multi-Professional Pain Group at the University of Toronto)

Date: October 23, 2003

Topic: “Insights into the mechanism, diagnosis and treatment of Burning Mouth Syndrome”

Speakers: Dr. Miriam Grushka, William Osler Health Centre, Etobicoke Campus Professor, Yale University School of Medicine & School of Dentistry, State University, Buffalo, New York and **Dr. Barry J. Sessle**, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Faculty of Dentistry and UofT Centre for the Study of Pain, University of Toronto

MUPPUT Rounds also will be held on the following dates:

December 18, 2003 – Topic and Speaker TBA

February 19, 2004 – Topic and Speaker TBA

April 22, 2004 – Topic and Speaker TBA

MUPPUT is part of the education section of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain. Bi-monthly meetings are held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Room 3227 of the Medical Sciences Building, 1 King’s College Circle. For further information, please contact Dr. Lucy Gagliese at lucia.gagliese@uhn.on.ca

A Systematic Review Workshop

Presented by the Institute of Work and Health

October 20, 2003 and November 27, 2003

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Topics:

Day One:

- Evidence-based medicine, Systematic Reviews and the Cochrane Collaboration
- Literature searches
- Study selection
- Methodological quality of randomized controlled trials
- Combining studies with and without meta-analysis
- Reporting of systematic reviews

Day Two:

- Systematic reviews of observational studies
- Clinical and statistical homogeneity
- Best-evidence synthesis
- Bayesian meta-analysis
- Software for conducting meta-analysis
- Conflicting conclusions from systematic reviews of the same topic
- Dissemination, implementation and guidelines
- Critical appraisal of systematic reviews

For registration information, fax your e-mail address to:

Vickie Cullman at **416-927-4167** and a full registration package will be sent to you.

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS – CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

Wissenschaftlicher Arbeitskreis „Muskel und Schmerz“;

2004 "Muscle Pain" Research Award

Deadline for submissions: February 15, 2004

Sponsored by: grants from Aventis Pharma and Aventis Behring GmbH, Germany, Gruenthal GmbH, Germany, Novartis Pharma GmbH, Germany, Pharm-Allergan and Merz Pharmaceuticals GmbH, Germany, and Strathmann AG & Co, Germany.

Description: The „Wissenschaftlicher Arbeitskreis Muskel und Schmerz“ (Scientific Working Group „Muscle and Pain“) announces its "Muscle Pain" Research Award (Euro 10.000.-) for the year 2004. The award is intended to acknowledge major achievements in basic or clinical research on pathogenesis, diagnosis and management of muscle pain including alterations of muscle tone and spasticity.

Manuscripts accepted or published in 2002/2003 issues of reviewed scientific journals can be submitted and will be evaluated by an independent scientific committee. Research groups that have a continuous record of successful research in the field of muscle pain will also be considered for the award.

The 2004 award will be presented at the MYOPAIN '04 meeting (July 18-22, 2004, Munich, Germany; www.myopain.org)

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