Editor’s Note

It is amazing to see the growth of members – we now have over 850 voices across 35 health care professions contributing to the growth and direction of the Australian Pain Society. It would be a good time to ask your colleagues, perhaps forwarding the pdf of this newsletter, or previous versions, to invite them to join the Australian Pain Society, to add more candles to the flame to help glow brighter, to enable the visibility of people in pain across multiple platforms.

An example of directly aiming to lobby politicians and policy makers is the campaign by Painaustralia, “Why are we condemning our kids to a lifetime of pain?” which the APS fully supports. Members and readers of this newsletter please click through the links in the e-newsletter to register your support (this takes less than 2 minutes), a bit more if you share this petition via Facebook, well worth the time.

Christin Bird, our co-editor, has done a comprehensive review of a book that expands on our knowledge of Migraine.

Stephen Gibson is a distinguished member recognised in 2016. His many achievements, academic and personal, are summarised in this newsletter. He is a truly quiet achiever in all aspects of his career and I am sure he will be sorely missed as he retires from the National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) to travel in new directions, possibly taking his smile and wisdom across international waters to new horizons.

For all those interested in basic research, topical sessions, and free paper and poster abstract presentations, please note the deadlines as published in this newsletter. We welcome the breath of input from all members. Deadlines start 19th August 2016. Expressions of Interest for Travel Grants and Rising Star Applications are also open.

So many conferences, so little time. Spanning with the 2017 APS Adelaide conference, then spread between New Zealand and Yangon, Myanmar, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2017, over the next 18 months.

Stephanie Davies
Editor
Dear Members,

We are pleased to share our strength in numbers. We recently reached 850 current members and continue to grow.

Please encourage your colleagues to join the APS as we are aiming for 1,000 members!

Geoffrey Speldewinde, President
Trudy Maunsell, Chair - Membership Committee

Summary APS Members at 05 July 2016

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ANNOUNCING THE NEW
APS/APRA/SEQIRUS #1
PHD SCHOLAR

We are pleased to announce our newest PhD Scholar, Sherelle Casey.

Sherelle was recently awarded the APS/APRA/Seqirus #1 PhD Scholarship and commences her studies in August 2016.

Sherelle’s research topic is “Cannabinoids for neuropathic pain” and Dr Christopher Vaughan will supervise her.

Following completion of her secondary schooling in 2008, Sherelle moved from Sydney to Adelaide to pursue her dream of becoming a veterinarian. She spent 6 years in Adelaide and graduated from the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Science (pre-veterinary) in 2011 and with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 2014. During her veterinary studies, she had a knee surgery that resulted in her developing chronic neuropathic pain. Consequently, she has a firsthand knowledge of the limited diagnostic and therapeutic options that are currently available for neuropathic pain. This has resulted in her developing a strong interest in new and improved therapeutic options for chronic pain and was the driving force behind her decision to pursue a career in medical research. To achieve this Sherelle commenced a Master of Philosophy with the University of Sydney’s Pain Management Research Institute in 2015, and has now transferred to Doctor of Philosophy. Her research during her Masters, which will be continued through her PhD, focusses on use of the constituents of cannabis (phytocannabinoids) for chronic neuropathic pain. To date, she has been examining the active ingredients of Sativex, D9-tertahydrocannabinol (THC) and Cannabidiol (CBD), in animal models to determine whether there is scientific basis behind the use of this combination. Sherelle will also examine whether other phytocannabinoids are effective against neuropathic pain. She will finally examine the effects of these compounds at a cellular level to determine ionic targets. During her free time, Sherelle enjoys spending time with her family including her dog, catching up with friends, reading, and colouring.
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Topical Sessions
19 August 2016
Free Papers & Posters
21 October 2016
Early Bird Registration
24 February 2017

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Stephen Hunt
Dr Sean Mackey
Dr Judith Turner

