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Salter named International Research Scholar of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Congratulations go out to Dr. Mike Salter who, along with 19 other outstanding Canadian scientists, was recently named *Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) International Research Scholar*. More information on this award can be found by visiting the following link: <http://www.hhmi.org/news/20061101.html>

Potential changes at CIHR: your input sought

Dr. Alan Bernstein, President of CIHR, has released his response to the International Review Panel <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/32524.html>. The response proposes a number of potentially significant changes to CIHR. As you will see, everyone is encouraged to review carefully the proposed changes and to send your responses directly to Dr. Bernstein. It is critical that we all be involved in this process as any changes will affect all of us and our trainees.

UTCSP Annual Meeting – Pain Day 2006

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain will hold its Annual Meeting - Pain Day 2006 on **Tuesday, December 12, 2006** at 89 Chestnut Street Residence, Terrace Room, 3rd Floor from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*If you plan to attend, please RSVP by **December 7** to Nancy Mitchell – nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca or by telephone at 416-979-4762.*

The day is planned as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.** – Coffee/Light Snack
- 8:55 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** – Welcome
- 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.** - **Jennifer Stinson**- “Construct Validity and Responsiveness of the e-Ouch Electronic Pain Diary for Adolescents with Arthritis”
- 9:20 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.** - **Javeria Hashmi** (Davis Lab) – “Temporal dynamics of heat pain evoked sensation”

9:40 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Xuejun Liu (Salter Lab) - "Primary afferents and TRPV1: more than just sensory function"

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Joel Katz – “Postoperative analgesic and opioid sparing effects of low-dose ketamine”

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

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Karen Davis – “Functional MRI of pain is not the whole story – what can we learn from structural MRI?”

11:30a.m. to 11:50 a.m. – Hance Clarke (Katz Lab) – “The use of Gabapentin in acute pain and rehabilitation

11:50 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. – Limor Avivi-Arber (Sessle Lab) – “Motor Cortex Neuroplasticity Associated with Extraction of the Rat Mandibular Incisor”

12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – General Meeting

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

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

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2006

Speaker: John Flannery, MD, FRCP, Medical Director, Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Program

Topic: “Best Practices in Action” – Experience from Total Joint Network/ FHRAT project at the Toronto Rehab / Musculoskeletal program. An update of the outcomes.

AND

Speaker: Min Zhuo, Ph.D, Canada Research Chair Tier I in Pain and Cognition, EJLB-CIHR Michael Smith Chair in Neurosciences and Mental Health. Professor of Physiology, University of Toronto

Topic: "Genetic and synaptic mechanisms for chronic pain and fear"

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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

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

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