Dear colleagues,

After ten years as editor of the newsletter, I have retired from this role and Stephanie Davies is the new editor. (You may have noticed that Stephanie was in fact the editor of the last two issues while I was on leave.) I am very pleased that Stephanie with her considerable experience, energy, wide reading, and many contacts will be serving the APS as editor.

I will continue to be active with the Board in my other roles as Secretary of the APS and working on two of the Board’s sub-committees – the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Committee, and the Communications Committee.

It has been very satisfying to me to have been editor of the newsletter which has brought me into contact with many of our members and greatly widened my awareness of the many activities of our membership. In particular, as editor, I have participated in the workings of the APS Board which accomplishes so much for this society. I thank all those who have submitted articles for the newsletter during my tenure. Special thanks to the redoubtable Tracy Hallen who provided endless assistance.

Best wishes,
Will Howard
WHY COME TO PERTH FOR THE 36TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE?

By Helen Slater,
Local Organising Committee Convenor

The 36th Annual Scientific Conference takes place 13th to 16th March 2016 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Western Australia.

The scientific program provides an excellent multidimensional balance between basic and clinical pain research: you’ll be dipping into an overview of the current best pain science from leading keynote speakers with a strong translational focus that will appeal to clinicians.

International pain heavy weights taking the trip down under to share the latest best pain science with us include four high level keynote speakers:

- **Professor Frank Birklein** (painful neuropathies and CRPS)
- **Dr Petra Schweinhardt** (Pain and the reward circuitry; brain grey matter alterations in chronic pain)
- **Professor Barry Sessle** (orofacial pain mechanisms & their clinical correlates)
- **Professor David Yarnitsky** (Pain modulation; EEG in pain research).

There is also a suite of engaging national speakers, covering diverse topics:

- **Dianne Crellin** – Procedural pain assessment in infants and young children
- **Ben Wand** – Chronic low back pain: A problem of perception?
- **A/Professor Andrew Briggs & A/Professor Helen Slater** – Moving from evidence to policy and practice: Developing, implementing and evaluating models of care with a focus on musculoskeletal pain conditions
- **Professor Rainer Haberberger** – Sphingosine 1-phosphate & nociceptive signalling
- **Dr Chris Vaughan** – The potential and pitfalls of cannabinoids for the treatment of neuropathic pain
- **Dr Roger Goucke** – Pain in low and middle-income countries: An aid dilemma?
- **Dr Verity Pacey** – Generalised joint hypermobility and chronic pain

There will be good networking opportunities within the exhibition hall including the sponsored breakfast and afternoon sessions supported by Indivior, Mundipharma, iX Biopharma, bioCSL and Pfizer.

It will be a hard choice for selecting your topical workshops, so get in early!

**Session 1** gives you a good sense of high level workshop options:

- Sensorimotor dysfunction in musculoskeletal pain: Novel perspectives from mechanisms to treatments
- Cost-effectiveness 101: A how to guide to cost-effectiveness research
- Pelvic Pain: Inside and out
- From Cells to circuit to patients: The ‘reclining’ nucleus in chronic pain
- Stick it to them! Practical peripheral nerve blocks for chronic pain using ultrasound and fluoroscopy
- Addressing adolescent pain at a population health level

**Session 2** covers Mindfulness, yoga and beyond; Complex pain issues in young children and adolescents; Head and orofacial pain; Understanding the social context of chronic pain and its management; Reassurance: A powerful tool to manage low back pain; Pain Management Programs: evidence and how to measure efficacy.

**Session 3** is worth waiting for and includes topical workshops on: How complex and regional is CRPS; Practical solutions for complex musculoskeletal problems in the workers compensation setting; Understanding the black box that is pain; Non-psychologist delivered psychosocial intervention for musculoskeletal pain; Opioid medication reduction strategies for chronic non-cancer pain; Mitigating the tyranny of distance: the use of digital technologies to lever the delivery of effective adult and paediatric pain management services in Australia.

All that high level research and workshopping is going to require some serious socialising.

The social program is designed to get you outside enjoying the benefits of the Perth climate. Let the sand get between your toes and dip your feet in the Indian Ocean at the iconic Cottesloe Beach as you eye off the “Sculpture By The Sea” at sunset or retire to Little Creatures Brewery to share a vino or local brewed palate cleansing ale on the...
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Water’s edge in Fremantle. The welcome reception on-site on Sunday makes for an easy catch up with colleagues you might not have seen since Brisbane in March 2015. The gala dinner is at the über cool Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on the banks of the Swan River, with plenty of time set aside for dancing!