PLUS

- Pre-Conference Workshops
- Extensive Industry Exhibition
- Discipline Sub Group Meetings
- Welcome Reception
- Conference Gala Dinner

has been Professor of Molecular Neuroscience at University College since 1998. Before that he was with the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge where he pioneered research into the rapid neuronal gene expression that promotes chronic pain states. He has worked extensively on the molecular neurobiology of pain and addiction and gave the Pat Wall Lecture at the British Pain Society in 2016.

is Chief of Pain Medicine, Redlich Professor of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine, Neurosciences and Neurology, and Director of the Systems Neuroscience and Pain Laboratory at Stanford University. He is also Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Pain Medicine, has authored 200+ journal articles, book chapters, abstracts and has delivered numerous national & international lectures.

is Professor of Psychiatry/Behavioral Sciences and Rehabilitation Medicine at University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, has worked in its Multidisciplinary Pain Center since 1980 and is IASP President 2016-18. Current research interests include chronic opioid therapy, predictors and mediators of pain treatment outcomes, and randomized trials of cognitive-behavioral therapy for chronic pain.

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.

Christin Bird, Co-Editor
Support the #campaignforpain

Why are we condemning our kids to a lifetime of pain?

Painaustralia has launched a major advocacy and awareness initiative #campaignforpain.

With a focus on the plight of children, the campaign calls on the Australian Government to lead a whole-of-community approach to address chronic pain—Australia’s most neglected health problem—and to implement the National Pain Strategy.

As a supporter of people in pain, please sign and share the #campaignforpain today.

We ask the Federal Government to:
- Lead a community-wide campaign to raise awareness and remove the stigma of chronic pain
- Provide Medicare support for a Chronic Pain Care Plan for delivery by accredited practitioners
- Support provision of group education programs to give people the knowledge they need to self-manage pain

SCHOLARSHIP FEATURE

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“Migraine is the third most common illness in the world, one that is a complex neurological disorder characterised by clinical features that may overlap with over 300 various causes of headache.”

Dodick and Silberstein have compiled a comprehensive, logically compiled and holistic practical guide for all practitioners looking after patients with migraines, whether this may be as trainees, practicing or expert neurologists. The book is an excellent first read into the subject and may quickly become a trusted reference tool further down the track.

The authors describe the symptoms and diagnosis, classification of migraine, followed by in-depth scientific analysis of genetics and migraine. Although the latter may be more suitable to those with a specialist interest in the subject. Following this, less common migraine subtypes are discussed which complete the first three chapters.

The following chapters provide an excellent insight into migraine comorbidity and pathogenesis. Migraine comorbidity is important to consider as co-existing diseases may complicate diagnosis secondary to a presentation of symptoms that may fit several disorders. Migraine symptoms may be explained by stroke, mood changes, epilepsy or cardiovascular disease. The authors alert to the fact that the “presence of migraines should increase, not reduce the suspicion that other disorders may be present”. What follows is a comprehensive and well referenced description of other disorders in relation to migraine.

Treatments, including non pharmacological therapies are discussed in chapters six and seven, moving to preventive measures in the following chapter. Treatment is viewed in a holistic way, incorporating psychological treatment paradigms, such as cognitive behavioral therapy, relaxation training and mindfulness. Studies into novel interventions utilising technology in healthcare via internet and mass media use, alternative treatments are highlighted and study results discussed.

The proceeding chapters discuss acute migraine, treatment and guidelines for treatment. The authors offer extensive exploration of treatment approaches and discuss preventative treatment as an important part of treating acute migraines, with an aim to prevent chronic migraine. Chronic migraine is discussed in chapter 9, classified by length, frequency and other observations. Several publications relating to classification are discussed in this chapter, offering comprehensive review of the literature. As in previous chapters causes and treatment are described extensively and presented in a logical style. A chapter on Neuromodulation offers additional information of treatments available, providing a broad review of treatment options to date. Lastly, hormonal factors in relation to migraine are examined. The connection between menstrual cycle and incidence of migraines is reviewed, acute and preventative treatment, as well as the correlation between migraine and hormonal contraceptive use.

