

UTCSP eNews

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UTCSP RETREAT

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain presents a one day Retreat on **Wednesday, March 21, 2001**. The Retreat will take place at **the Vaughn Estates of Sunnybrook** at 2075 Bayview Avenue from **8:30 am to 4:00 pm**. **Admittance is free of charge and all are welcome to attend**. If you plan to attend the Retreat, please RSVP to Nancy Mitchell at nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca no later than Friday, March 16, 2001.

8:30 am – 9:00 am – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 am – 9:15 am – Dr. Mike Salter, Director, UTCSP – Opening Remarks

9:15 am – 10:00 am – Dr. Ursula Wesselmann, Associate Professor of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Biomedical Engineering, Blaustein Pain Treatment Centre, Johns Hopkins University – *“Chronic pelvic pain – from difficult clinical problem to the development of an animal model”*

10:00 am – 10:15 am – Dr. Judy Watt-Watson - *“Interventions in Pain Management”*

10:15 am – 10:30 am – Dr. Allan Gordon– *“Research directions at the Wasser Pain Management Clinic”*

10:30 am – 10:50 am - BREAK

10:50 am – 11:50 am – Dr. James L. Henry, President, CIHR Pain Consortium – *“Antisense oligonucleotide knockdown of NK-1 receptors in the study of pain mechanisms”*

11:50 am – 12:00 noon – Dr. Judy Watt-Watson – *“Pain IPE Week – March 18-22, 2002”*

12:00 noon – 1:10 pm – LUNCH – Main Ballroom

1:10 pm – 1:25 pm – Dr. Karen Davis – *“fMRI of pain and attention: an update”*

1:25 pm – 1:40 pm – Dr. Angela Mailis – *“Pain research activities at the Comprehensive Pain Program at the Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network”*

1:40 pm – 1:55 pm – Dr. Jonathan Dostrovsky – *“The thalamus and central pain”*

1:55 pm – 2:10 pm – Dr. Lucia Gagliese – *“Pain in the elderly”*

2:10 pm – 2:30 pm – BREAK

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm – Dr. Alex Jadad– *“eHealth innovation: implications for pain relief research and education”*

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm – Dr. Weiyang Lu – *“Modulation of visceral pain by the vagal afferent system”*

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm – Dr. Jens Ellrich, Research Associate, Department of Experimental & Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg - *“A few observations on the rostral ventromedial medulla”*

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm – Dr. Barry Sessle – *“Orofacial Pain Mechanisms”*

UTCSP CLINICIAN-SCIENTIST FELLOWSHIP:

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applicants for the UTCSP Clinician-Scientist Fellowship. The Fellowship is intended for those trainees who wish to pursue a career as a clinician-scientist with both basic research in pain and in the application to clinical pain management problems. The award is for the support of an individual doing full time research. Applicants should exhibit high academic achievement, research ability or potential, excellent communication skills, and interpersonal and leadership abilities.

Value and duration:

- The value of the award will normally be \$25,000 for a period of one year. Holders of the fellowship may apply annually (competitive application) for further support up to a maximum of 4 years.
- The fellowship will normally start in July 1 or September 1

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have a professional degree (MD, DDS, B. Pharm or B.Sc.(Nursing)) at the time of taking up the award.
- Applicants must be registered or plan to register in a graduate program* that requires a defended thesis in Division IV, Life Sciences, School of Graduate Studies University of Toronto, and carry out research under the supervision of a faculty member of the UTCSP.
- This award is not automatically renewed; students must apply annually to be considered for further funding.

Conditions of the Fellowship:

- You must be enrolled as a full-time student in a graduate program* in Division IV, Life Sciences, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto for the full duration of the award.
- You must spend at least 85% of your time on research.
- You cannot be enrolled in a qualifying or “make-up” year or be on a paid educational leave or sabbatical.
- You may accept research assistantships, part-time teaching positions, or other employment, which do not exceed a maximum of 10 hours per week on average.
- You are required to apply for salary support funding from an external agency. A copy of the front page of the application(s) must be forwarded to the UTCSP office prior to payment of the Fellowship being initiated. If external funding is obtained you must accept this funding and the Clinician-Scientist award will fund the differential to a total dependent on your qualifications and postgraduate experience and set by the UTCSP Research Committee.

Application Procedures

Deadline for application is **April 2, 2001**. The following documents must be submitted in triplicate:

- Curriculum vitae including publication list, awards, name of supervisor.
- Copies of current and previous academic program transcripts.
- A one-page summary outline of the proposed research and how this fellowship will help further the applicant's goals.
- Two letters of reference. Letters of reference should be either mailed directly to the UTCSP or included in the application package (letters should be in sealed and signed envelopes).

- A letter should be provided by the proposed supervisor stating that he/she agrees to accept the student into their lab.

Submission of applications:

Submit your application to Ms. Nancy Mitchell, University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain, Faculty of Dentistry, Room 374, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1G6, Tel: (416) 979-4762, Fax: (416) 979-4936, nancy.mitchell@utoronto.ca

Selection:

Applicants will be ranked and selected by the UTCSP Research Committee

* In exceptional cases an individualized training program can be set up in lieu of official registration as a student in the School of Graduate Studies. A supervisory committee would oversee the fellow's training program.

PURDUE PHARMA OGSST AWARD – 2001/2002 COMPETITION:

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applications from eligible students for the 2001/2002 Purdue Pharma OGSST Award. The applications are due no later than **April 2, 2001**. This award is open to Graduate students in the Faculty of Medicine who are studying in the area of pain and working with a member of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain. Second preference will be given to a graduate students at the University of Toronto who are studying in the area of pain and working with a member of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain.

