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IASP Global Year Against Pain

September 12, 2006 marked the launch of IASP's Global Year Against Pain, which is an annual event to raise awareness of different timely aspects of pain. This year's theme is "**Pain in Older Persons**". 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 older persons 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 pain in older persons

For further information, please visit the IASP website:

<http://www.iasp-pain.org/GlobalDay-2006.htm>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UTCSP Annual Meeting

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

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain presents:

“Pain and the Older Person”

Thursday, November 9, 2006
89 Chestnut Street Residence
Lakeview Room

This seminar is free of charge and all are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by November 3 to Nancy Mitchell at nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca or by phone at: 416-979-4762

Program:

7:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

Moderator: Lucia Gagliese PhD,

8:00 a.m. – Opening Remarks

8:15 a.m. – *“Pain in Older Adults with Osteoarthritis”* – **Gillian Hawker, MD,** Director, Canadian Osteoarthritis Research Program (CORP); F.M. Hill Chair in Academic Women’s Medicine; Women’s College Hospital and University of Toronto

9:00 a.m. - *“What Causes Disability in Older Adults with Chronic Low Back Pain?”*–**Debra Weiner, M.D.,** Associate Professor of Medicine, Psychiatry & Anesthesiology; Director, Older Adult Pain Management Program, University of Pittsburgh

9:45 a.m. – Coffee Break

Moderator: Michael W. Salter, MD, PhD, Director, UTCSP

10:00 a.m. – *“Cancer pain, aging and end-of-life care”* – **Lucia Gagliese,** CIHR New Investigator, York University, University Health Network and University of Toronto

10:45 a.m. – *“Postherpetic Neuralgia in Older People”* – **C. Peter Watson, MD,** Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto

11:30 p.m. – *“Living with Neuropathic Pain”* – **Rachel Weisz and Allan Gordon, MD,** Director, Wasser Pain Management Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital

11:45 p.m. – Panel discussion and questions

12:00 p.m. – Closing Remarks

12:15 p.m. - Lunch

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

16th International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill.

Sponsored by the Palliative Care Division, Dept. of Medicine and Oncology, McGill University.

September 26-29, 2006

Montreal, Quebec

For further details and registration deadline, please visit the website at:

<http://www.pal2006.com/>

or contact:

Events International Conference Planners Inc.

Tel: 514-286-0855

Fax: 514-286-6066

email: pal2006@eventsintl.com

Regional Anaesthesia & Pain Medicine 2006

September 29 – October 1, 2006

The Sutton Place Hotel, Toronto

For further information, contact:

Christine Drane, Conference Coordinator

Tel: 416-603-5118

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or visit the website at: <http://www.usra.ca/indexUSRA.html>

Pain in the Pelvis: A Clinical Approach

Friday, October 13, 2006

Mount Sinai Hospital

600 University Avenue, 18th Floor

For further details, please visit the website at:

<http://www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce/PelvisPain/default.htm>

or contact Elizabeth Gan (egan@mtsinai.on.ca) (416) 586-4800 x 2489

National Pain Awareness Week Gala Dinner

Presented by the Canadian Pain Coalition

Thursday, November 9, 2006

Massey College

4 Devonshire Place, Toronto, Ontario

Details and registration information will be made available shortly.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

**Call for Nominations for the Director,
University of Toronto Centre for Neurosciences**

Nominations are invited for the position of Director, University of Toronto Centre for Neurosciences. Funded by the University of Toronto Academic Initiative Fund to create a

distributed Centre for Neuroscience, the Director will provide leadership for the development of new educational programs and for the review and revision of existing programs in neuroscience. The ultimate goal of the UTCN will be to attain the highest level of interdisciplinary neuroscience education in the world. UTCN will also create opportunities for integrative inter-disciplinary research, enhance the visibility of University of Toronto neuroscience in all its aspects and function as an instrument for increased private and government teaching and research funding. The Director, reporting to a Council of Deans, will represent academic neuroscience activities in 8 Faculties/Divisions, 22 Departments/Centres, and 7 Hospital Research Institutes across all 3 campuses.

The ideal candidate will have a wide neuroscience knowledge, be well recognized for his/her research and leadership accomplishments and possess the ability and commitment to advocate and fund-raise for the Centre, which represents all of neuroscience within the University.

The UTCN AIF proposal can be found at

http://www.medresearch.utoronto.ca/AIF_UTCN_no_tables.html Please note that this is a 0.4 FTE appointment.

Nominations for Director of the University of Toronto Centre for Neurosciences including a current CV will be received in confidence at medicine.vdr@utoronto.ca until Oct 1/06. Self-nominations will be accepted.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

CPS Annual Conference – “Pain Relief – A Basic Human Right!”

Call for Abstracts

Deadline for Submission – October 10, 2006 (no exceptions)

Submissions for Posters, Workshops or Hot Topics will be accepted up to and including **October 10, 2006** for presentation at the Ottawa 2007 Conference taking place May 23-26, 2007.

When submitting, please:

- Ensure the format is followed as outlined in the Call for Abstracts
- Be clear on whether it is a poster, workshop, or hot topic submission
- If submitting a poster and you are a student, identify yourself if you want your poster critiqued on the Friday for Best Clinical Poster or Best Scientific Poster. Poster will be schedule for viewing on the Friday. Two winners will be identified and announced at the Gala Dinner.
- Posters are filed by first author. Ensure that you are clear who the first author is, as all correspondence regarding the poster will be through that one person.

For further information, please visit the CPS website at:
http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/call_for_abstracts.pdf

Please direct your questions to:

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