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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

National Pain Awareness Week – November 3, 2004

The first week in November will be National Pain Awareness Week with this year being the first. A motion to declare this week is going before Parliament from the Senate in the fall session. In order to ensure that this week is ratified by Parliament, Dr. Celeste Johnston, one of the organizers, request that you send letters to MP's and Senator Yves Morin (a sample letter is attached). The major national activities being planned for this first year will include a Pain Symposium at the University of Toronto and a Gala Fundraising Event. Ron Melzack and Michael De Groote are among the first prominent honorary patrons of this event. Funding from this event will be used for a public awareness campaign that will help leverage other monies for research and education. The pain community can ultimately benefit enormously from this initiative, which will be more successful with active support from members of the pain community. Further information regarding planned events for the week will be announced in due course.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to David Lam, Judith Hunter, Andrea Furlan, Jindong Xu, and Patricia Orr-Kavanagh, who have been awarded funding through the recently held 2004/05 UTCSP Clinician Scientist Trainee Fellowship competition.

A special note of recognition goes out to Jennifer Stinson, who continues to do an excellent job as the editor of the Canadian Pain Society (CPS) Newsletter, and Michael McGillion, who was selected by the CPS Executive to be the Training Representative on the Executive Committee.

Congratulations to Dr. Larry Librach who was recently made a Meritorious Member of The Order of Saint Lazarus in Canada. Dr. Librach was accorded the honour for his many years of dedicated and pioneering work in palliative care.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:

The International Pelvic Pain Society 11th Scientific Meeting on Chronic Pelvic Pain

Sponsored by the International Pelvic Pain Society

August 5-7, 2004

Chicago, Illinois

For further information, visit the website at: www.pelvicpain.org

Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine 2004

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

October 1-2, 2004

The Sutton Place Hotel
955 Bay Street, Toronto

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Ronald Melzack Pain Research Fellowship at McGill University, Montreal, Canada

The Pain Centre of the McGill University Health Science Centre requests applications for the Ronald Melzack Pain Research Fellowship at McGill University. The Fellow should have an MD, Ph.D. or comparable health science training and have an interest in the pharmacological, physiological, psychological, or clinical aspects of pain research. An interest in translation of research from the laboratory to clinical therapy is particularly desirable. Research facilities are available at the Pain Centre and the research laboratories of Drs. Gary J. Bennett, M. Catherine Bushnell, Fernando Cervero, Terence J.Coderre, and Yoram Shir. The Fellowship has a stipend commensurate with experience for one year, with a possible extension for a second year.

A CV and three letters of reference should be sent no later than **15 September 2004** to: Melzack Fellowship Committee, c/o Dr. Gary J. Bennett, Anesthesia Research Unit, McIntyre 1202, 3655 Promenade Sir William Osler, Montreal, QC, H3G 1Y6, Canada. McGill University is an equal opportunity employer

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS – CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

Patrick D. Wall Young Investigator Award

Deadline: September 1, 2004

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

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

Ronald Dubner Research Prize

Deadline: September 1, 2004

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

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

2004 John J. Bonica Trainee Fellowship

Deadline: September 1, 2004

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

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

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