Mission Statement

WIP is an international membership society of pain medicine physicians, organized to define and promote global standards of excellence in interventional pain practice. Through the WIP network of member physicians and supporters in more than 50 member countries, WIP administers a competency-based examination to physicians seeking certification as Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice®; publishes a scholarly journal; organizes a biennial World Congress, and sponsors and endorses educational and training programs for physicians seeking to advance their fund of knowledge in interventional pain practice. The mission of WIP is to promote continuous global exchange to promote the specialty of pain medicine throughout the world.
WIP Goals & Objectives

- To communicate and categorize pain centers by correspondence, local hands-on training, international seminars, and exchange of clinicians.
- Update pain centers with state-of-the-art pain information, including a newsletter, scientific seminars, interlined telecommunications, and publication of a journal and books.
- Establish a world directory of pain centers by region, and video teleconferencing (including patient consultation).
- Develop an examination process for testing trainers, and provide technical expertise in the examination process.
- Encourage interested industries to provide information on pain medicine in each region of the world, to bring together local pain physicians and industry for education in new technology and training; and to formulate an advanced fellowship program in pain medicine.

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The Chairperson of each Section serves as a voting member of the WIP Council. Sections are also encouraged to elect other officers, including Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-Chairperson(s) to serve as leaders and mentors of members and prospective members residing in their Section.

Section officers and members serve WIP by promoting in their region and throughout the WIP network, membership growth and retention, participation in educational activities, submission of articles for publication consideration in PAIN Practice, the official journal of WIP, and promoting the global network of WIP that serves to advance the science and practice of pain medicine.
The WIP Council met in Maastricht, The Netherlands prior to the commencement of the WIP World Congress. The Council consists of the Executive Board and Section Chairs. The Sections are the life blood of WIP and the engagement of the Chairs and all Section officers is essential to strengthening the global impact of WIP.

President Richard Rauck stated, "I love it when people come to him with their clever ideas." He emphasized that his door, phone, and email inbox are always open.

Immediate Past President, Ricardo Ruiz-López reiterated the importance of the Section Chairs to maintaining appropriately the duties within WIP. He added that each Section should have a minimum of one activity per year organized under the auspices of WIP.

Board of Section Chair, Magdi Iskander encouraged all Section Chairs to stimulate scientific activities in their regions and promote positive communication about the mission and aims of WIP.

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Amaury M.M. Verhamme, MD, FIPP (Belgium)

2013
Chi Wing Chan, MBBS, FANZCA, FHKCA, FIPP (Hong Kong)

2014
Cherilyn Fenech, MD, RCP, DE SA, FIPP (United Kingdom, formerly Malta)

WIP and its Board of Examination congratulate Cherilyn Fenech, MD, RCP, DE SA, FIPP, the 2014 recipient of the HASSENBUSCH PRIZE. This prize is awarded annually to the Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice who earned the highest composite score on the certification examination.

The prize is named in honor of the late Samuel J. Hassenbusch, III, MD, PhD, FIPP, a true pioneer in the field of pain medicine and the WIP FIPP certification program.

Dr. Fenech shared her enthusiasm with this response to the Award Committee, "Thank you very much. It was a lovely and unexpected surprise! I don’t think I ever won a prize in my life, and (to) achieve it in the specialty I chose and love is truly amazing. Thank you so much."

Dr. Fenech of Malta at the time of the exam, is now a consultant in the chronic pain management and neuromodulation centre at Guy’s and St. Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust in London, England, UK.

Dr. Fenech is the ninth recipient of this prize, awarded annually since 2008. For the complete list of recipients, see below, or visit the FIPP section of our website and select the Hassenbusch tab at the top – or click on this paragraph to link out to it.
The mission of the World Institute of Pain – Board of Examination is to protect and inform the public by improving the quality and availability of interventional techniques in pain medicine.

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Thank you, Maastricht!

It doesn’t get any better than a WIP World Congress to celebrate the synergy of WIP that brings together friends, colleagues, industry partners and all who participate in our global mission. WIP is about building and strengthening relationships. Working together through WIP, physicians around the world are making a measurable difference in the quality of pain physician education and training, and in the effectiveness of pain management for patients.

