



Quarterly Update

April

Nature Collections on Chronic Pain Released

- Sponsored by the NIH Pain Consortium; Online version is free for 6 months; Click [here](#) to view

Pain Consortium Quarterly Meeting

- Minutes from the April 22nd meeting can be viewed [here](#)

May

Vulvodynia Workshop

- NICHHD sponsored a workshop on May 15th-16th to begin addressing key recommendations from the [NIH Research Plan on Vulvodynia](#); Ongoing working groups are being established now

8th Annual NIH Pain Consortium Symposium on Advances in Pain Research

- May 29th-30th in the Natcher Conference Center on the NIH campus
- 12 talks related to this year's theme – Integrated Self-Management Strategies for Chronic Pain
- *Dr. Josephine Briggs, Dr. Patricia Grady, Dr. Story Landis, Penney Cowan, Dr. Linda Porter, and Dr. David Williams* also spoke
- 27 Junior Investigators presented posters, 3 gave invited presentations, and *Dr. Christine Mrakotsky*, Harvard Medical School, won the Mitchell Max Award for Research Excellence
- Agenda, videocast, summary, and presentations are available for viewing [here](#)

32nd Annual American Pain Society Meeting

- *Dr. Story Landis* delivered the keynote address; More information can be found [here](#)
- The NIH Pain Consortium exhibited a booth, which was well attended
- *Dr. David Thomas*, NIDA, presented about the Centers of Excellence on Pain Education ([CoEPEs](#))

June

Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC) Meeting

- Agenda, videocast, minutes, and presentations are available [here](#) for viewing

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- Provides pain-related updates of activities from the NIH Pain Consortium (PC), the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC), and the National Pain Strategy, plus information on pain-related funding and research; Follow us [here](#)

NIH PC & NIDA-Sponsored fMRI-Based Biomarkers for Clinical Pain & Analgesia Meeting

- June 27th; *Drs. Vania Apkarian, Sean Mackey, and Tor Wager* spoke; Click [here](#) for information

Additional Information

New Office of Pain Policy Staff Members

- We welcome *Dr. Cheryse Sankar* and *Dr. Tara Schwetz* to the office!

2012 Science Advances in Pain Research Summaries & National Pain Strategy Info Posted

- Follow these links read about the [selected advances](#) and the [National Pain Strategy](#)