I think those of us who attended the annual scientific meeting in Brisbane are still on a high: it was an excellent program put together by the Scientific Programming Committee, lead by Michele Sterling, and the Local Organising Committee, lead by Paul Gray; the organisation by DC Conferences, was, as always, efficient and genial. Brisbane also saw a change of president so we say thank you to Malcolm Hogg for two years of hard work and strategic wisdom, and welcome and best wishes to Geoff Speldewinde.

This newsletter contains reports about the Brisbane ASM - one from Paul Gray and another from Dianna Crebbin - and a report from our new president; there are also a collection of smaller matters for your information and interest.

Our recent publications section has been quiet recently: if you’ve recently had a publication please do bring it to the attention of your colleagues in the APS.

Regards,
Will Howard
It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the honour of becoming President of your Pain Society. I am humbled to step into the shoes of those before me and I can only hope to emulate the perspicacity, diligence and foresight of Malcolm Hogg.

Whilst I have been on the board representing this provincial city of Canberra for nigh on 15 years and seen many issues come and go, it now falls to me to direct them! My own perspective arises from operating a private almost solo-doctor multidisciplinary practice from a rehabilitation medicine perspective, extensively utilising evidence-guided interventional procedures.

I am hopeful that during my time as President your Board can advance many things including:

- steering a path to a greater realistic awareness of and integration with the vast array of medical procedures,
- further tentative steps in engaging more effectively in indigenous and culturally diverse groups,
- harnessing the potential of Painaustralia for which we are a, if not the, major stakeholder,
- growing the research base of pain practice in Australia with not only our PhD scholars but looking at setting up a Postdoctoral Fellowship,
- watching and participating in the development of electronic data bases and assessment protocols, electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC), and
- continuing to alter the language of pain and community understanding of pain.

We are participating in an expanding curriculum of pain education and will continue to work promulgating a greater inclusion of pain and its management within the educational arms of all of your professional bodies from which you each arise, coming together as we do in this unique multidisciplinary forum.

As this is written Malcolm Hogg will attend on our behalf the Annual General Meeting of Painaustralia where Dr Graeme Killer, recently retired head of medical services for DVA, will be a keynote speaker. We hope he provides insights into a more effective utilisation of evidence guided pain management in multidisciplinary settings whether public or private.

There is increasing activity in the diverse field of pain management in this country and internationally. One of my goals is to try and involve you the members, seeking input for responses to any of the “larger” issues that arise and for which we may have time to generate responses. This may entail a mass email seeking ideas/expressions of interest in being involved in that “need” along with a rapid response time i.e. if you have something then contribute quickly. Your Board has always endeavoured to involve members and this may be one way of making it more obvious!
Each year the Australian Pain Society Annual Conference just gets bigger and better. This year over 800 delegates and industry colleagues attended the conference at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, a far cry from the 120 who attended the first conference held in conjunction with the Royal Australian College of Surgeons and Faculty of Anaesthetists back in 1979 in Surfers Paradise.

However, while delegate numbers have increased dramatically the strong content of the program has always been a constant. There have been very positive responses about this year’s conference program from the online delegate survey and from others who have written or emailed to congratulate the 2015 scientific and local organising committees on such an excellent program.

The delegate survey confirms that Pain Management is indeed managed by a multidisciplinary cohort. From those that attended 13% (each) were nurses, pain management physicians, physiotherapists, pharmacologists and industry, 7% psychologists, 6% anaesthetists, 4% rehabilitation specialists, 3.7% occupational therapists, 2.5% scientists, 2.5% students and the remaining 9.3% came from a broad spectrum of specialties such as dentistry, complementary therapy, geriatrics, musculoskeletal medicine, palliative medicine, psychiatry, rheumatology, surgery, orthopaedics, neurosurgery and more. Sadly only 1.2% were from general practice.

It was also clear that there were many newcomers and younger faces at this conference and our survey shows that 36% of delegates attended for the first time this year. The 2015 ASM was also the first time that the delegate handbook and abstract book was replaced by an electronic app and we were pleasantly surprised to see that 80% of delegates who responded to the post conference survey, took advantage of the app and were very positive about its application. The app contained electronic posters and speakers’ bios (despite some comments from a few delegates who seemed to miss this feature) and it should be noted that the app will continue to exist post conference and can be referenced into the future.

