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2007-08 IASP Global Year Against Pain

October 15, 2007 will mark the launch of IASP's 2007-2008 Global Year Against Pain, which is annual event to raise awareness of different timely aspects of pain. The theme for this year is "**Pain in Women**". 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 women 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 women.

Please visit the IASP website for further information and updates: <http://www.iasp-pain.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UTCSP Annual Meeting

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain will hold its Annual Meeting on **Thursday, December 6, 2007** featuring guest speaker Dr. Herta Flor, Head of the Department of Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience at the Ruprecht-Karls University of Heidelberg, Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim, Germany. The meeting will take place at 89 Chestnut Street Residence, Terrace Room, 3rd Floor from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Further details and registration information will be announced shortly.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

"Optimizing Functional Outcome Following Total Hip and Knee Replacement"

Presented by The Holland Orthopaedic and Arthritic Centre at Sunnybrook

September 28, 2007

Holland Orthopaedic and Arthritic Centre

8th Floor Auditorium

43 Wellesley Street East

Toronto, Ontario

For a registration form, please contact: elisa.park@sunnybrook.ca

Further inquiries may be made by calling: 416-967-8646

“Conquering the Hurt: Translating Knowledge About Paediatric Pain”

An Interprofessional Conference on Pain in Children

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Hospital for Sick Children

555 University Avenue

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Bonnie Stevens

“Translating Research on Paediatric Pain”

Dr. Patricia McGrath

“Paediatric Chronic Pain: The Role of Gender”

The purpose of this conference is to raise awareness about the assessment and management of acute and chronic pain in children and will be held during National Pain Awareness Week

For more information, contact Sabrina Menezes: 416-813-6905

Sabrina.menezes@sickkids.ca

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

CPS Annual Conference – “Pain Through the Ages – Common Themes”

Call for Abstracts

Deadline for Submission – October 31, 2007 (no exceptions)

Submission for Posters, Workshops, Hot Topics or Oral Presentations (*new!*) will be accepted up to and including **October 31, 2007** for presentation at the Victoria, B.C. 2008 Conference taking place May 27-30, 2008.

For complete details, please visit the CPS website at:

http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/congres/Victoria2008/Call_Abstracts_2008_En.pdf

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Physicians with Expertise in Chronic Pain Management – Calgary Health Region

Deadline for applications: **October 5th, 2007**

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. Individuals with an interest in an academic appointment (with experience in research and teaching) are encouraged to apply.

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
Calgary Health Region
Chronic Pain Centre
#160, 2210 2nd Street SW
Calgary, Alberta T2S 3C3
Telephone 403 943 9903
john.clark@calgaryhealthregion.ca

For an up-to-date listing of positions available, please visit the IASP website at:
http://www.iasp-pain.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Career_Opportunitites&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=1903

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:

Nursing Research/Education Award

An annual grant (\$500) is available for registered nurses who are members of the Canadian Pain Society to support attending the annual convention of the Canadian Pain Society, pursuing a pain-related research project, or developing a pain-related education program for nurses.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2007

Information on award criteria and application procedures can be obtained from:

Dr. Judy Watt-Watson, RN, PhD
Professor and Associate Dean Academic Programs
Faculty of Nursing University of Toronto
155 College St., Suite 130
Toronto, ON Canada
M5T 1P8
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Fax: (416) 978-8222

IASP Early Career Research Grants Program

Grants: 5 grants of US\$20,000 each

Application Deadline: October 15, 2007

Purpose:

The IASP Early Career Research Grants support a researcher who is in the early career stage of pain investigations.

Eligibility Requirements:

At the time of application applicants should be:

- IASP members
- within 6 years of having received their terminal degree.
- carrying out independent research.
- In addition applicants should not be recipients of a major official grant funding (such as NIH, EEC or APS)

Guidelines:

- IASP will award five grants per year to be used by eligible applicants engaged in independent research.

- The IASP Research Committee will make the final decisions on the awards.
- The grants are available internationally and are not related to any particular discipline. The committee will give consideration to a balance of all aspects of pain research projects including the clinical, social and basic sciences when considering the awards.