Lastly, why not plan to see more of Perth than just the Convention Centre by indulging in some pre or post conference touring? Options include a day trip to Rottnest, a short 1-2 day trip to the wine region of the Margaret River or a 3 day pre/post conference trip up North to Broome and Cable Beach. Explore Western Australia before or after APS 2016 and experience it for yourself!

We look forward to welcoming you to Perth in March next year for the best APS conference yet!

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INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Frank Birklein
Professor Frank Birklein has been head of Peripheral Nerve Disorders and Pain Research and Treatment at the Department of Neurology, University Medical Centre Mainz, Germany since 2001.

Dr Petra Schweinhardt
Dr Petra Schweinhardt is an Associate Professor and full time researcher in the Faculty of Dentistry and Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Faculty of Medicine at McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Dr Barry Sessle
Dr Barry Sessle has been Professor in the University of Toronto Faculties of Dentistry and Medicine since 1976.

Professor David Yarnitsky
Professor David Yarnitsky is Chair of Neurology at Rambam Health Care Campus, and of the Clinical Neurophysiology Laboratory, Technion Faculty of Medicine, both in Haifa, Israel.
## SCHOLARSHIP FEATURE

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The Australian Physiotherapy Conference (Connect 15) on the Gold Coast, Oct 2–6, provided an impressive range of pain content. This was directly related to the formation of the APA Pain Network special interest group only last year, and in no small part due to Anne Daly being the conference Convenor.

This year saw a half-day Pain Network pre-conference workshop, which had been the vision of National Chair, Lester Jones, who also coordinated much of its organisation. Jenny Setchell and David Nicholls commenced this workshop challenging attendees to think about the difference between complicated and complex pain presentations. In this way, clinicians were asked to reflect on assessment of difficult pain conditions, identifying ways in which an inflated focus on solutions can ‘kill the moment’ of the patient-practitioner interaction. The challenge of sitting with the uncertainty of diagnosis was highlighted with a beautiful analogy of Al Pacino’s blind character dancing the Tango (Scent of a Woman). Also in the workshop, Peter Roberts presented some novel approaches to assessment and treatment of physiotherapy including strategies for psychologically informed practice, the application of 2 point discrimination and motivational interviewing.

Apart from this workshop, there were numerous other pain-related sessions throughout the conference. In a conference of very few plenary lectures, it was delightful to have a full session with Professor Phil Siddall, Dr Blake Dear and Dr Jo Nijs (proudly sponsored by the Australian Pain Society), presenting different aspects of pain science and clinical practice, impressing on the audience the challenge of applying the research findings clinically. The conclusion of this session was a time of Q and A chaired by Professor Lorimer Moseley, who delightfully challenged the speakers and tantalised the audience on a journey through correct pain terminology, true interdisciplinary care and whether we have lost the “bio” in biopsychosocial.

Topical sessions covered many spheres of pain management. Assessment and epidemiology of pain, together with the ongoing discussion of determining subgroups of patients who respond to individual treatment regimes, were evident throughout the conference. In such a conference, there might have been a temptation to only include clinical management approaches to pain management. However, the conference also presented some basic and clinical science research, thus highlighting the need to have clinical practice well-grounded in the full spectrum of research.

The APA conference has never had so much to attract Physiotherapists who have a special interest in Pain. All attendees gained insight into the complex and multi-faceted nature of pain. The organisers should be congratulated for including this content, and Physiotherapists should look forward to more of the same in Sydney in 2 years.
Thanks to APS member Linda McAuliffe and her colleagues who have shared the following recent publication:

**PAIN IN OLDER ADULTS: DEVELOPMENT OF A TOOL FOR MEASURING KNOWLEDGE OF RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE STAFF**

Deirdre Fetherstonhaugh, Virginia Lewis, Linda McAuliffe and Michael Bauer

**Article first published online:** 2 OCT 2015
**International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry,**
DOI: 10.1002/gps.436

**Context**
The prevalence of pain in older people is high, especially for older people living in residential aged care facilities. Despite this, there is a substantial body of research that indicates that pain is under-recognised, under-assessed, and under-treated in older people, especially older people living with dementia. Lack of pain recognition and lack of staff education have been identified as key factors impeding successful assessment of pain in this population. Ensuring residential aged care staff have the knowledge and skills required to recognise pain is necessary to improve practice in this area. Our research team set out to develop a tool for measuring residential aged care staff knowledge of pain in older people (including older people with dementia) that may inform the design and evaluation of staff education interventions.