One delegate commented that he/she liked the ability to view the posters through the app and thought that next year a “People’s Choice” award for the best poster could be voted for using the app. What a good idea!
Electronic posters (along with hard copy posters) were also introduced for the first time for this conference and 48% of delegates thought that the addition of digital posters was valuable; however an overwhelming 72% did not want digital posters to replace the hard copy posters, as they felt that there was much to gain by spending time around the posters with the poster presenters. Noted!

At this conference in Brisbane the Australian Pain Society launched a book documenting the history of the Society’s first 35 years. The book, written by historian Dr. Judith Godden, covers the formation of the Australian Pain Society from the Australasian Chapter of IASP and the emergence of multidisciplinary pain management in Australia from 1980 through to today. The book was launched at the welcome reception, with the cutting of an enormous cake by Dr. Godden and the then President of the Australian Pain Society Dr. Malcolm Hogg. When delegates were asked if they thought that this had been a worthwhile project 88% responded positively.

Some of the sessions that were most highly rated were Herta Flor’s session on Brain Based Behavioural Intervention for Chronic Pain, Blake Dear’s session on Using technology to increase access to evidence-based pain management and the Bonica Lecture by Michael Nicholas Integrated multidisciplinary pain management: How’s the evidence looking? but all the international and national plenary speakers were rated very highly with most presentations showing as exceeding expectations. Well done to the Scientific Committee and a big thank you to our speakers.

It was great to see so many attend the Gala Dinner at the Brisbane City Hall and dance the night away. Comments from the survey were very positive such as:

Great social program - good networking opportunity. Had a ball at the APS Conference dinner. Music entertainment and the dancing was fabulous! Thank you to the organisers. A great night had by our whole team.

The social program is always well organised and usually a lot of fun. This year was no different and because of the organ and the beautiful domed ceiling, the venue was spectacular.
The numbers for the Gala Dinner have increased in the past three years with about 50% attending this year. It is worth noting that dinners such as this are expensive and the Society subsidises the cost by about 30% to help make it more affordable to all.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey and your comments have been noted and will be evaluated. We appreciate your feedback! Thank you also to our industry supporters; this year the exhibition was the biggest ever with more companies exhibiting and many new products and devices on display.
Looking to next year- there is one comment from the survey worth noting:

I really hope there is an organised wine tour for the Perth conference.

I think we can arrange that! and maybe a tour of the Margaret River or a side trip to Broome or the Kimberley.

**SEE YOU IN PERTH**

**13-16 MARCH 2016.**
REPORT OF 2015 ASM

With the hope of helping people in pain, the Australian Pain Society endeavours to provide a comprehensive and noteworthy Annual Scientific Meeting. This is achieved through the work of the Scientific Program Committee (SPC), the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the conference organisers, DC Conferences. We would like to draw attention to some of the noteworthy aspects of his year’s meeting.

THE 35TH BIRTHDAY

The 2015 gathering was the 35th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian Pain Society. Brisbane had the privilege of hosting this special event at the Convention and Exhibition Centre – especially significant as the first ASM was held on Queensland’s Gold Coast. The birthday was celebrated with the cutting of a cake at the Welcome Reception and the launch of the comprehensive history book, “Australian Pain Society - The First 35 Years”. This superb publication was commissioned by the Society, researched and edited by Dr Judith Godden and will be a valued addition to the personal library of members. The Society encourages all members to obtain a copy.

Please refer to our website for details: https://www.apsoc.org.au/PDF/About/_Order_Form_APS_History.pdf

This special birthday meeting saw excellent attendances from all streams of health professions including researchers and students. We saw one of the highest ever number of research posters presented, reflecting the growing appreciation of the APS ASM as a supportive forum to present pain research.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

The meeting was enhanced with a fine selection of international guests including Prof Herta Flor (Germany), Dr Mary Lynch (Canada) and Dr Frank Porreca (USA). Herta presented at two plenary sessions on “Learning and brain plasticity in chronic pain” and “Brain-based behavioral interventions for chronic pain”. We heard from Mary about the Canadian experience of cannabinoids in clinical pain management and also on the difficult topic of “The opioid wars: addressing the collateral damage”. Finally, Frank presented his research on “Brain reward motivational circuits and chronic pain” and also at the Sunderland Lecture.

