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UTCSP and the IASP World Congress on Pain in Sydney Australia

Many of you will be traveling to Australia in August to attend the 11th World Congress on Pain and the associated satellite meetings. This will be the highlight of the year for the pain research, education and management community worldwide. The Congress will include plenary lectures by three UTCSP members, Drs. Karen Davis, Mike Salter and Bonnie Stevens. We encourage you to come out and attend those lectures, in particular, to show your support for your UTCSP colleagues. The UTCSP has played important roles in this Congress in other ways as Drs. Jonathan Dostrovsky and Judy Watt-Watson are serving on the Scientific Program Committee, and Dr. Barry Sessle is immediate past-president of the IASP. The UTCSP will be participating in a booth at the Congress on Pain Networking in Ontario and Quebec (booth number 51). We will have a UTCSP poster on display and UTCSP brochures and bookmarks available for distribution. We encourage you to drop by and pick up some brochures and bookmarks, and distribute these to your colleagues who are attending the Congress. Lastly, you are all welcome to attend a reception for the UTCSP and the Pain Networking, which will be held on the evening of Tuesday, August 23 at 8:00 p.m. at the Sidney Hilton, 488 George Street. To those of you who will be attending, we wish you an exciting Congress and safe travels!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dr. Barry Sessle of the Faculty of Dentistry who is the recipient of one of the recently announced "Quality of Life" Awards presented by the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA). IMHA is one of the 13 institutes that comprise the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Canada's federal granting agency, and Oral Health Research is nested within IMHA's mandate. Each year IMHA awards a "Quality of Life" Award to the top research investigator in each of the institute's six research categories: Arthritis, Bone & Mineralized Tissue, Rehabilitation, Muscle, Skin, and Oral Health research. Dr Sessle was presented the award in the category Oral Health-Pain, Disability and Chronic Disease, for his work "Neural Mechanisms of Orofacial Function". Dr. Sessle was also named IMHA's Overall Award Winner.

We are also pleased to announce that Dr. Mike Salter, Director of the UTCSP, has recently been elected to the Royal Society of Canada. "Election to the Royal Society of Canada is the highest honour that can be attained by scholars, artists and scientists in Canada". Congratulations Mike!

CIHR competition results were announced in June. Please join us in congratulating operating grant awardees Joel Katz and Mike Salter; and trainee awardees Marilyn Ballantyne (supervisor Bonnie Stevens); Patricia Kavanagh (supervisor Bonnie Stevens); and Natalia Fedianina (supervisor Mike Salter).

PAIN IN THE NEWS

Helping health professionals learn from each other for better patient care **Interprofessional education stresses team approach**

By Janet Wong, UT News Services Officer
Health and Medicine

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Society's concept of how patients are treated is changing. Today, patient-centred care is the focus in both clinical and educational environments where physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers and other health professionals work as a team in decision-making.

Nowhere is this team-based, collaborative approach to patient care more evident than in U of T's health science and social work faculties through their [interprofessional education \(IPE\) initiatives](#). Interprofessional education is defined as occasions when two or more professions learn from and about each other to improve collaboration and the quality of care. It helps students develop the competencies needed to work together to provide appropriate care to patients, their families and the community.

Professor Catharine Whiteside, interim dean of the Faculty of Medicine, says IPE has become more relevant over the last few years because of the social accountability agendas of the provincial and federal governments which focus on health team practice in quality care. "So we at U of T are keen on making sure that we have curriculum development that reflects that in all of our health professional programs," she says.

On June 29, Governing Council approved funding of \$104,272 from the provost's Academic Initiatives Fund to support a director and Office of Interprofessional Education. The primary purpose of the office – which reflects objectives identified in U of T's Stepping Up academic plan such as interdisciplinarity and improved student experience – will be to promote the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of core IPE curriculum for students in dentistry, medical radiation sciences, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical education and health, physical therapy, social work and speech-language pathology.

The office will also foster enhanced partnerships with the hospitals and community sites affiliated with U of T to create and sustain clinical teaching environments that enable all health professional students to become better skilled in patient-centred collaborative practice.

The secondary purpose of the IPE office will be to facilitate the exploration of trans-professional issues – those issues where each professional program operates separately out of necessity but can share learning opportunities.

Groundwork for the new IPE office came from the Council of Health Science and Social Work Deans at U of T. Under the auspices of the council – which includes the faculties of nursing, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical education and health and social work – a working group called the IPE curriculum committee has been examining interprofessional education for many years.

During her tenure as medicine's associate dean, graduate and inter-faculty affairs, Whiteside chaired that curriculum committee on behalf of the council. One of the highly successful programs supported by the council is the U of T Centre for the Study of Pain Interfaculty Education Initiative.

The initiative has been chaired for the past three years by physical therapy professor Judi Hunter who says its goal is to teach students how to collaborate and work with other health professionals to provide optimum patient-centred care. "We teach students how to identify a patient's goal, what the problems are interfering with those goals and who on the team can work together with the patient to help them best accomplish these goals," she says.

