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IASP Global Day Against Pain

October 17, 2005 marks this year's IASP Global Day Against Pain, the purpose of which is to raise awareness of a different aspect of pain each year. This year's theme is "**Relief in Pain in Childhood**". IASP Chapters and individuals involved in pain research and treatment are organizing events in their communities to focus attention on this facet of pain, with the ultimate objective of improving pain relief in children throughout the world.

IASP is encouraging everyone to participate by contacting your local IASP chapter, media persons, clinic or hospital, and by alerting and educating health care professionals and your community about the importance of relieving childhood pain.

For further information, please visit the IASP website: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/GlobalDay-2005.htm>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Pain and the Patient 2

Thursday, November 3, 2003

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The Hospital for Sick Children Auditorium

Program details will be announced shortly

Admission is free of charge and all are welcome to attend.

RSVP to Nancy Mitchell at nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca

Or by phone at: 416-979-4762

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

National Pain Awareness Week Gala Dinner

Presented by the Canadian Pain Coalition

Thursday, November 3, 2005

6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

Liberty Grand

25 British Columbia Road, Exhibition Place, Toronto

For further information and tickets, visit the

Canadian Pain Coalition website at: <http://www.painhurtscanada.ca/gala.htm>

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Pain Research at McGill University

The Centre for Research on Pain at McGill University, in partnership with AstraZeneca R&D Montreal, requests applications for five Postdoctoral Fellowships to be held at the research laboratories of the Centre. Qualifying applicants will have a PhD, MD or comparable degree and have an interest in pain research. The research being carried out in the many laboratories at the McGill Centre for Research on Pain, and in the associated hospital pain clinic, ranges from genetics and molecular biology through pharmacology, physiology, psychology to clinical trials. Collaborative research projects with scientists at AstraZeneca R&D Montreal will be available to candidates. See

www.painresearch.mcgill.ca for a list of researchers and research themes. Candidates should indicate in their application the area of research in which they wish to work. The Fellowships have a stipend commensurate with experience. The initial appointment is for one year, with a possible extension.

A curriculum vitae and three letters of reference should be sent to:

Dr. Catherine Bushnell, Director of the McGill Centre for Research on Pain,
3640 University Street, Room M19,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2B2.

E-mail: catherine.bushnell@mcgill.ca

Physicians with Expertise in Chronic Pain Management - Calgary Health Region, Regional Pain Program

The Calgary Health Region is one of Canada's largest integrated health care systems, enjoying close ties with The University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine. We are committed to excellence in providing an accessible, accountable and integrated community-based health system, which promotes shared responsibility for improved health.

The Regional Pain Program (RPP) provides coordinated, integrated services to people with acute and chronic pain throughout the age continuum in hospital and community settings. Its vision is to be a program of excellence through innovative service delivery, education and research.

The RPP is looking for physicians with knowledge and experience in chronic pain management to work within an interdisciplinary team environment at our rapidly expanding Chronic Pain Centre and recently established hospital-based consultation teams. Full and part time positions are available.

The applicant must be a physician eligible for licensure in the Province of Alberta, with education and/or experience in pain management, and proven leadership skills. The applicant will be expected to have a joint appointment with the University of Calgary and actively participate in program development, research and educational initiatives.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a curriculum vitae to:

Dr. John Clark, Medical Director

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Chronic Pain Centre

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Telephone 403 943 9903

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Deadline for applications: October 15, 2005

Medical Leader - Calgary Health Region, Regional Pain Program

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The applicant must be a physician with proven leadership skills, education and/or experience in pain management, and eligible for licensure in the Province of Alberta. The applicant will be expected to have a joint appointment with the University of Calgary and actively participate in research and educational initiatives.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a curriculum vitae to:

Dr. Robert Abernethy, Executive Medical Director

Southwest Community Portfolio

Calgary Health Region

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Calgary, Alberta T2V 1P9

Telephone (403) 943-3874

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Deadline for applications: October 15, 2005

For a listing of positions available in Canada, please visit the CPS website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/cont-ang/4nouvelles-emplois.htm#>

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

Notice of Intent to Publish a Request for Applications (RFA) titled: Prescription Opioid Abuse and Pain

Issued by National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), (<http://www.nida.nih.gov>)

The National Institute on Drug Abuse intends to publish a Request for Applications (RFA) titled: *Prescription Opioid Abuse and Pain* . The notice for the RFA is expected to be published in October 2005 with applications to be submitted and considered for

funding in FY2006. This RFA will support research on the dependence, abuse and addiction potential of opioids prescribed therapeutically for pain. NIDA understands that an array of definitions of drug “dependence,” “abuse” and “addiction” are used. It will be a requirement of this RFA that all applications have detailed and precise definitions of opioid dependence, abuse and addiction, if applicable. Research elucidating factors (including pain itself) that predispose or protect pain patients from opioid dependence, abuse and addiction will be encouraged. Further, research on the treatment of opioid dependence, abuse and addiction in pain patients will be encouraged. The RFA will be designed to encourage a broad range of research including behavioral, neuroscience, genetics, developmental neuroscience, treatment development, epidemiology, prevention and services research, and will include both animal and human studies.

For further information regarding this potential RFA, please contact:

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