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**Congratulations!**

Special thanks and congratulations go out to Professors Judy Watt-Watson and Judi Hunter who, on behalf of the UTCSP Pain Curriculum Planning Committee, presented two posters at the Scientific Poster Session of the joint American Pain Society/Canadian Pain Society meeting in Vancouver, B.C. earlier this month. The posters, one of which was entitled “Integrating a mixed-mode case study into an interfaculty pain curriculum for six health professions”, which reported on students’ evaluation of the “online collaboration” component of the 2003 case-based interprofessional learning experience; and the other poster entitled “An interfaculty pain curriculum for health professional students: An evaluation”, the purpose of which was to determine if participation in an interfaculty pain curriculum increases students’ knowledge about pain assessment and management, and enhances their understanding of interprofessional roles, were both very well received and met with great interest by faculty who also face the challenge of improving pain content in all of the health professional programs. Special thanks also go out to the members of the UTCSP Pain Curriculum Planning Committee for their continued hard work and dedication to this project.

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS:**

**New Book:**

Jeffrey S. Mogil (editor) “**The Genetics of Pain**” – Forward by Ronald Dubner – IASP Press, ISBN 0-931092-51-5

**Book Info:** No field of biology has engendered so much interest, hope, and hype as genetics. Advances in molecular, statistical and behavioral methodologies have suddenly allowed genetic investigations of complex biological phenomena, including pain. Genetic studies of pain are already showing their power to identify new molecular targets for drug development and create new animal models of pain pathology. Alone among biological approaches, pain genetics can explain why we’re not all alike with respect to pain – why some people hurt more, and receive less benefit from existing analgesics. The knowledge gained holds the promise of allowing truly individualized pain therapy.

Hardbound - \$78.00 US (\$59.00 US for IASP members). Order via IASP Press on-line:

<http://www.painbooks.org>

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

**6<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Myofascial Pain and Fibromyalgia**

Sponsored by the International MYOPAIN Society

**July 18-22, 2004**

Munich, Germany

For further information, visit the website at: <http://www.myopain.org>

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**The International Pelvic Pain Society 11<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting on Chronic Pelvic Pain**

Sponsored by the International Pelvic Pain Society

**August 5-7, 2004**

Chicago, Illinois

For further information, visit the website at: [www.pelvicpain.org](http://www.pelvicpain.org)

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**Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine 2004**

Sponsored by the University Health Network and Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Sciences Centre

**October 1-2, 2004**

The Sutton Place Hotel

955 Bay Street, Toronto

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**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**Postdoctoral Fellowship**

**Cancer Pain Research Program, University Health Network**

A postdoctoral fellowship position is available immediately in the Cancer Pain Research Unit to study psychosocial factors in cancer pain in the elderly or across the adult life span. Other areas of research include pain assessment, pain at the end of life, predictors of the development of cancer pain, the role of pain in the desire for hastened death, interaction of age and gender, and cancer pain management. The successful candidate will join a multidisciplinary team actively involved in clinical care and research in the Departments of Anaesthesia and Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care at Princess Margaret Hospital and the Toronto General Hospital, University Health Network. The initial appointment will be for one year with the possibility of a second year, contingent upon the availability of adequate funding and performance. The successful applicant will report directly to Dr. L. Gagliese. The funding for this position is provided

through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

This position is ideally suited to an individual interested in pursuing an academic career in health psychology or behavioural medicine in an academic and/or health sciences centre. A PhD in psychology, behavioural sciences, nursing, gerontology or related discipline is required. Previous research in pain, aging or psychosocial oncology is preferred but not required. Excellent written and oral communication skills, the ability to work independently and as part of a team, and knowledge of various statistical software applications is required. Stipend will be commensurate with research experience.

Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, 2 letters of reference and representative reprints to:

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While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those applicants considered for an interview will be contacted.

## **GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS – CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS**

### **Patrick D. Wall Young Investigator Award**

**Deadline: September 1, 2004**

Nominations are being sought for candidates for the Patrick D. Wall Young Investigator Award which will be presented at the 11th World Congress on Pain<sup>®</sup> in Sydney, Australia, August 21-26, 2005. The award was initiated in 1987 and is presented every three years to an individual who has achieved a level of independence as a scholar in the field of pain.

**For further information, visit the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/wall-yia.html>**

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### **Ronald Dubner Research Prize**

**Deadline: September 1, 2004**

Nominations are being sought for candidates for the Ronald Dubner Research Prize, an award for trainees, which will be presented at the 11th World Congress on Pain<sup>®</sup> in Sydney, Australia, August 21-26, 2005. The award was initiated in 1993 and is presented every three years for the best clinical or basic science research paper, or series of papers, or doctoral thesis in the field of pain, published or in press while in training as a student, intern, resident, predoctoral fellow, postdoctoral fellow, or equivalent.

**For further information, visit the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/prize.html>**

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**2004 John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship**

**Deadline: September 1, 2004**

IASP is pleased to announce the call for applications for the John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship to be awarded in 2004. The Deadline for receipt of applications by IASP is September 1, 2004. Awards will be announced by December 15, 2004.

**For further information, visit the IASP website at: <http://www.iasp-pain.org/bonica.html>**

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