Adds Whiteside, "I think what we'll see will be a real focus on patient-centred care where professionals work in teams and the lead professional would be the most appropriate health professional to be taking leadership in the management of the care of the individual, and that's not necessarily the doctor or even the nurse. The focus would be to work together to ensure patient-centred care."

The Interfaculty Pain Curriculum is now a mandatory part of the curriculum for some 750 students from six health professions.

"Our program is helping the student to understand pain," says Hunter. "They learn about neurophysiology – the mechanisms of pain and what treatment is aimed at – but we also bring in patients and they talk to students and express their experiences with having their pain treated."

She adds that the program also includes a large interprofessional portion where students work together in small groups of eight on a patient case, led by expert clinician-facilitators.

Prior to IPE programs, students in health profession and social work faculties likely had more informal training during clinical placements. "But until you get it as an element in the curriculum, that's evaluated and seen as core curriculum, it's really not part and parcel of the depth of learning that we would like to see within our health professions," says Whiteside.

With the success of the Interfaculty Pain Curriculum, it could serve as a model for other IPE education initiatives, Hunter says. Whiteside adds that the director of the IPE office

will report to the Council of Health Science and Social Work Deans to co-ordinate the effort over all the health professions.

IASP 11th World Congress on Pain

Sydney Convention and Exhibit Centre
Darling Harbour
Sydney, Australia

August 21-26, 2005

For further information, visit the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/05Cong.html>

Pain, Mind and Movement

Official Satellite Symposium of the 11th World Congress on Pain

August 17-19, 2005

Cairns, Australia

Sponsor: SIG on Pain and Movement.

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Visceral Pain

Official Satellite Symposium of the 11th World Congress on Pain

August 17-19, 2005

Adelaide, Australia

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Expanding Vistas in Neuropathic Pain

Official Satellite Symposium of the 11th World Congress on Pain

August 17-20, 2005

Uluru, Australia

Sponsor: SIG on Neuropathic Pain.

Organizer: Allen Hord, MD. Info: DC Conferences, PO Box 571, Crows Nest,

NSW 1585 Australia (Tel: 61-2-9954-4400; Fax: 61-2-9954-0666; Email: npp@dcconferences.com.au; Internet: www.dcconferences.com.au/npp2005)

Partners in Pain: Patients, Clinicians and Pain Management

Official Satellite Symposium of the 11th World Congress on Pain

August 18-19, 2005

Sydney, Australia

Organizer: Prof. Irena Madgar. A half-day Chronic Self Management Workshop, sponsored by Sharing Health Care Initiative of Australia's Commonwealth Department of Health, will be held on the final day of this Conference. This program is for clinicians, nurses and other health professionals caring for patients in pain. For information, contact: DC Conferences, PO Box 571, Crows Nest, NSW 1585 Australia (Tel: 61-2-9954-4400; Fax: 61-2-9954-0666; Email: pinp@dcconferences.com.au; Internet: www.dcconferences.com.au/pinp2005)

Occupational and Post-traumatic Pain Syndromes

Official Satellite Symposium of the 11th World Congress on Pain

August 18-19, 2005, Melbourne, Australia

Sponsor: SIG on Clinical-Legal Issues in Pain. For a preliminary program brochure on the web go to: <http://www.conorg.com.au/library2005/CLIPSIG.pdf>
For information, contact: Prof. George Mendelson, #204, 34 Queens Road, Melbourne Vic 3004 Australia (Tel: 61-3-9866-4278; Fax: 61-3-9820-0843; Email: george.mendelson@med.monash.edu.au; Internet: www.med.monash.edu.au/pyschmed/staff/georgem.htm)

Cancer Pain 2005 Satellite Symposium - "Controversies in Cancer Pain"

Official Satellite Symposium of the 11th World Congress on Pain

August 18 - 19, 2005

Cairns, Australia

Sponsor: the Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Chair: Assoc. Prof. Paul Glare, Department of Palliative Care, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Missenden Road, Camperdown, NSW 2050 Australia (Tel: +61-2-9515-7755; Fax: +61-2-9515-7464; Email: paul@email.cs.nsw.gov.au; Internet: <http://www.tourhosts.com.au/cancerpain2005>)

12th Scientific Meeting on Chronic Pelvic Pain

Official Satellite Symposium of the 11th World Congress on Pain

August 20, 2005, Sydney, Australia

Sponsor: International Pelvic Pain Society. For information, contact: C. Paul Perry, MD, 2006 Brookwood Medical Center Drive, #402, Birmingham, AL 35209 USA (Tel: 205-397-9000; Fax: 205-397-9001; Email: pelvicpain@aol.com
Internet: www.pelvicpain.org)

[Tackling Under-Treated Pain: Breaking Down the Barriers](#)

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Sydney, Australia

Sponsored by the National Institute of Clinical Studies, Australia.
For information, visit: www.tacklingpain.com.au

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