**ABSTRACT**

**Objective**
To develop a psychometrically sound tool for measuring the knowledge of nursing and care staff about the experience, assessment and management of pain in older people (including people with dementia) for use in the residential aged care setting.

**Methods**
The Pain in Older Adults Knowledge Survey (POAKS) was developed and tested in two phases. Phase 1 involved developing an initial item pool with good content validity based on a review of the research literature and a modified Delphi technique involving national and international experts. A pool of 24 items was developed for testing. Initial testing of the psychometric properties of the POAKS with 30 university employees led to refinement and final wording of items. Phase 2 involved testing of the psychometric properties of the POAKS with 279 respondents, including first year (n = 176) and third year (n = 70) nursing students and staff in a residential aged care service (n = 33).

**Results**
Results established the content validity and internal consistency of the POAKS and supported its use as an instrument to measure nursing staff knowledge about the experience, assessment and management of pain in older people.

**Conclusions**
The POAKS will enable residential aged care facilities to measure the level of knowledge among nursing and care staff about pain in older people (including people with dementia). The measure provides a basis for the development and implementation of educational interventions to address knowledge gaps that may impact on the quality of care provided.

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**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.

*Stephanie Davies, Editor*
Thank you also to APS member Olly Zekry and her colleague CA Inderjeeth who have shared the following Letter to the Editor of Drugs & Aging:

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

**COMMENT ON “PAIN IN THE FRAIL OR ELDERLY PATIENT: DOES TAPENTADOL HAVE A ROLE?”**

*Article first published online:* 7 OCT 2015  
*Drugs & Aging October 2015,* Volume 32, Issue 10 pp 871-873  
*DOI:* 10.1007/s40266-015-0313-6  

**Editor’s Note by Stephanie Davies**

I found this letter highly informative and useful as it provided points of difference between opioids, with specific relevance to the elder patient.

Their letter highlights some differences between opioids, and again, future research on the differences between opioids, those having less impact on the gonadal axis producing hypogonadotrophic hypogonadism plus decreased adrenal androgen production in most men and women chronically consuming sustained-action opioids (the only exception is buprenorphine), called opioid associated androgen deficiency (OPIAD). Also, the clinical relevance of opioid-induced immunosuppression, which is known to occur with all mu-opioids, except buprenorphine, and the impact of Tapentadol is as yet unknown.

They also make the point that “Most previous studies of opioids have been fairly similar in terms of having small numbers, being mainly open-label, limited studies with placebo control, and have generally been compared with active comparators”. This is disturbing given the frequency of medical prescribing of opioids and opioid-related negative consequences, and whilst we can’t change the past, we should be able to influence current and future research.

**SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER**

We welcome submissions, whether brief or extended, about matters of interest to our readers - for example, reports of educational activities or articles about basic science or clinical research. Please allow time for modifications to be made to optimise a submission’s suitability for publication. In general it will be unlikely that a submission received after the 15th of each month will be published in the newsletter of the following month.

*Stephanie Davies, Editor*
The ACI has been working in partnership with multicultural managers and workers in NSW to examine the context of the pain experience from four different cultural perspectives. A series of focus groups have been held and a preliminary report completed.

The four cultural groups are Arabic, Greek, Chinese and Vietnamese. Some translated resources endorsed and validated by the process are now available on the ACI website. These include the Pain Toolkit (developed by Pete Moore in the UK) and the Understanding pain in less than 5 minutes videos now available in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Arabic and Greek.

Work will continue in this area to develop other pain management material including fact sheets and pain programmes to be delivered in the community environment over the next 12 months.

New materials will be loaded as they are developed and endorsed by the cultural communities.

These and other multicultural materials can also be accessed from the Australian Pain Society website.

