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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Dr. Min Zhou is organizing a meeting entitled “**Synapses, Memory, Drug Addiction and Pain**” to be held in Toronto on **August 21-24, 2006**. If you are interested in giving a talk or presenting a poster, you may contact Dr. Zhou by e-mail at [min.zhou@utoronto.ca](mailto:min.zhou@utoronto.ca). Registration forms can be found here: <http://smp06.atSPACE.com/smp06%20registration%20form.pdf>

**Confirmed speakers, so far, for this meeting include:**

Megu Yoshimura (Kyushu University, Japan)  
Bong-Kiun Kaang (Seoul National University, Korea)  
Yves De Koninck (Laval University, Canada)  
Jiang Guo Gu (University of Florida, USA)  
Ru Rong Ji (Harvard University, USA)  
Zhou-Feng Chen (Washington University in St Louis, USA)  
Annika Malmberg (Amgen, USA)  
Volker Neugebauer (University of Texas, USA)  
A. V. Apkarian (Northwestern University, USA)  
Ken Ren (University of Maryland, USA)  
Yuanxiang Tao (John Hopkins University, USA)  
Xu Zao C (Indiana University, USA)  
Yu Tian Wang (University of British Columbia, Canada)  
Min Zhuo (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Luyang Wang (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Gan Wen Biao (New York University, USA)  
Alaa El Din El-Husseini (University of British Columbia, Canada)  
Feng Liu (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Xia Zhang (University of Ottawa, Canada)  
Hiroshi Ueda (Nagasaki University, Japan)  
Sheena.Josselyn (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Cathy Cahill (Queens University, Canada)  
Paul Frankland (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Bao-Ming Li (Fudan University, China)  
Jianren Mao (Harvard University, USA)  
Mike Salter (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Xia Jun (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong)  
Bu Guo Jun (Washington University in St Louis, USA)  
Xu Ming (University of Cincinnati, USA)  
John MacDonald (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Vadim Bolshakov (Harvard University, USA)  
Li Min (John Hopkins University, USA)  
Shuzo Sugita (University of Toronto, Canada)

Mei Zhen (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Xiao-Jiang Li (Emory University, USA)  
Melanie Woodin (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Weihong Song (University of British Columbia, Canada)  
Lin Mei (**Medical College of Georgia, USA**)  
Weiyang Lu (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Makoto Tsuda (Kyushu University, Japan)  
Kohichi Iwata (Nihon University, Japan)  
Tatusro Kohno (Niigata University, Japan)  
Hideto Kawamata (Sapporo Medical University, Japan)  
Yasushi Kuraishi (Toyama Medical and Pharmaceutical University, Japan)  
Uhtaek Oh (Seoul National University, Korea)  
John Roder (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Karim Nader (McGill University, Canada)  
Evelyn Lambe (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Zhengping Jia (University of Toronto, Canada)  
Anthony G. Phillips (University of British Columbia, Canada)  
Frank Porreca (University of Arizona, USA)

### **Multi-Professional Pain Group at the University of Toronto (MUPPUT)**

Date: **Thursday, April 20, 2006**  
Speakers: **Dr. Mike Salter and Dr. Angela Mailis**  
Topics: **Spinal Mechanisms Underlying Neuropathic Pain (M. Salter)**  
**Ethno-Cultural Issues in Pain (A. Mailis)**

Meetings are scheduled from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the **Institute for Work and Health, 481 University Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom A & B.** ***If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Dr. Andrea Furlan at [afurlan@iwh.on.ca](mailto:afurlan@iwh.on.ca)***

Additional MUPPUT seminars are being planned for the following dates:  
**June 22, September 21 and November 9, 2006**

### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS:**

#### **New Books:**

Campbell, JN; Basbaum, AI; Dray, A; Dubner, R; Dworkin, RH; Sang, CN, **“Emerging Strategies for the Treatment of Neuropathic Pain”**, IASP Press, ISBN 0-931092-61-2  
**Book Info:** Neuropathic pain is notoriously difficult to treat. Despite an explosion of research in recent years, few new treatments have made their way into the clinic. Why is progress so glacially slow? Where are the new and promising treatments? When will there be a breakthrough in understanding? To address these questions, the editors convened a unique meeting, bringing together leaders from academia and industry. No time was taken up in lectures: all the meeting time was spent in intensive discussion, and

this book is the result. It contains the latest available information and provides a blueprint to meet the challenges that lie ahead. It will be invaluable both to clinicians treating neuropathic pain and to researchers studying this difficult but important problem.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/SYMPOSIUMS/LECTURES/CONFERENCES:**

