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**Message from Judi Hunter, Chair, UTCSP Interfaculty Pain Curriculum Planning Committee**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual UTCSP - Interfaculty Pain Curriculum (IPC) took place March 20 – 23, 2006 and was once again a great success. More than 780 students from six health science faculties/departments at the University of Toronto participated. Preliminary feedback from the students, faculty and clinicians was excellent. For more information about the content of the IPC please visit the website <http://icarus.med.utoronto.ca/pain2006/> (\*)

The success of this curriculum is based on a very large team effort, originating from the UTCSP. One of the UTCSP's main roles is to develop, implement, and support co-ordinated educational programs in pain at pre-licensure, graduate and postgraduate levels. The IPC helps meet the Centre's goal of increasing pain content in all health science curricula, focusing on interdisciplinary models of education and pain management. The IPC is designed to influence health professionals' knowledge and beliefs about pain relief early in their careers and encourage the use of best practices. This year the Centre was awarded base budget funds from the Academic Incentives Fund at the University of Toronto.

As Chair I would like to personally thank the team of faculty and clinicians that enthusiastically gave significant time commitment to the development of the curriculum.

1. This year the core committee included:

Dentistry: Thuan Dao, Helen Grad, David Lam  
Medicine: Martin Schreiber, Denyse Richardson, Nora Cullen, Larry Librach,  
Nursing: Judy Watt-Watson, Michael McGillion, Trish Orr-Kavanagh  
Pharmacy: Andrea Cameron, Lalitha Raman-Wilms, Peter Pennefather,  
Physical Therapy: Judi Hunter (chair), Robyn Davies, JoAnne Piccinin  
Occupational Therapy: Lynn Cockburn  
Student Representative: Ian Randall  
Administrator: Nancy Mitchell

Each member took significant leadership in a specific area. Nancy Mitchell was absolutely the key to keeping *every single detail* organized and efficient.

2. As well, ninety clinicians including: dentists, nurses, pharmacists, physicians, psychologists, and physical therapist were small group facilitators. Some traveled from as far as Ottawa and London Ontario. Each devoted considerable time and effort not only towards the face-to-face teaching but also the preparation, training and feedback - many are enjoying their 5<sup>th</sup> year of participation! Each clinician

took a personal interest the success of this unique event which was evident in his/her participation in the follow-up debriefing focus group.

3. Several of the UTCSP members (Roman Jovey, Bonnie Stevens, Lucia Gagliese, Larry Librach, Jennifer Stinson, David Lam) and University of Toronto faculty (H. Boon, J. Laprade, M. Bell, S. Renton) led specific didactic sessions in focused pain-management topics. The response to these sessions was excellent.
4. Once again the patient panel, consisting of 3 patient advocates living with pain (Dale Jennet, Linda Burman and Ivan Silver), provided students with a poignant picture of the need for coordinated collaborative delivery and application of best practices in pain care.

Sandra Langlands, from the Gerstein Science and Medicine Library expertly coordinated online access to scientific resources. The website was supported by the Department of Educational Computing, Faculty of Medicine. Finally, the support of Purdue Pharma Canada, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Merck-Frosst allowed us to give the students printed materials and texts to support their learning.

We are now evaluating our outcome including survey and focus group feedback and measures of learning. I speak on behalf of the Committee to say that we all enjoyed working together to produce this worthwhile learning experience. This year again we are proud of the results of our efforts to continually refine the curriculum. We look forward to 2007!

*\* Note: Due to copyright issues some areas of the website are restricted access only. Please do not contact requesting access.*

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### **Special UTCSP Distinguished Speaker- Maria Fitzgerald**

We are pleased to announce that Professor Maria Fitzgerald from University College London will be visiting us in early May 2006. Professor Fitzgerald is the leader in the field of pain developmental biology. During her visit she will give the following lecture:

**Date: May 3, 2006**

**Time: 1:30 pm**

Location: The Hospital for Sick Children, Room 1527.