NAMED LECTURES

It was again a pleasure to acknowledge our leaders through the three named lectures. Dr Frank Porreca presented the Sunderland Lecture on the topic, “Brain circuits mediating pain and its relief”. The Tess Cramond Lecture was delivered by A/Prof Luke Henderson from Sydney, the topic being “Central changes in chronic pain” that including his work using fMRI. Tess would have loved to have attended her lecture but unfortunately was unable. Another local talent, Professor Michael Nicholas, presented the topic “Integrated multidisciplinary pain management: how’s the evidence looking?” for the Bonica Lecture.
REPORT OF 2015 ASM

By Paul Gray

THE CONFERENCE APP

This was the first year that the Australian Pain Society moved from the traditional printed program to the downloaded App. As the world moves more towards the electronic format, it was time we moved as well. The native App will remain on your devices until it is removed. The App has many strengths including portability and compactness. It remains fully searchable if you are looking for a certain abstract or speaker.

PRIZE WINNERS

The APS aims to honour those people who have completed exceptional levels of research through the awards program. The Best Free Paper award went to Christine Lin for the title, “The effectiveness of rehabilitation on pain and other outcomes after ankle fracture”. Karl Bagraith was the runner-up for this award on the topic, “Impact of the ‘initiative on methods, measurement, and pain assessment in clinical trials’ (IMMPACT) recommended core outcome measures in pain research”. Best Poster award for 2015 was presented to Zaynab Alshelh. This poster was entitled, “Altered neural oscillations in neuropathic pain” and was particularly relevant given that the theme for the Global Year Against Pain 2014-15 is Neuropathic Pain. The runner-up in this category was John Cavill, “Evidence that peri-neuronal nets in the rat midbrain are involved in resilience to the disabling effects of sciatic nerve injury”. Finally, the Best Rapid Communication award went to Kasia Marciszewski for work on “Tonic Pain: A cortical representation”.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

As has been the recent tradition during the ASM, several members of the APS received Distinguished Member Awards. These awards are bestowed on members who have made a significant contribution to the world of pain and who have been strong supporters of the Society. For 2015, the awards were presented to Helen Rowe (occupational therapist), Denise Francis-King (registered nurse) and Professor Maree Smith (pharmacist and pre-clinical researcher). Well done, all!

L to R: Geoff Speldewinde (President) with Julia Fleming (for Denise Francis-King), Helen Rowe and Maree Smith
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SOCIAL PROGRAM

There were several fun social events held during the program, with the highlight being the Gala Dinner at the Brisbane City Hall – this was a wonderful night of pipe organ recitals, good food, great company and a dancing extravaganza. A great night had by all.

OTHER INNOVATIONS

The APS is always looking for ways to innovate and improve the Annual Scientific Meeting. Other innovations that were trialled in 2015 were: ‘meet the speakers’ over breakfast; expansion of the Q&A interactivity using SMS and tweets; creating a ‘chill out zone’; and E-posters. To assist in this improvement, the APS is always keen for suggestions and feedback.

THE NEXT MEETING...

Our next ASM will be hosted by Perth from the 13th to the 16th of March 2016. Again, the Scientific Program Committee is working hard in developing a great program and has carefully selected and invited the following international speakers: Prof Frank Birklein (Germany), Dr Catherine Bushnell (USA) and Prof David Yarnitsky (Israel). Please join with us for this meeting as we continue to grow the Society and help people in pain.
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Professor Eric Visser, Inaugural Churack Chair of Chronic Pain Education and Research

Wonderful for WA and the Interprofessional Pain Community Nationally and Internationally.

The University of Notre Dame, based in Fremantle, WA, announced the appointment of the inaugural Churack Chair of Chronic Pain Education and Research to Professor Eric Visser in April, 2015. The Professor will also have links with the School of Medicine, Sydney, and across all Health related Schools on both of the University’s Campuses in Fremantle and Sydney and clinical schools in NSW and Victoria.

The Churack Chair of Chronic Pain Education and Research has been made possible through the generous donation of Geoff and Moira Churack and several other major donors. More than 3.5 million Australians (including Mr Churack) suffer from the profound impact of chronic pain and the cost to the community is in excess of $34 billion.

Professor Visser was previously a consultant in pain medicine and anaesthesia at both Royal Perth and Fremantle Hospitals until 2014. He is now Head of the Pain Service at Joondalup Health Campus and also a consultant in Pain Medicine at St John of God, Subiaco. He has significant expertise in both perioperative and acute pain and chronic pain management. Professor Visser has a significant history of teaching, examination and training of Anaesthetic registrars and Fellows. He will now bring this experience to the undergraduate curriculum.