In summary, this fully updated third edition of the textbook, written by two well published experts in their field, Dodick and Silberstein, is an excellent read not only for neurologists, but all clinicians that may come in contact with migraine sufferers. It may serve as a useful introduction, one can return to time and time again, when looking for further understanding of the condition, making it an excellent resource for trainees, as well as experienced clinicians in the field.
Past APS President and Distinguished APS Member, Prof Stephen Gibson’s farewell event was held National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) on the 28th of June, 2016, after 31 years of service.

He was joined by more than 30 people at the farewell event at NARI, many of whom have been colleagues, as well as friends, during his time at NARI. Nearly all photos of Stephen show his quiet smile, with his level good sense of humor, and tolerance, always beaming out. This includes the photos from his farewell from NARI. The farewell event was held in the NARI seminar room. Stephen and his wife Lesley, with many staff from NARI, and also Benny Katz, Robert Helme, Malcolm Hogg, Jenny Schwartz, Mark Bradbeer, Hua Yong, Francis Kung, Zhen Zheng, Stephen McKenzie and Michael Farrell. The event went well, with several speeches, including those from Debra O’Connor, Bruce Barber, Benny Katz and Malcolm Hogg. Stephen said that “It has been a wonderful journey and I believe that our collective efforts have led to many major improvements in the day to day lives of older people, both in Australia and on the world stage. With an ageing population, the abundant skills and expertise at NARI are needed more now than ever before and I look forward to my continued involvement in its success as an honorary fellow.” Stephen said during his speech that he had overseas trips each month until the end of the year and was considering a few job offers (amongst which one is in the UK, another in the USA).

His many achievements, academic and personal, are covered in detail in the APS 2016 distinguished member blog. His is truly a quiet achiever at all aspects of his career and I am sure he will be sorely missed as he retires from National Ageing Research Institute to travel in new directions, potentially taking his smile and wisdom across international waters to new horizons. All who know him wish him well with his future endeavours.
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Please refer to our website for details and application form for Clinical Attachment Grants available to nursing and allied health professionals in non-metropolitan locations.
A CALL TO THOSE INTERESTED IN PAIN RESEARCH IN THE BASIC SCIENCES

The APS is strongly supportive of the current proposal to form a Special Interest Group (SIG) for Basic Pain Research.

But it won’t happen unless we receive more letters of support from members who are involved in pain research or may be interested in the basic sciences and who would like to join this SIG.

Your letter of support should include:

1. The Aims and Objectives of the proposed SIG:
   a. Provide a platform for discussion, communication and collaboration between researchers that share the common interest in basic research to understand the signaling and underlying causes of nociception and pain.
   b. Promote awareness for the need of basic pain research
   c. Promote translational research based on robust basic research and the interdisciplinary collaboration among basic researchers, clinicians and other health care professionals
   d. Provide guidance for ethical questions and training in animal models of pain
   e. Disseminate up to date knowledge of new developments in the area of basic pain research

2. Your consent for the APS to store your contact details and contact you in relation to SIG membership and updates:
   a. Full name and title
   b. Position
   c. Research Institution
   d. Mailing address
   e. Telephone
   f. Mobile
   g. Email

Please send it to the President of the APS via the APS Secretariat.

Alternatively, please contact the APS Secretariat if you would like us to send you a template of the SIG support letter.

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
Share your experience of pain assessment in patients with delirium

Researchers at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) want to find out how clinicians assess pain in persons with delirium and are inviting clinicians from all professional backgrounds to share their experience in focus groups or individual qualitative interviews. As part of a larger research programme, this study will help to develop meaningful clinical guidance for pain assessment in patients who due to delirium may have problems providing self-report of pain.