#### **Wasser Pain Management Centre – Educational Rounds**

Date: **March 22, 2006**

Time: **12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.**

Location: Wasser Pain Management Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Classroom – Room 1163

**Dr. Jeffrey A. Gudin**, Director, Pain Management, Englewood Hospital and Medical Centre, New Jersey presents: **“The Interface Between Acute and Chronic Pain Management”**

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#### **Palliative Care Grand Rounds**

Presented by the Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care and the University Health Network

Topic: **Edmonton Classification System for Cancer Pain**

Presenter: **Robin Fainsinger**, Associate Professor, Division of Palliative Care Medicine, University of Alberta; Regional Director, Regional Palliative Care Program

Date: **March 23, 2006**

Time: **12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Location: **Host Site: Auditorium A01, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue**

For further information, contact: Jacqueline Kurji – 416-586-4800 x 1532;

e-mail: [Jacqueline.kurji@tlcpc.org](mailto:Jacqueline.kurji@tlcpc.org)

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#### **Special UTCSP Distinguished Speaker- Maria Fitzgerald**

We are pleased to announce that Professor Maria Fitzgerald from University College London will be visiting us in early May 2006. Professor Fitzgerald is the leader in the field of pain developmental biology. During her visit she will give the following lecture:

**Date: May 3, 2006**

**Time: 1:30 pm**

Location: The Hospital for Sick Children, Room 1527.

Title: 'The development of infant pain: inhibition versus excitation in nociceptive circuits'

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**“Pain: Unravelling the Puzzle” – 2006 Canadian Pain Society Annual Conference**

The Westin Edmonton Hotel

Edmonton, Alberta

**June 14-17, 2006**

For further information and registration, visit the CPS website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca>

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**7th International Symposium on Pediatric Pain**

Organized by the IASP Special Interest Group on Pain in Childhood.

**June 25- 29, 2006,**

**Vancouver, British Columbia**

For program and registration information, please go to <http://www.ispp2006.com>, or e-mail your name and contact information to: [ispp2006@meet-ics.com](mailto:ispp2006@meet-ics.com). Other inquiries should be directed to Conference Secretariat, International Conferences Services Limited, 604 - 850 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6C 1E1. Tel: 604-681-2153 Fax: 604-681-1049.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE:**

For a listing of positions available in Canada, please visit the CPS website at:

<http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/cont-ang/4nouvelles-emplois.htm#>

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:**

For a listing of training opportunities in Canada, please visit the IASP website at:

<http://www.iasp-pain.org/traincan.html>

**GRANTS/AWARDS– CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS:**

**UTCSP Clinician Scientist Trainee Fellowship (2006):**

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applicants for the UTCSP Clinician-Scientist Trainee 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 (e.g. MD, DDS, B. Pharm, 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 1, 2006**.*

**The following documents must be submitted:**

- **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](mailto: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.

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**Purdue Pharma OGSST Award – 2006/2007 Competition:**

The University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain is currently seeking applications from eligible students for the 2006/2007 Purdue Pharma OGSST Award. *The applications are due no later than **April 1, 2006.*** 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 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 link, please visit the UTCSP website at: [http://www.toronto.edu/pain/grants\\_OGSST.html](http://www.toronto.edu/pain/grants_OGSST.html) or contact **Debbie Chau, Office of the Associate Dean, Graduate & Inter-Faculty Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, Room 2113, MSB, [debbie.chau@utoronto.ca](mailto:debbie.chau@utoronto.ca) tel: 416-946-7317**

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**2006 Mayday Pain & Society Fellowship; A Media & Policy Fellows Initiative**

**Sponsored by:** The Mayday Fund, a New York City foundation dedicated to alleviating the incidence, degree, and consequence of human physical pain.

This is the third year of the program designed to equip physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, scientists, and legal scholars with the necessary skills to become effective advocates and spokespersons about pain issues in the United States and Canada. After developing their leadership and communications skills, the six fellows chosen will be poised to move the field forward with their willingness to educate and work with the media, policymakers, advocates, and health and business leaders.

**Deadline for application:** The Mayday Media and Policy Fellows Program will be accepting applications from **March 1 until June 1, 2006.**

More information about the program, as well as application materials, can be found at: <http://painandhealth.org/maydayfellows/fellows.html>

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