I have personally known the now, Professor Visser, for more than 20 years. He has always provided much thought and balance to the management of people with chronic pain. His clinical approaches are always at the forefront of current evidence.

Many of you would have met Eric via the Australian Pain Society since he became a member in 2005, and was the WA Director for the APS during 2006-2009. Anyone who has met Eric will have discovered that he is a forward thinker, extremely likeable, knowledgeable and approachable.

HAVE YOU HAD AN ARTICLE ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION THIS YEAR?

Reminder that we are keen that members inform us when they have publications so that this can be shared with your APS colleagues. Please send the newsletter editor (via the APS Secretariat, aps@apsoc.org.au) the title, authors and reference (i.e. the journal, volume etc.) of the article, preferably with a short explanatory note to give our readers the gist of the article, e.g. the conclusions part of the abstract; if you would like to supply a short commentary on the article, even better.

Will Howard, Editor
MEDICARE REVIEW ANNOUNCEMENT

We note this recent announcement. This may be an opportunity to lobby for a new Medicare Benefits Item numbers: firstly for allied health practitioners to provide a co-ordinated pain management program in primary care; and secondly for an improved item number for consultations by pain medicine specialists.

Medicare Review Announcement

Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley announced on 22 April 2015 three priority areas to ensure the long-term health of Medicare.

The three areas for further consideration include:

1. The establishment of a Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce led by Professor Bruce Robinson, Dean of the Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney. The MBS Review Taskforce will consider how services can be aligned with contemporary clinical evidence and improve health outcomes for patients.

2. The establishment of a Primary Health Care Advisory Group led by former Australian Medical Association President, Dr Steve Hambleton. The Advisory Group will investigate options to provide better care for people with complex and chronic illness; innovative care and funding models; better recognition and treatment of mental health conditions; and greater connection between primary health care and hospital care.

3. The Government will also work with clinical leaders, medical organisations and patient representatives to develop clearer Medicare compliance rules and benchmarks.

To read the Minister’s full media release click here.
Medicare Benefits Schedule Review requires formal representation by physiotherapists

23 April 2015—for immediate release

The Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) welcomes the Abbott Government’s move to reform the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), but warns that unless the Government acknowledges the key influence of physiotherapists in managing chronic conditions, real change could be difficult to achieve.

The Government is establishing a Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce and a Primary Health Care Advisory Group to oversee the more than 5,500 services listed under the MBS, not all of which reflect best clinical practice.

Marcus Dripps, APA National President, believes that physiotherapists need to play a formal role in these groups.

“These groups must include representatives from physiotherapy, the profession that comprises an important workforce of 27,000 registered physiotherapists who serve at the coalface of chronic illness and pain in Australia.

““In many chronic conditions, conservative physiotherapy management is best practice, and has superseded many invasive and expensive medical procedures that no longer provide evidence of clinical benefit.

“If physiotherapists do not play a greater part in advising Government, the importance of this evidence may be neglected,” Marcus Dripps said.

The APA is pleased that Health Minister, Sussan Ley, has said that each reform area would draw on a broad range of expertise and experiences to inform the process, including clinicians (GPs and specialists), consumer and patient representatives, academics, Primary Health Networks, nurses, allied health professionals, health economists and states and territories.

“The APA strongly emphasises the importance of coordination between allied health providers, medical practitioners and patients, and we are pleased that Minister Ley specified that allied health professionals will be drawn in to inform the review. The Medicare Benefits Schedule should support innovative systems and funding models that include allied health,” he said.

– ENDS –

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Clinical Psychologist and Director of Pain Education and Pain Management Programs at the Pain Management Research Institute (PMRI) University of Sydney and Royal North Shore Hospital, Professor Michael Nicholas, was awarded an honorary PhD from Örebro University in Sweden last February.

It recognises the many years of collaborative research conducted by Professor Nicholas with Professor Steven Linton and his team at the Centre for Health and Medical Psychology (CHAMP) at Örebro University.

A particular focus of their research has been on psychosocial factors and their role in the development of persisting, disabling back pain.

Many of us were privileged to hear Professor Nicholas deliver the Bonica Lecture at our recent Annual Scientific Meeting in Brisbane. Congratulations Michael!
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Frank Birglen
has been head of Perioperative Medicine and Pain Research and Treatment at the Department of Anesthesiology, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany since 2001. His research focuses on the mechanisms of neuropathic pain in particular CRPS, and on mechanisms of anesthetic nerve sparing techniques. He is the leading author of the German guidelines for CRPS. A research and practitioner, he has widely published in his research fields and has been awarded numerous scientific grants. He is named in Pentapain in the lasts years, his research concentrates on the therapeutic intervention in neuropathic pain.