Thank you to all who helped deliver a quality educational experience for the 1,680 participants of the 7th WIP World Congress. The impact of the WIP World Congress reached 80 countries. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of participants were clinical practitioners, 10% clinical researchers, 10% industry and corporate personnel, 5% resident/research fellows, 4% basic science researchers, and 4% nurse/healthcare practitioners.

Abstracts were accepted from 413 writers, of which 303 were featured as posters and 17 were upgraded to oral presentations. All abstracts are available as a PAIN Practice journal supplement.

Top 25 Participant Countries

Also: Austria, Indonesia, Colombia, Thailand, Taiwan, Singapore, Croatia, Netherlands, Antigua, India, Hungary, South Africa, Nigeria, Lebanon, Latvia, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Trinidad & Tobago, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Slovak Republic, New Zealand, Croatia, Serbia, Qatar, Pakistan, Malta, Malaysia, Egypt, Arap Bay, Bulgaria, Uganda, Taiwan & ROC, Armenia, Puerto Rico, Kuwait, Georgia, Costa Rica, China, Bolivia, Romania, Philippines, Panama, Namib-ia, Malta, Luxembourg, Libya, Lebanon, Bulgaria, Honduras, Iceland, El Salvador, Ecuador, Chile, Bangladesh.

Participants by Region

- Western Europe 68%
- North America 10%
- East Asia & Pacific 10%
- Latin America 6%
- Central & South America 5%
- Middle East 5%
- Africa & Atlantic 2%
- Central Asia 0%
Thank you, Maastricht!
The 19th Annual Advanced Interventional Pain Conference and Practical Workshop of WIP was held in Budapest, Hungary August 25-27, 2014. The Scientific Program Committee chaired by Drs. Gabor Racz and James Heavner, and the Local Arrangements Committee chaired by Dr. Edit Racz with Drs. Agnes Stogicza and Lorand Eross, delivered their tradition of excellence in shared learning and teaching aimed at challenging participants to make interventional pain management better.

A total of 126 pain specialists representing 32 countries answered the call to participate as teachers, learners, and facilitators; together impacting the quality of this annual global networking experience for not only participants, but to those they mentor in their respective communities and ultimately to the patients they serve.

WIP acknowledges with gratitude the sponsors who helped make this event possible: Boston Scientific, Epimed, Medtronic, Conmed Medical, Stimwave Technologies, St. Jude Medical and Ziehm Imaging.

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Over 100 physicians from 24 countries participated in the II Hands-on Cadaver Workshop in Interventional Pain Practice held November 12-24, 2014 in Miami Beach, Florida, USA. These pain specialists gathered for the purpose of expanding knowledge and skill associated with clinical techniques of pain medicine, with specific emphasis on interventional pain practice. Through the joint efforts of FIPP member volunteers representing the WIP Sections of Brazil, USA and beyond, the first, WIP dual-language, English and Spanish, hands-on cadaver workshop with didactic lectures was conducted at the state-of-the-art Miami Anatomical Research Center.

Organized by Drs. Ira Fox and Andrea Trescot (USA), and Fabricio Dias Assis and Charles Amaral de Oliveira (Brazil), this international workshop delivered lectures and hands-on instruction on current and emerging techniques in interventional pain management with emphasis on preparation for certification as FIPP®.

Registered delegates represented the countries of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, Nambia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, USA and Venezuela.

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**Fifth Cadaver Pain Management Workshop Under the Flag of ESMP with WIP Hands-on training for Interventional pain management**