The IASP Committee on Research will evaluate all proposals based on:

- a) the scientific merit of the proposed research.
- b) the qualifications of the investigator. Only work published in international refereed journals or periodicals will be considered.
- c) the evidence of sound independent research, i.e. the most recent work should not have been done under supervision of a senior scientist, and the intended research will also not be done under supervision of a senior scientist.

Terms of the awards:

- a) The awardee will be responsible for managing the funds.
- b) The awardee must agree to submit a detailed scientific report within two years and agree to make a presentation of the research at an IASP meeting to be determined.
- c) The awardee must acknowledge IASP as the source of funding in any publications arising from work supported by these grants

How to Apply:

Application forms are available from the IASP office. Please contact iaspdesk@iasp-pain.org or call: 206-283-0311

Include with your application:

- A description of the research project to be undertaken.
- A letter of recommendation including statement of evidence that the candidate has achieved a level of independence as a researcher.
- The curriculum vitae of the applicant including a full publication list.
- Reprints of up to 5 recent publications from refereed international journals.
- Evidence that the costs of the proposed research project are covered with other funds.
- Confirmation that the host institution will agree to accept a grant for payment to the awardee of a stipend only and will not charge indirect costs (overhead and *** handling fees) to IASP.

Awards will be announced by December 15.

IASP Award for Excellence in Pain Research and Management

Nomination Deadline: extended to **October 30, 2007** for the 2008 Congress.

Award:

1. Free registrations and a travel grant for applicants from [low income countries](#) (per the World Bank List) of up to USD 10,000 dollars towards the cost of attending the next World Congress on Pain.
2. Three years of free membership in IASP, including a subscription to the journal PAIN, to each member of the team.
3. Plaque to be presented at the next World Congress.
4. Awardees' choice of three books from the IASP Press catalogue.

Purpose:

IASP will present two awards at the IASP World Congress on Pain to an individual or to a team who has achieved a level of excellence in programs of either: (1) Basic science research in pain or pain management OR (2) Clinical research or practice and/or policy changes in pain management in the developing world. The awards are intended to facilitate attendance of an individual or a small group of individuals at the IASP Congress.

These two awards are aimed at recognizing and promoting excellence in pain research and management in developing countries and low income countries as defined by the World Bank.

Eligibility:

1. The award can be given to a named individual or to a group of individuals forming a working team of not more than five individuals.
2. The award will recognize excellence in a pain research or management program developed and carried out only within the setting of one or more of the eligible countries listed below.
3. The principal organizer must be based in a developing country and must be a member of IASP.
4. There are no restrictions as to the professional qualifications, age or affiliations of the awardees.

Those who received an award from this program in the previous year are not eligible to reapply.

Nominations should include the following:

1. A letter of nomination by an external nominating body. This can be an academic or medical non-profit organization or a group of not less than three individuals of which at least one should be a member of IASP of more than one year standing. There are no restrictions as to the geographical origin of the nominating bodies. The letter should a) explain the reasons for the nomination and the work carried

- out by the nominee(s). b) should also state whether the nomination is for the Clinical or the Basic science award.
2. A list of the nominees, including their Curriculum Vitae and their individual contributions to the program.
 3. Documented evidence of the work carried out in the program. This could be reprints of research papers, documents explaining the work carried out in the field of pain or any other documented endorsement of the program. Please do NOT send videos, books, photos, DVDs or CDs as the nominations are adjudicated by an international committee.

Nominations will be reviewed by the IASP Task Force on Developing Countries and the recommendations subject to approval of the IASP Council.

Please contact iaspdesk@iasp-pain.org if you have any questions, or call 1-206-283-0311.

Mail your nomination to:

IASP Secretariat
111 Queen Anne Ave. N, Suite 501
Seattle, WA 9810904955, USA

Fax your nomination to: +1-206-283-9403

E-mail your nomination to: iaspdesk@iasp-pain.org

Deadline for receipt of nominations has been extended to **October 30, 2007** for the 2008 Congress.

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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