M. Catherine Bashnell PhD
is Scientific Director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA. Dr Bashnell spent 12 years at the University of Montreal and 16 years on the faculty of the University of Alberta at Edmonton before returning to NIH in 2013. Among her honors are a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Pain Society and the American Pain Society's Frederick R. Jensen Research Award. The mission is to understand the brain’s role in perceiving, modulating, and managing pain, why pain produces such a broad range of pathopharmacological modulation of pain.

Professor David Yarnitsky
is the Dean of Medicine at Ramotov Health Care Campus, and Chair of the Chronic Neuropharmacology Laboratory at the Technion Faculty of Medicine, both in Haifa, Israel. He is widely published in pain pharmacology, and neuropharmacology, in health, as well as in clinical pain syndromes such as migraine, spinal cord injury, neuropathic pain, and neuropsychological modulation of pain. His recent research interests are targeted at movement of pain modulation, mainly by the POM (Poncet and Osmotic Mechanisms) mechanism, and its implementation in pain therapy.
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Celebrating the Past and Embracing the Future

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Poster and Clinical Stream / Workshop Submission Deadline
1 April 2015

Registration Opens | 2 June 2015
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The Organising Committee extends a warm invitation to all nurse practitioners and those interested in advanced nursing practice to attend the 10th Conference of the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners, to be held in Melbourne from 6-8 September 2015. The 6th Australian Emergency Nurse Practitioner Symposium will follow ACNP from 9-10 September 2015.

The conference theme Celebrating the Past and Embracing the Future, aims to consolidate past learnings and focus on new directions.

Program themes include

- Acute and emergency care
- Primary Care
- Private Practice
- Chronic Diseases
- Professional Issues
- Leadership and research

The conference provides an opportunity for delegates to come together from a wide variety of backgrounds to share information, exchange ideas and network with others.

HOW DO MIGRAINE AND OTHER HEADACHE TYPES CHANGE OVER TIME?

We are seeking volunteers with migraine or other recurrent headaches to participate in a study investigating differences between headache types. Participants will attend one assessment session, after which they will fill out an online headache diary for 6 months. The assessment comprises an interview to determine the features of headache and a series of clinical tests to be conducted by a physiotherapist to measure the mobility and muscle function of the neck, including ultrasound imaging. Testing will take a maximum of 1.5 hours and will be conducted at either the Cumberland Campus of The University of Sydney on 78 East Street, Lidcombe or in a private physiotherapy clinic in the city (Sydney Specialist Physiotherapy Centre, Level 1, 50 York St, Sydney). We are seeking participants who have access to internet using a computer or a mobile phone. Your involvement will help us better understand migraine and other headache types and make better clinical decisions in their management.

If you are interested in taking part in the study or seek further information, please contact:

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FYI

Items of interest for our members:


**ePPOC: electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration**

**IASP Curricula**
These curricula outlines are helpful for establishing teaching courses on acute, chronic and cancer pain at both the undergraduate and graduate level. [http://www.iasp-pain.org/Education/CurriculaList.aspx?navItemNumber=647](http://www.iasp-pain.org/Education/CurriculaList.aspx?navItemNumber=647)

**Pill Overkill: America’s painkiller epidemic**


**Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia**

**Fast Facts: Chronic and Cancer Pain, Third Edition**
By Michael J Cousins and Rollin M Gallagher “Succinct, clear, and current - this book fulfills its authors’ stated intent to be a timely resource that provides a concise introduction to the complex and extensive field of chronic pain for all health professionals wanting - and needing - to know more.” (As stated on p6)
Dr Will Howard, Editor of the Australian Pain Society newsletter, Fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine (ANZCA)

**Primary Health Networks (PHNs)**
28 of the 31 PHNs were announced on 13 April 2015. See the listing on our website: [http://www.apsoc.org.au/PDF/Useful_Links/Primary_Health_Network_List_at_13APR15.pdf](http://www.apsoc.org.au/PDF/Useful_Links/Primary_Health_Network_List_at_13APR15.pdf)

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**Various dates from 16 Apr-23 Oct 2015**

**Empower Rehab**  
*Pain Management in Practice 2 day workshop*  
Various venues, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney  