A live demonstration was performed May 1, 2014 in Ein Shams Mortuary and Shaalan Hospital (Mohandiseen). Thirty pain centers from all over Egyptian governors had the opportunity to learn on cadavers under the care of a full-day descriptive interventional CT was given to each candidate. Day one encompassed head and neck (ultrasound demonstration) and pelvic (ultrasound demonstration and practical pelvic pain interventions. Day two encompassed demonstration by live intervention in the operating theatre, transmitted by cable directly to a large screen with interactive discussion. These clinical case scenarios were presented with pharmacological treatment followed by live interventions, namely: ultrasound, intrathecal, intercostal, and supra-vertebral blocks for thyroid cancer patient and breast cancer patient, and transoral cervical, superior hypogastric and ganglion impar blocks for bladder cancer patient. The event concluded with a large discussion and panel discussion. The symposium was supported by renowned faculty including: Professor Serdar Erdine, Dr. Charles Gauci, Professor Leland Lou, Dr. John Nelson, Professor Vasilios Palacios, Dr. Zakaria Moneim, Dr. Saygılı Dursun, Dr. Sadiye Dursun, Dr. David Wilson, Dr. David Menzies, Dr. Robert Nelson, and Dr. Ludger Gerdesmeyer. Professor Serdar Erdine and Dr. Charles Gauci advised on the overall arrangements and conduct of the symposium and workshop. The symposium was supported by renowned faculty including: Professor Serdar Erdine, Dr. Charles Gauci, Professor Sajid Butt, Dr. Sean White, Dr. David Wilson, Dr. Jan Willem Kallewaard and Professor Ludger Gerdesmeyer.

Participants were from the United Kingdom, Brazil, Belgium, Australia, Pakistan, Ireland, Afghanistan, Turkey, Kenya, The Netherlands, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Namibia, Dubai, Canada, Bermuda and United States of America. Both of these activities were organised by Dr. Muhammad Ather FIPP and endorsed by the World Institute of Pain. Professor Saner Eldine and Dr. Charles Gauci advised on the overall arrangements and conduct of the symposium and workshop. The symposium was supported by renowned faculty including: Professor Serdar Eldine, Dr. Charles Gauci, Professor Sajid Butt, Dr. Sean White, Dr. David Wilson, Dr. Jan Willem Kallewaard and Professor Ludger Gerdesmeyer.

**Interventional Pain Workshop of Minimally-Invasive Pain Management Procedures**

Dr. Gabor B. Racz's Interventional Pain Workshops sponsored by Epimed were held May 30-31, 2014 and October 3-4, 2014 at the Baylor Medical Center in Frisco, TX. The workshops were a tremendous success and attended by local and national physicians. Attendees achieved hands-on experience performing several minimally invasive pain management procedures such as: epidural, perineural, intrathecal injections, catheter-guided central inclusions. Could blunt needle techniques, transforaminal epidurals and attended a coding and practice management lecture given by Epimed's Director of Reimbursement.

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Second longest running WIP-sponsored Symposium and workshop, organized in the UK, attracts participants from six continents to June 2014 event

**Endorsed Symposium & Workshop**

Thefrist International symposium and comprehensive FIPP review course on back basics in interventional pain procedures attracted delegates, and the British UK Hands-on Cadaver Workshop attracted 27 delegates.

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**WIP Advanced Pain Conferences & Workshops**

December 4-7, 2014 London Spine Pain and Neuromodulation Symposium & Cadaver Workshops - A Shared Vision of Expertise

The UK-Eire Section, in collaboration with the Pain Management and Neuroradiology Center at Guy's & St. Thomas' Hospital, recently hosted a successful one-week online course in pain management. This was an innovative Master Class and was scientifically rewarding to both the faculty as well as the participants. Reduced rates were given to WIP members to make this cost affordable for all participants. A significant number were interested and were encouraged to attend live via Skype. Feedback from participants was very high due to excellent faculty. Other educational activities are planned for this year, including an online in Pain Management Course with Cadaver Workshop in December 2014. The UK-Eire Section is working hard to promote WIP activities in safety and quality of pain management procedures. A number of new registrants and research fellows as well as consultants are planning to sit for the FIPP examination.

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May 11-13, 2014 Single Cadaver Workshop, Kelowna, BC

February to October 2015 Single Cadaver Pain Management Center Theoretical and Hands-on Interventional Pain Procedures Course Kelowna, BC

**Workshop**

October 23-24, 2014 3rd Congress of the Faculty of International Pain Physicians Fast Track, Dubai

November 11-13, 2014 Harvard Cadaver Workshop, New York, NY

February to October 2015 Singular Pain Management Center Theoretical and Hands-on Interventional Pain Procedures Course Fast Track, New York, NY

**Workshop**

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