Title: 'The development of infant pain: inhibition versus excitation in nociceptive circuits'

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:**

#### **Multi-Professional Pain Group at the University of Toronto (MUPPUT)**

Date: **Thursday, April 20, 2006**

Speakers: **Dr. Mike Salter** and **Dr. Angela Mailis**  
Topics: **Spinal Mechanisms Underlying Neuropathic Pain** (M. Salter)  
**Ethno-Cultural Issues in Pain** (A. Mailis)

Meetings are scheduled from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the **Institute for Work and Health, 481 University Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom A & B.** *If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Dr. Andrea Furlan at [afurlan@iwh.on.ca](mailto:afurlan@iwh.on.ca)*

Additional MUPPUT seminars are being planned for the following dates:  
**June 22, September 21 and November 9, 2006**

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**5<sup>th</sup> IASP Research Symposium – Central Neuropathic Pain:  
Centenary of Central Post-stroke Pain**

Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

**June 6-9, 2006**

For further information and registration, visit the website at:

<http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/conted/documents/Program%20Flyer%20-%205th%20IASP%20Research%20Symposium.pdf>

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**“Pain: Unravelling the Puzzle” – 2006 Canadian Pain Society Annual Conference**

The Westin Edmonton Hotel

Edmonton, Alberta

**June 14-17, 2006**

For further information and registration, visit the CPS website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca>

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**7th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain**

Organized by the IASP Special Interest Group on Pain in Childhood.

**June 25- 29, 2006,**

**Vancouver, British Columbia**

For program and registration information, please go to <http://www.ispp2006.com>, or e-mail your name and contact information to: [ispp2006@meet-ics.com](mailto:ispp2006@meet-ics.com). Other inquiries should be directed to Conference Secretariat, International Conferences Services Limited, 604 - 850 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6C 1E1. Tel: 604-681-2153 Fax: 604-681-1049.

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**“Synapses, Memory, Drug Addiction and Pain”**

**August 21-24, 2006**

Toronto (Location TBA)

If you are interested in giving a talk or presenting a poster, you may contact Dr. Min Zhou by e-mail at [min.zhou@utoronto.ca](mailto:min.zhou@utoronto.ca). Registration forms can be found here: <http://smp06.atSPACE.com/smp06%20registration%20form.pdf>

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE:**

For a listing of positions available in Canada, please visit the CPS website at: <http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/cont-ang/4nouvelles-emplois.htm#>

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

For a listing of training opportunities in Canada, please visit the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/traincan.html>

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

**2006 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 2006. The Deadline for receipt of applications by IASP is **September 1, 2006**. Awards will be announced by December 15, 2006. 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 all aspects of 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. The clear future intentions of the awardee should be stated showing the planned use of the training. The Fellowship is not intended to supplement or extend current training. Preference will be given to candidates that seek training outside of their current country/institution.
3. The stipend for the Fellowship should be not more than USD 35,000 (including any necessary health insurance as may be required in some countries) adjusted to a level equivalent to that normally provided at the training institutions for a person of the same qualifications. The stipend will be used for the trainee's salary for the 12-month period and 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 is for the use of the awardee only, and may not exceed USD 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:

1. Name, degrees, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, email address (if any)

2. Proposed dates of training

3. Proposed location of training (name of institute and name of mentor)

4. Description of training sought

5. Reasons for choosing the mentor

6. Specific research project to be pursued

7. 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 1) agreeing to be the trainee's mentor, 2) confirming that the mentor has sufficient time and resources to accomplish the training and 3) that he/she has not served as a mentor for the JJ Bonica Fellowship in the three years prior to the onset of the proposed training

c. A statement of the usual stipend amount for equivalent level trainees at the mentor's lab.

d. 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 is keen to award the Fellowship to as many worthy centers as possible; therefore, applicants to work with a mentor who has served as a mentor for a JJ Bonica Fellowship trainee within the last 3 years will not be considered. The Committee will consider the qualifications of both applicant and mentor, and assess 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.

**For additional information or to request an application form:**

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