Focus groups and interviews will take place in the Sydney metro area. For clinicians from other regions, telephone interviews can be arranged. Data collection will end 31 August 2016.

If you are interested in participating or if you have further questions, please contact Prof. Thomas Fischer at Thomas.Fischer@uts.edu.au or call 02 9514 4819 or go to http://bit.ly/1Q2zD9P
On behalf of the Scientific Program Committee and the Local Organising Committee, we are pleased to advise topical session submissions for the APS 2017 ASM are now open.

The deadline for Topical Session submissions is:

**FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2016**

View the [topical session submission guidelines](#)

Visit the [online topical session submission page](#)

We look forward to receiving your submissions. Should you have any queries regarding your submission or the process, please contact the [Conference Secretariat](#).
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Submissions now open!
Submission Deadline: FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016

The Scientific Program Committee and Local Organising Committee for the 2017 Australian Pain Society 37th Annual Scientific Meeting are pleased to advise free paper and poster abstract submissions for APS 2017 are now open.

Please note the following points regarding the submission process:
• The submitting author MUST be the main author and the person who will present the work at the ASM.
• If your abstract is accepted, either as a free paper or poster, there is an expectation that you will attend the conference to present this paper.
• Expressions of Interest (EOI) for travel grant applications are also being collected as part of the submission process.

EOI for Travel Grant Applications
Delegates wishing to apply for a travel grant must:
• Be the major contributor and submitting author of the abstract;
• Complete the Travel Grant section of the abstract submission process; and
• Complete and submit the travel grant application form.

For further information, to ensure you meet the terms and conditions for travel grant applications and to complete the travel grant application form, please click here.

To view the abstract submission guidelines please click here.

To submit an abstract please click here.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!
RISING STAR AWARD – APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Rising Star Award showcases rising star pain researchers in Australia, and may be awarded annually subject to the application of suitable candidates. The Rising Star Winner will receive a return airfare, accommodation, and complimentary registration to attend the 2017 APS 37th ASM, where they will present a plenary talk to showcase their work and ideas.

Applications are now open, for further information and to apply, please [click here].

Applications close: **FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016**

**Eligibility criteria**

- Nominees must hold a PhD, and be within 5 years of conferral by the deadline of this award application.
- Applicants can be working in any field of pain research, including basic science, biomedical, clinical and other applied or cross-disciplinary sciences.
- The selection committee will take into account personal or extenuating circumstances that might provide grounds for consideration if the above eligibility criteria are not met.
- Only individual scientists are eligible (not research teams)
- Applicants must be available to attend APS 2017, and to deliver the Rising Star presentation
- Applicants must be members of the APS ([join here])
- Australian citizenship/residency, currently working in Australia and have spent at least two post-doctoral years in Australia, or have returned to continue working in Australia

**Selection criteria**

This award will be based on excellence in pain-related research achievement, demonstrated from the applicant’s track record, including:
- Specific research achievements or discoveries
- Research impact/application
- Collaboration achievements – independent of your supervisor
- Publication record (quality and impact of publications; e.g., H-index, standing of journals, citations)
- Grants obtained (as a Chief Investigator)
- Patents held
- Peer recognition: Awards or prizes, national profile, international profile.

**Application details**

To apply for the Rising Star Award please visit the conference website and complete the [application form].

Submission deadline is **FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016**
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The theme *Reframing Pain* will cover a varied program with local and national experts addressing evolving issues in acute and chronic pain. The day provides an opportunity to network and meet others interested in pain management.
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WHERE Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Visit us at www.ispp2017.org
Email us at secretariat@ispp2017.org
Deadline for Workshop Proposals 15 August 2016
Deadline for Poster Abstract 31 January 2017
ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR OUR MEMBERS


ePPOC: electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration
For more information about ePPOC, refer to the website: http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/eppoc/index.html

Indigenous health education and guides

PainHEALTH website
Phase 1 Updates released 29NOV15: http://painhealth.csse.uwa.edu.au/
Comprehensive update of all conditions and pain management content with the addition of new resources and key literature effective to OCT15 (systematic reviews; meta-analysis; RCT). Update of Further Assistance (including the addition of the Australian Pain Society Facility Directory).