This article can be shared via the APS Blog.
MEDIA RELEASE
APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER FOR AGED CARE

THE HON SUSSAN LEY MP
Minister for Health
Minister for Aged Care
Minister for Sport

MEDIA STATEMENT

30 September 2015

Appointment as Minister for Aged Care

Never has there been a more exciting time to live in Australia. We are living longer, more productive lives.

Currently 3.7 million Australians are aged over 65 with the number expected to balloon to 4.6 million in just 20 years.

Parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends – we all have someone near and dear to us who are in this age group and we all want to ensure they receive the support and care they need and in fact deserve.

What better time to embrace our older generations, the services and care they receive now and will receive over the coming generations.

That’s why I proactively put my hand up to bring responsibility for aged care back to health and give it a seat at the Cabinet table.

While some see our ageing population as a burden on the health system or a burden on society, I have always supported and celebrated that we are living healthier and, for the most part, happier lives.

Aged care is more than just residential aged care homes or facilities – after all only one in 11 Australians aged over 70 actually receive permanent residential care.

Studies have shown people are most comfortable when they can spend as long as possible in their own homes and communities. That is something we should always strive for and I’m determined to ensure older Australians continue to have this opportunity.

I believe that we can support older Australians – and indeed their carers – better. A key factor in this support is how our aged care services integrate and complement our health services.

Bringing the aged care portfolio to sit alongside the Ministries of Health and Sport will complement our integrated health system. We know aged care plays an important role in the overall health system and this move will benefit all Australians, particularly those over the age of 65.

During my consultations over the past nine months as Health Minister I have been speaking with health professionals, touring innovative medical facilities and listening to the concerns of patients.

One of the key themes that has been highlighted right through these consultations has been the connection between health and aged care.

I have visited many facilities and have been impressed with many of the innovative models of care I have seen – especially those that link primary care with residential care.
The clinician and consumer-led Primary Health Care Advisory Group has been established to review primary health care services to ensure that patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time, keeping patients out of hospital longer.

This advisory group – which is due to report back to me by the end of the year – will make a number of recommendations about the out-of-hospital care of all Australians with aged care playing an important role.

We need to ensure that not only does our aged care sector support the needs of those currently accessing services – it must be ready for the next generation of Australians.

The platform has been set with a number of important reforms commenced under Minister Fifield. I now look forward to progressing those reforms and making them a reality for millions of Australians.

The challenges are great, but the opportunities greater.

As a Minister with a strong record of consultation, I look forward to working with the aged care sector, to hear their thoughts, ideas and aspirations.

I look forward to working with the Hon Ken Wyatt MP who in his role as Assistant Minister will work with me with a specific focus on Aged Care and The Hon Fiona Nash as Minister for Rural Health.

We are living longer, participating in the work force longer and older Australians – more so than ever – are living out their senior years with energy and enthusiasm.

Now that’s something to celebrate.

ENDS

Media Contact: James Murphy 0478 333 974
REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

Early bird rates close 29 January 2016.

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

DISCIPLINE SUB GROUP FORUMS
RESEARCH STUDY

Specialists from PainMedSA, an Adelaide Specialist medical practice, are conducting a research study that will observe whether a new type of implantable electrical stimulation can influence pain in long-term back pain patients. We are looking for candidates who are 18-65 years of age with back pain that has persisted for more than 3 months and have not had lasting success from other treatments.

Please call the Research Study Co-ordinator on 0459 317 521 or email: research@painmedsa.com

Chief Investigator: Dr Matthew Green

Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committee have approved the conduct of this study.
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ACUTE PAIN DAY PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

This workshop is aimed at anyone with an interest in acute pain management.

**When:** Sunday 13 March 2016, 8.45 am – 5.00 pm  
**Where:** Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA  
**Cost:** $165 per person  
**Early Bird Deadline:** 29 January 2016

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PAIN PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

This workshop will equip participants with the basic knowledge of pain neurobiology, psychology and therapeutic agents, using an interactive case study and multimedia. This workshop is aimed at all allied health and general practitioners, or anyone wishing to update their knowledge on the pathophysiology and treatment of pain.

