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Pain Awareness Month Special Edition:

2014-2015 Annual Newsletter

October – December 2014

The bi-annual Pain Consortium Meeting was held on October 16th 2014

Dr. Walter Koroshetz presided over the meeting as the new chair of the Pain Consortium since Dr. Landis' departure. The agenda included an introduction of the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research by Dr. Ralph Nitkin, Deputy Director. Additional topics of discussion included: an update on the Interagency Pain Research Portfolio Database and 2012 data upload; Recommendations and next steps for the Pathways to Prevention Workshop on the Role of Opioids in Chronic Pain; An update on Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee Activities (National Pain Strategy/Framework for Federal Pain Research Strategy); and Recommendations from the Overlapping Pain Conditions Investigators' Meeting

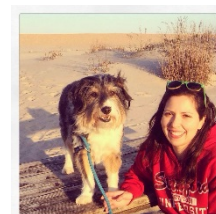
[10-16-14 Meeting Minutes](#)

Updated Pain Consortium Health Information Page Released

The new health information page is user-friendly with multiple links to pain-related resources including information on the database of Genotypes and Phenotypes, existing pain registries, IPRCC activities and more: http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/health_information.html

NINDS Office of Pain Policy welcomes Dr. Khara Ramos, Senior Science Policy Analyst

Dr. Ramos will support the coordination of IPRCC and NIH Pain Consortium activities, including the upcoming Federal Pain Research Strategy



National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

NIH...Turning Discovery Into Health

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) announces name change to the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)

[View press release detailing the name change](#)

January – March 2015

Planning for the Federal Pain Research Strategy begins

The Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee will develop a federal pain research strategy to support their charge to enhance pain research efforts and advance the fundamental understanding of pain and pain-related treatment strategies <http://iprcc.nih.gov/FPRS/FPRS.htm>

NINDS Office of Pain Policy Disparities in Pain Care Infographic

As part of our effort to highlight pain research, the NINDS Office of Pain Policy developed an infographic on *Disparities in Pain Care*. The infographic features a number of factors that contribute to disparities in pain care and treatment drawn from evidence-based research.

http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/dpc.pdf



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Updates to the Interagency Pain Research Portfolio database
The IPRP database has been updated to include federally funded pain-related grants in FY2012 <http://paindatabase.nih.gov>

April – June 2015

Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC) was held on April 17th, 2015

Topics included updates from Federal members across agencies and discussion of a long term strategy for Federal pain research http://iprcc.nih.gov/meetings/4-17-2015_IPRCC_Meeting.htm

Release of the Draft National Pain Strategy

The document includes objectives and plans related to key areas of pain and pain care, including professional education and training, public education and communication, service delivery and reimbursement, prevention and care, disparities, and population research. The 45-day public comment period closed on May 20th, 2015. The draft is currently in the revision/HHS clearance process.



http://iprcc.nih.gov/National_Pain_Strategy/NPS_Main.htm

The 10th Annual NIH Pain Consortium Symposium was held on May 26-27th, 2015

'Looking Back and to the Future' returned to research topics presented at the first symposium held in 2006. Dr. Clifford Woolf delivered the keynote address entitled 'Pain in a Dish'.

Congratulations to the 2015 Mitchell Max Awardee – [Mark Pitcher, PhD, NCCIH](#)

http://painconsortium.nih.gov/PC_Symposia_Meetings/symposiums/pc_symposia_index.html



Migraine Awareness Infographic

As part of our effort to highlight pain research, the NINDS Office of Pain Policy developed an infographic on *Migraine Awareness*. The infographic features statistics on migraine prevalence and common triggers.

http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/migraine_awareness_infographic.pdf

July – September 2015

Request for Information: Input on the development of the Federal Pain Research Strategy

The IPRCC is developing a strategic plan for pain research across federal agencies.

A 30-day public comment period closed on September 18th, 2015

<http://iprcc.nih.gov/FPRS/FPRS.htm>



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The bi-annual Pain Consortium Meeting was held on September 3rd, 2015

This meeting included the following topics: an introduction of the federal pain research strategy framework; an update on the interagency pain research database and new online coding system; an update on the pathways to prevention workshop and planned follow-up meeting; an update on the centers of excellence in pain education; and an update on the Stanford-NIH Pain Registry.

PAIN Awareness Month Highlights:

Twitter Chat on PAIN with ABC's Dr. Richard Besser (1500+ tweets total!)

Highlights from NIH Pain Research:

<https://storify.com/NIHPainResearch/twitter-chat-on-pain-with-dr-richard-besser>

NIH Pinterest Board on Pain Awareness Month

<https://www.pinterest.com/nihforhealth/september-is-pain-awareness-month/>

NINDS Director's Message on Pain Awareness Month

http://www.ninds.nih.gov/about_ninds/message/message-2016-PAM.htm

NINDS Blog: State of current NINDS-funded pain research

<http://blog.ninds.nih.gov/2015/09/22/state-of-current-ninds-funded-pain-research/>

New NIH Pain Consortium Website pages:

Members page features pain-related websites from institutes & centers

<http://painconsortium.nih.gov/About/members.html>

Pain Awareness Month Videos from the Pain Consortium Executive Committee

http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/director_videos.html

Dedicated page on Chronic Overlapping Pain Conditions

http://painconsortium.nih.gov/NIH_Pain_Programs/Chronic_Overlapping_Pain_Conditions.html

OPP Infographics on Pain

http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/infographiconPain.html



September is

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Month

Save the Date

2015-2016 NIH Pain Seminar series: <https://nccih.nih.gov/research/intramural/sig>

Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee Meeting - 12-3-2015

2016 Annual NIH Pain Consortium Symposium – 5/31-6/1/2016

<http://painconsortium.nih.gov>

<http://iprcc.nih.gov/>



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