For additional information/applications, please visit the IFGA website at:

http://www.library.utoronto.ca/medicine/educational_programs/ifga/ogsst_2.html

Or contact Sheila Wolfe at sheila.wolfe@utoronto.ca, tel: 416-946-7317.

Please submit applications to: Office of the Associate Dean, Inter-Faculty & Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, MSB, Room 2113, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A8

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUM/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

25th Annual Scientific Meeting in Orofacial Pain and Temporomandibular Disorders

Sponsored by the Academy of Orofacial Pain
Washington, DC

March 23-25, 2001

For further information, contact:

AAOP

19 Mantua Road

Mount Royal, New Jersey 08061

Tel: 856-423-3629

Fax: 856-423-3420

e-mail: tsims@talley.com

Third Annual Comprehensive Interventional Pain Management Cadaver Workshop

Bethesda, Maryland

March 31- April 1, 2001

For further information, contact:

Gene Evans

Tel: 757-496-4701

Fax: 757-496-4983

E-mail: geneevans@erols.com

American Society of Peri Anesthesia Nurses

Boston, Massachusetts

April 1-5, 2001

For further information, contact:

Kevin Dill

Tel: 856-616-9600

Url: <http://www.aspan.org>

3rd IASP Research Symposium: Spinal Cord Injury Pain: The Clinical Problem and Experimental Studies

Phoenix, Arizona

April 16-18, 2001

For further information, contact:

Dr. R. Yeziarski

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Fax: 305-243-4427

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20th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Pain Society

Phoenix, Arizona

April 19-22, 2001

For further information, contact:

American Pain Society

4700 West Lake Avenue

Glenview, IL 60025-1485

Tel: 847-375-4715

e-mail: info@ampainsoc.org

or visit the website at: <http://www.ampainsoc.org>

Pain Medicine in Primary Care

Sponsored by The Physicians' Pain & Rehabilitation Specialists of Georgia, PC
Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA

April 20-21, 2001

For further information, contact:

Katrinka Akeson

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Fax: 706-364-7368

e-mail: penningtongroup@knology.net

33rd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

San Francisco, CA

April 21-24, 2001

For further information, contact:

AANN

Sheila S. Lee

4700 W. Lake Avenue

Glenview, IL 60025-1485

Tel: 888-557-2266

e-mail: slee@amctec.com

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain presents:

Dr. Ian Meng, Department of Neurology, University of California, San Francisco, CA

Topic: "Contribution of the amygdala to cannabinoid analgesia"

Date: **Thursday, May 3, 2001**

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Location: **Room 4279**, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle

Pain 2001: An Odyssey of Discovery

Sponsored by the Canadian Pain Society (IASP Chapter)

Montreal, Quebec

May 10-12, 2001

For further information, contact:

Marie-Christine Bournaki

Chair

Local Arrangements Committee

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26th American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine Annual Meeting

Vancouver, BC

May 10-13, 2001

For further information, contact:

ASRA

P.O. Box 11086

1910 Byrd Avenue

Suite 100

Richmond, VA 23230-1086

Tel: 804-282-0010

Fax: 804-282-0090

e-mail: asra@societyhq.com

or visit the website at: <http://www.asra.com>

MUPPUT – Multi-Professional Pain Group at the University of Toronto

May 17, 2001

Topic: TBA

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Room 203, Tanz Building, University of Toronto

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain Presents:

Dr. David Andrew, Division of Neurosurgery, Barrow Neurological Institute, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Centre, Phoenix, AZ

Topic: **“Spinal chord mechanisms of itch and pain: modality-selective spinothalamic lamina 1 neurons”**

Date: **Monday, May 28, 2001**

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: **Room 4279**, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS – CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

2001 Muscle Pain Research Award (International)

Deadline for application: **April 30, 2001**

Sponsored by: The Wissenschaftlicher interdisziplinärer Arbeitskreis Muskeltonus und Schmerz (Scientific interdisciplinary Working Group, Muscle Tone and Pain) announces its Muscle Pain Research Award (Euro 10.000.-) for the year 2001. The 2001 award is

sponsored by grants from Aventis Pharma Deutschland GmbH, Novartis Pharma GmbH, Deutschland, and Sanofi-Synthelabo GmbH.

Eligibility and Guidelines: The award is intended to acknowledge major achievements in basic or clinical research on pathogenesis, diagnosis and management of muscle pain including alterations of muscle tone and spasticity. Manuscripts accepted or published in 1999/2000 issues of reviewed scientific journals can be submitted and will be evaluated by an independent scientific committee. Research groups that have a continuous record of successful research in the field of muscle pain will also be considered for the award.

For further information contact: Wissenschaftlicher interdisziplinärer Arbeitskreis Muskeltonus und Schmerz, Dr. Michael Spaeth, MD, Friedrich-Baur-Institut, Medizinische Klinik, Klinikum der Universität, Innenstadt, Ziemssenstraße 1, D-80336 Munich, Germany. Tel: 49-89-51607557; Fax: 49-89-51604750; email: Michael.Spaeth@lrz.uni-muenchen.de

RSD Fellowship (International)

Deadline for application: **November 1, 2001**

Sponsored by: RSDSA

Description: RSDSA invites applications for a fellowship devoted to basic or clinical research on the causes and treatment of RSD/CRPS. The fellowship brings a stipend of US\$24,000 for 1 year, with an additional year contingent upon satisfactory progress.

Applicants should have a M.D., Ph.D., or comparable degree and less than 5 years postgraduate training. Submit 2 copies of the following: a CV, a detailed research plan, and a letter from a sponsoring laboratory that recommends the plan and assures material support for the research.

Mail all correspondence and applications to: RSDSA Research Committee, 116 Haddon Ave., Suite D, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

For further information or comments, please contact:

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