Pain Series

Low Back Pain (LBP) in Aboriginal Australians
A very informative series of 5 videos developed by WA Centre for Rural Health about low back pain in Aboriginal Australians: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGsL0Kp0YWFWulyKy1oCG7iNwFucLFyVU

ANZCA/FPM Free Opioid Calculator App
Smart phone app that converts opiates to milligrams of morphine, available for both iPhone and Android: http://fpm.anzca.edu.au/Front-page-news/Free-Opioid-Calculator-App

Stanford University
CHOIR Collaborative Health Outcomes Information Registry: https://choir.stanford.edu/

Global Year Against Pain in the Joints
See our video message from APS President, Dr Geoffrey Speldewinde: https://youtu.be/E8R8q378idU?list=PLqYLGHWnzVI5qETQp2oNGocNLEeiKiTIS

Research Review – MAR16

MOVE muscle, bone & joint health:
- Arthritis and Osteoporosis Victoria have a long history as the leading provider of supported solutions and expert knowledge to the one-in-three Australians who live with these conditions. MOVE - the dynamic new voice of Arthritis and Osteoporosis Victoria -provides opportunities for connecting consumers, health professionals, researchers and other stakeholders across the community. MOVE will provide, share and expand expert knowledge about muscle, bone and joint conditions through research, education and training, information, policy, advocacy and support services. For more information visit move.org.au, or phone the Help Line 1800 263 265.

Australasian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare (ACSQHC) Resources:


Chapter 5: Opioid medicines:

NPS Medicinewise Resources


Chronic pain communication tool:

Managing chronic pain videos with Dr Malcolm Hogg:
FYI

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

NSW AGENCY FOR CLINICAL INNOVATION RESOURCES:


APS MEDIA RELEASES:

• Refer to our website for a full listing of media releases: http://www.apsoc.org.au/Media
• Our next conference will use the Twitter hashtag: #auspain2017

POSITION VACANT

Pain Medicine Specialist or PDY Trainee

Frankston Pain Management, Vic

Job Reference: 26 July 2016, PM2
Employment Status: Associate
Hours per week: Full or Part time by negotiation
Contact: Murray Taverner (T: 03 97700522; E: mgt@netspace.net.au)
Applications Close: 31 August 2016

Frankston Pain Management is seeking a compassionate, enthusiastic doctor to join the multidisciplinary pain management team. Frankston Pain Management clinicians operate in a collaborative network of providers to deliver comprehensive multidisciplinary care.

The individual must be eligible for full registration with the Medical Board of Australia. The successful candidate will hold FFPMANZCA or be a Faculty Pain Medicine PDY trainee.
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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 Oceania Association of Neurology: 15th Asian and Oceania Congress of Neurology
Advanced Education in Neurology in Asian Oceania Region
Kuala Kumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
http://aocn2016.com

26-28 Aug 2016
Australian Physiotherapy Association
2016 Business and Leadership Conference
Darwin, Darwin, NT

30 Aug-2 Sep 2016
Australian College of Nurse Practitioners 11th Conference incorporating NursePrac ED
The Centre of Care
Alice Springs Convention Centre, Alice Springs, NT

6-7 Sep 2016
National Rural Health Alliance
5th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium
Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT

8-11 Sep 2016
Australian & New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine ANZSPM
The changing landscape of Palliative Care
Duxton Hotel, Perth, WA
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

13-16 Sep 2016
**Australian Psychological Society 2016 Congress**  
*Psychology United for the Future*  
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, VIC  

15-17 Sep 2016
**Australian Indigenous Doctors’ Association**  
*AIDA 2016: A journey of strength and resilience*  
Shangri-La hotel, The Marina, Cairns, QLD  

