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CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Anna Taddio, senior scientist, Child Health Evaluative Sciences, is this year's recipient of the Canadian Society for Clinical Pharmacology Piasfsky Young Investigator Award, presented to a member of the society who has demonstrated excellent performance in the field of clinical pharmacology. Dr. Taddio will be presented with the award at the society's annual meeting in Halifax in May.

Congratulations to Dr. Lucia Gagliese who was recently awarded a Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance (CBCRA) Operating Grant for her research on age-related patterns in pain following breast cancer surgery.

Congratulations also go out to Thuan Tran (supervisor: Mike Salter) and Jennifer Stinson (co-supervisors: Patrick McGrath and Ellen Hodnett) who were recently awarded CIHR Fellowships, and to Rebecca Pillai Riddell who was recently awarded a CIHR New Investigator Award.

“Pain Management and the Older Person”

This is a free public forum where experts in the field of pain management will discuss chronic pain and the impact of this silent epidemic on the older person, as well as coping strategies for an improved quality of life.

Older persons living with chronic pain, their caregivers, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Speakers: **Lucia Gagliese**, PhD, Psychologist, York University and University Health Network and **Allan Gordon**, MD, FRCP(C), Neurologist and Director, Wasser Pain Management Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital

Date: **Wednesday, April 25, 2007**

Time: **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Location: **Residence at Toronto General Hospital, 90 Gerrard Street, Residence Amphitheatre, Ground Floor, Room 109**

Please post the attached notice at your institution.

UTCSP Lecture - Dr. Dwight Moulin

On **Thursday, May 10, 2007**, **Dr. Dwight Moulin**, Professor, Departments of Clinical Neurosciences and Oncology at the University of Western Ontario will present a talk on behalf of the UTCSP entitled “**Neuropathic Pain – Pathophysiology, Prevention and Management**”. Dr. Moulin is the Earl Russell Chair in Pain Research. As well, he is the Medical Director of Pain and Symptom Management at London Regional Cancer Centre and Head of the Division of Neurology at Victoria Hospital of the London Health Sciences Centre.

Objectives:

- 1) to understand the pathophysiology of neuropathic pain as a basis for treatment
- 2) to provide an evidence-based approach to the management of neuropathic pain
- 3) to explore the value of novel agents in the prevention and management of neuropathic pain

Time: **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Room 4279, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle**

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

This event is generously sponsored by Pfizer

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2nd International Conference On Neurons and Brain Disease

August 29-31, 2007

University of Toronto

Room 2158, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle

You are cordially invited to join the second international conference on Neurons and Brain Disease to be held in Toronto. In addition to invited speakers, additional speakers will be selected from attendees. All are invited to submit abstracts, and a poster session will be included in the program. There will be an award for the best 5-10 posters in the competition.

Major aim of the meeting:

Promoting new and cutting edge research in neuroscience; encouraging international information exchange and scientific collaboration; providing a platform for active scientists to discuss new findings.

For further information, including a preliminary list of speakers and registration information, please visit the website:

<http://2007.icnbd.com/index.html>

UTCSP Annual Meeting 2007

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain will hold its Annual Meeting - Pain Day 2007 on **Thursday, December 6, 2007** at 89 Chestnut Street Residence, Terrace Room, 3rd Floor from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Further details will be announced in the coming months.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

Wasser Pain Management Centre – Educational Rounds

Presenter: **Dr. Dwight Moulin**

Date: **May 10, 2007**

Time: **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.**

Title: **“Evidence-based guidelines for the management of neuropathic pain – comparing efficacy from RCTs with effectiveness from observational studies”**

Objectives:

- 1) to provide an evidence-based approach to the management of neuropathic pain
- 2) to compare outcomes from randomized controlled trials with observational data

Wasser Educational Rounds take place at the Wasser Pain Management Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue, 11th Floor Classroom, Room 1163

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

Ottawa, Ontario

Westin Ottawa Hotel

May 23-26, 2007

For further information, visit the CPS website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/conferences.html>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

For an up-to-date listing of training opportunities available in Canada, please visit the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Canada&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=9&ContentID=1307>

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

2007 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 2007. The Deadline for receipt of applications by IASP is **September 1, 2007**. Awards will be announced by December 15, 2007. 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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For an up-to-date listing of grant opportunities, please visit the IASP website at:
<http://www.iasp-pain.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Grants1&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=1545>

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