**When:** Sunday 13 March 2016, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm  
**Where:** Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA  
**Cost:** $165 per person  
**Early Bird Deadline:** 29 January 2016

This meeting continues to explore the diversifying science and therapeutic applications of neuromodulation in pain and other applications

**When:** 12 – 13 March 2016  
**Where:** Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Western Australia  

To register or for further information please visit,  

THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- An exciting and enticing group of international and local invited speakers
- Presentations on recent landmark research, including recent pivotal studies from the US that are evolving the quality of evidence in this space
- A special interest session for pain trainees and novice implanters
- A nursing and allied health breakout session
- A focus session on sacral stimulation
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PHYSIOTHERAPY IN PAIN MANAGEMENT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Fear, Pain and Movement
What it looks like, the underlying basis of it, how we measure it and practical strategies to address it in clinical practice...
This workshop is for physiotherapists, and will explore the issue of fear avoidance as seen in a range of clinical situations. The construct of fear avoidance will be discussed, and then attendees will have the opportunity to explore specific approaches for managing fear avoidance in a clinical setting.

When: Sunday 13 March 2016, 1.30 pm – 5.00 pm
Where: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA
Cost: $110 per person
Early Bird Deadline: 29 January 2016

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PHARMACOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT IN PAIN PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The aim of the Pharmacological Management in Pain half-day workshop is to make a significant contribution to the optimisation of pain treatment by bringing experts together to discuss the latest scientific findings within the pain management clinical pharmacology field.
The target audience for this workshop consists of clinical pharmacologists, pharmacists, industry researchers, pain specialists, paediatricians, clinical nurse consultants, government representatives and other experts with an interest in clinical pharmacology.

When: Sunday 13 March 2016, 8.30 am – 12.30 pm
Where: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA
Cost: $110 per person
Early Bird Deadline: 29 January 2016

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PAIN IN CHILDHOOD PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

This workshop is intended for clinicians from all disciplines with an interest in pain in childhood.

When: Sunday 13 March 2016, 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Where: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA
Cost: $110 per person
Early Bird Deadline: 29 January 2016
Call for papers opens
Tuesday 6 October 2015

Abstract submission deadline
Friday 8 January 2016

Registration opens
Monday 9 November 2015

Early bird deadline
Thursday 3 March 2016

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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)

Primary Health Networks (PHNs)
Full list of the 31 PHNs with contact details on our website: [http://www.apsoc.org.au/PDF/Useful_Links/20150701_PHN_Contact_Details_List.pdf](http://www.apsoc.org.au/PDF/Useful_Links/20150701_PHN_Contact_Details_List.pdf)

British Pain Society Professional Publications
Updated every 3 years, PDFs available for download: [https://www.britishpainsociety.org/british-pain-society-publications/professional-publications/](https://www.britishpainsociety.org/british-pain-society-publications/professional-publications/)

Pharmacotherapy for neuropathic pain in adults: a systematic review and meta-analysis
Abstract of the January 2015 update prepared by the IASP NeuPSIG: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laneur/article/PIIS1474-4422%2814%2970251-0/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laneur/article/PIIS1474-4422%2814%2970251-0/abstract)

Indigenous health education and guides

NSW Therapeutic Advisory Group

Medical Journal of Australia - Research

Four Corners

SMH National

NPS MEDICINEWISE RESOURCES


Managing chronic pain videos with Dr Malcolm Hogg:  

Choosing Wisely Update, Spring 2015:  
http://www.elabs12.com/functions/message_view.html?mid=908725&mclid=20420&siteid=2012000746&uid=3e29b7747d&hq_e=el&hq_m=908725&hq_l=1&hq_v=3e29b7747d

NSW AGENCY FOR CLINICAL INNOVATION RESOURCES:

A Framework for working effectively with Aboriginal people, NOV13:  

Pain Management Network Multicultural report 2015:  

Brainman and Pain Tool Kit translations, SEP15:  
POSITIONS VACANT

REGISTRAR PAIN MEDICINE

PERSISTENT PAIN SERVICE, TASMANIA

Job Reference: 521705
Employment Status: 12 months Full Time from FEB16
Hours per week: 40
Contact: Dr Hilton Francis (T: 03 6166 2645; E: hilton.francis@ths.tas.gov.au)
Applications Close: 06 November 2015

Persistent Pain Service, Hobart, has an exciting opportunity for a Registrar in Pain Medicine, Medical Practitioners Level 5-13 (Registrars), to join our Multidisciplinary Pain Service. The Pain Service is a small but dynamic team serving a university teaching hospital with a proud tradition of delivering high quality care. The position is Fixed Term Full Time for a 12 month period.