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**29 Apr - 2 May 2015**

**NWAC World Anesthesia Convention**  
*6th NWAC 2015*  
Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver Canada  
[http://www.nwac.org](http://www.nwac.org)

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**1 May 2015**

**Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM)**  
*Refresher Course Day - Facing Pain*  
National Wine Centre, Adelaide SA  

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**2-5 May 2015**

**Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) Annual Scientific Meeting 2015**  
*The Changing Face of Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine*  
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide SA  

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**12 May 2015**

**Australian College of Nursing - National Nurses Breakfast**  
*Nurses: A Force for Change: Care Effective. Cost Effective.*  
Your workplace, university or community centre, National  

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**14-17 May 2015**

**IASP NeuPSIG 5th International Congress on Neuropathic Pain**  
*The Path to Relief Starts with Understanding*  
Nice Acropolis Convention Centre, Nice France  
[http://neupsig.kenes.com](http://neupsig.kenes.com)

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**16 May 2015**

**EndoActive Australia & NZ**  
*1st EndoActive National Endometriosis Conference 2015*  
Charles Perkins Centre, University of Sydney, Camperdown, Sydney NSW  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

24-27 May 2015
National Rural Health Alliance 13th National Rural Health Conference
People, Places, Possibilities
Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin NT
http://ruralhealth.org.au/13nrhc/

30 May 2015
International Society for Medical Laser Applications
Seminar
Mercure Hotel, Sydney NSW

31 May - 4 Jun 2015
IASP Pain in Childhood SIG and Seattle Children’s Hospital Research Foundation
10th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain
Sheraton, Seattle Washington USA
http://www.ispp2015.com

3-4 Jun 2015
WIP Benelux 2015
6th International Evidence-based Interventional Pain Medicine Symposium
Crowne Plaza Maastricht, Maastricht The Netherlands
http://www.wipbenelux.org/r/wip-benelux

6-11 Jun 2015
INS International Neuromodulation Society 12th World Congress
Neuromodulation - Medicine Evolving Through Technology
Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal Quebec, Canada
http://www.neuromodulation.com/ins-congress

16-18 Jun 2015
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
2015 NACCHO Health Summit
Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gold Coast QLD

26-27 Jun 2015
Arthritis & Osteoporosis WA
Making Sense of Pain - a workshop for Health Professionals
Wylie Arthritis Centre, Perth WA
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1-3 Jul 2015
Occupational Therapy Australia
Changes, Challenges, Choices
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne VIC

13-14 Aug 2015
Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia - DANA
Many Faces of Addiction Forum 2015
Novotel Sydney Central, Sydney NSW
http://danaconference.com.au

6-10 Sep 2015
Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) 10th Conference & 6th Australian Emergency Nurse Practitioner Symposium
Celebrating the past and embracing the future
Pullman, Albert Park, Melbourne VIC

10-11 Sep 2015
Australian Disease Management Association (ADMA) 11th Annual National Conference
Count me in: Partnerships in chronic care
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane QLD

21-23 Sep 2015
Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)
GP15
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne VIC
http://racgpconference.com.au

28 Sep - 2 Oct 2015
Australian Psychological Society 2015 Annual Conference
50th Anniversary Conference
Gold Coast, Gold Coast QLD
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8-18 Feb 2016
University of Sydney - Sydney Medical School - Pain Management Research Institute
Pain Management Multidisciplinary Workshop 2016
Kolling Building, Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, Sydney NSW

13-16 Mar 2016
Australian Pain Society 36th Annual Scientific Meeting
Pain: Meeting the Challenge
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth WA
VISION:
All people will have timely recognition, prevention and management of pain across their lifespan.

MISSION:
The Australian Pain Society is a multidisciplinary body aiming to relieve pain and related suffering through leadership in clinical practice, education, research and public advocacy.

AIMS:
- To promote the provision of healthcare services for pain management
- To promote equity of access to pain management services
- To actively engage with key stakeholders and contribute to their activities
- To provide a contemporary forum to discuss issues relating to pain research and treatment
- To foster and support a broad spectrum of pain-related research
- To share and promote the expertise of all disciplines involved in the treatment of pain
- To promote the formulation and use of Evidence Based Guidelines as they relate to pain
- To foster and support the prevention of persistent pain
- To promote and facilitate pain related education for health professionals and the community
- To promote the development and use of standards and outcome measures in everyday clinical practice
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