16-18 Sep 2016
**Faculty of Pain Medicine Spring Meeting**  
*Toil and trouble: managing pain in the workplace*  
Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, Hahndorf, Adelaide Hills, SA  

26-30 Sep 2016
**International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP)**  
*16th World Congress on Pain*  
Pacifico Yokohama Convention Complex, Yokohama, Japan  
[http://www.iasp-pain.org/Yokohama](http://www.iasp-pain.org/Yokohama)

29 Sep-1 Oct 2016
**RACGP - GP16**  
*Clinical, Digital, Leadership*  
Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, Perth, WA  

1-2 Oct 2016
**Fibromyalgia Research Symposium 2016**  
*Official Satellite Symposium to IASP 16th World Congress on Pain*  
Hotel St Priere, Nagasaki, Japan  
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14-16 Oct 2016
Australian Anaesthesia Allied Health Practitioners Inaugural National Conference
Advances in Pain Medicine & Remote Area Anaesthesia
Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth, WA

15-16 Oct 2016
Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia
Pelvic Pain Seminar and Physiotherapy Masterclass
Piper Alderman, Adelaide, SA

16-19 Oct 2016
Rehabilitation Medicine Society of Australia and New Zealand (RMSANZ) 1st Annual Scientific Meeting
Change. Challenge. Opportunity
Crowne Promenade, Melbourne, VIC

20-21 Oct 2016
Australian Disease Management Association (ADMA) 12th Annual National Conference
Person Centred Healthcare: Achievements & Challenges
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, VIC

21 Oct 2016
Pain Interest Group Nursing Issues (PIGNI)
Reframing Pain - Annual Professional Development Day
Le Montage, Lilyfield, Sydney, NSW

26-28 Oct 2016
Australian College of Nursing
The National Nursing Forum 2016 - The Power of Now
Melbourne Park Function Centre, Melbourne, VIC
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Society for Paediatric Anaesthesia in New Zealand and Australia
SPANZA 2016 From Vine to Vintage
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA
https://willorganise.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/2016-spanza/asm-website

8-10 Nov 2016
Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference 2016
Identity Knowledge Strength
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, VIC
http://www.lowitjaconf2016.org.au

11-12 Nov 2016
Delhi Pain Management Centre
India Pain Update 2016–Newer Paradigms in Pain Management
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India
http://www.indiapainupdate.com

1-3 Dec 2016
Indigenous Conference Services
International Indigenous Allied Health Conference
Pullman, Cairns, QLD

1-3 Dec 2016
Indigenous Conference Services
Closing the Gap 2016 International Indigenous Health Conference
Pullman, Cairns, QLD
http://www.indigenousconferences.com/#!2016-indigenous-health-conference/sta1q

4-7 Dec 2016
Australasian Neuroscience Society 36th Annual Scientific Meeting
Take your brain south
Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, TAS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

16-19 Feb 2017
ASEAPS 2017 - 7th Association of South-East Asian Pain Societies Congress in conjunction with MSSP 3rd National Seminar on Pain
Professional Accountability with Interactive Networking
TBA, Yangon, Myanmar
http://www.aseaps2017.com

2-4 Mar 2017
New Zealand Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting
Active & Able: Independent with pain
The Rutherford Hotel, Nelson, New Zealand
http://www.nzps2017.org.nz

24-26 Mar 2017
RANZCP, RACP & RACGP
International Medicine in Addiction Conference IMIA17
International Convention Centre Sydney, Sydney, NSW
http://www.imia17.com.au

8-9 Apr 2017
Neuromodulation Society of Australia and New Zealand 12th Annual Scientific Meeting
Mechanisms of Action
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA

9-12 Apr 2017
Australian Pain Society 37th Annual Scientific Meeting
Expanding Horizons
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA

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
Shangri-la, 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 evidence-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 evidence-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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