Closing date for applications Friday 6th November 2015.

Please direct enquiries to Dr Hilton Francis, Director Persistent Pain Service, hilton.francis@ths.tas.gov.au

Further details on the position can be found at www.jobs.tas.gov.au until 28 October 2015. Contact Dr Hilton Francis directly after then.

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Thank you for your continued support and membership of the APS.

Please note:

1. We understand that circumstances change, so each year we ask you to select your appropriate level of membership.

2. This system of self-reporting subscription levels was implemented in 2009 for the benefit and fairness of all members.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15 Nov 2015
Ride for Pain
2015 Ride for Pain
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rideforpain@unisa.edu.au

25-27 Nov 2015
Australian Injury Prevention Network 12th Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference
Impact and Innovation: Preventing Injury in a Changing World
University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW

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

Various dates from 9 Feb-8 Mar 2016
Byron Clinic - Dr Marsha Linehan
Development & Application of Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT): Practical Strategies for Practical Therapists
Various venues, Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, VIC, QLD, NSW

13-16 Mar 2016
Australian Pain Society 36th Annual Scientific Meeting
Pain: Meeting the Challenge
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth, WA

Various dates from 14-22 Mar 2016
Byron Clinic - Dr Bessel van der Kolk
Recognising & Resolving Traumatic Stress
Various venues, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane. NSW, VIC, QLD
http://byronclinic.com/bessel-van-der-kolk-trauma-workshops-2016/
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**4 Apr 2016**  
**PainAdelaide**  
*2016 Scientific Meeting*  
National Wine Centre, Adelaide, SA  
painadelaide@unisa.edu.au

**7-9 Apr 2016**  
**New Zealand Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting**  
*Surfing the Pain Wave*  
The Devon Hotel, New Plymouth, New Zealand  
http://www.nzps2016.org.nz

**17-19 Apr 2016**  
**Children’s Healthcare Australasia & National Rural Health Alliance Inc**  
*Caring for Country Kids*  
Alice Springs Convention Centre, Alice Springs, NT  
http://www.countrykids.org.au

**29 Apr 2016**  
**Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM)**  
*Refresher Course Day - Extremes of Pain*  
Crowne Plaza, Auckland, New Zealand  
http://www.fpm.anzca.edu.au/events/2016-refresher-course-day

**30 Apr-4 May 2016**  
**Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) Annual Scientific Meeting 2016**  
*Closer to the Edge*  
Aotea Centre, Auckland, New Zealand  
http://asm.anzca.edu.au

**Various dates from 5-17 May 2016**  
**Byron Clinic – Dr Norman Doidge**  
*The Brain’s Way of Healing*  
Various venues, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, QLD, NSW, VIC  
http://byronclinic.com/norman-doidge-2016/
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

20-23 May 2016
World Institute of Pain (WIP)
8th World Congress
Hilton NYC, New York, USA
http://wip2016.kenes.com

26-29 May 2016
Korean Pain Society
1st International Congress on Spinal Pain - ICSP 2016
Kimdaejung Convention Center, Gwangiu, Korea
http://www.spinemeeting.org

22-25 Jun 2016
Australian Association for Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy (AACBT)
8th World Congress of Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, VIC

6-7 Aug 2016
PCS 2nd Annual Global Pain Conference 2016
New Gateway from East to West
Radisson Blu Hotel, Moscow, Russia

18-21 Aug 2016
Asian and Oceanian Association of Neurology: 15th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Neurology
Advanced Education in Neurology in Asian Oceania Region
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
http://aocn2016.com

26-30 Sep 2016
International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP)
16th World Congress on Pain
Pacífico Yokohama Convention Complex, Yokohama, Japan
http://www.iasp-pain.org/Yokohama
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6-9 Jul 2017
IASP Pain in Childhood SIG, Malaysian Association for the Study of Pain and College of Anaesthesiologists
11th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain: Understanding Pain In Children – Take the First Step
TBA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
http://www.ispp2017.org

VISION:
All people will have optimal access to pain prevention and management throughout their life.

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

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 pain-related evidenced-based research
• To share and promote the expertise of all disciplines involved in the treatment of pain
• To foster and support the prevention of persistent pain
• To promote and facilitate evidenced-based 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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