President’s Message

Twenty years of WIP! It has been an incredible journey and one that has certainly created many wonderful memories. We have done a lot of good things, bringing forward the voice of pain for the practitioner and for the patient. Through WIP’s legacy of education and certification of pain physicians, our organization is now responsible for certifying over 800 Fellows of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP). The world congresses of WIP highlight the newest discoveries and advances in pain medicine. The cutting-edge science presented by our speakers and members, often in the form of abstracts, pushes our understanding of pain medicine forward.

WIP continues to focus on pain clinics, pain practitioners, and education. WIP works hard at challenging ourselves to promote the science of pain medicine, the underpinning of what is important; to promote education; and, also what’s important for us as clinicians, how we should base our decisions on how to practice. I am proud of the balance WIP has in those areas. I think we see it in the response of people who want to come to our meetings, and the folks who want to be part of the organization. I believe we are much stronger than we were 10 years ago, but there is always room for progress, and continued improvement in all these areas makes the organization stronger. We have a tremendous amount of talent and intellectual firepower within the WIP organization.

I am honored to work alongside giants in the field of pain medicine while at the same time energizing new talent to become engaged with WIP to make this organization stronger and further its mission around the world. We could never have achieved, in such a short time, the accomplishments we have without the expert leadership, guidance, and hard work of our previous presidents, Drs. Raj, Niv, Racz, Erdine, and Ruiz-Lopez. We have a bright future ahead of us, working together, to alleviate pain and suffering around the world.

Richard L. Rauck, MD, FIPP - WIP President
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About “WIP”

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WIP is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or corresponding provisions of any future USA Internal Revenue Law, and in accordance with the WIP Bylaws as Amended in 2010.

The headquarters of WIP are located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA.

Mission Statement

WIP is an international membership society for physicians who specialize in pain medicine organized for the purpose of promoting global standards of excellence in interventional pain practice. Through the WIP network of member physicians and supporters in over 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 organizes 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 gain consensus among global experts to define the specialty of pain medicine throughout the world.
Aims & Objectives

- To educate and train personnel of member pain centers via 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.
- To encourage members of pain centers to develop an informational database and protocols for efficacy and outcome studies.
- To communicate administrative and patient-related matters on a regular basis by way of newsletter, telephone hook-up, world directory of pain centers by region, and video teleconferencing (including patient consultation).

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WIP Council: Executive Board + Section Chairs (page 7)

Advisory Board: Chair, Andrea M. Trescot, MD DABIPP FIPP (USA); and Past Presidents and Founders

WIP Founders and Presidents

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Richard L. Rauck, MD FIPP (USA)
2011-2013
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2008-2011
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2005-2008
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2002-2005
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1993-2002
P. Prithvi Raj, MD DABPM DABIPP FIPP (USA)
WIP encourages the establishment of regional Sections to further the objectives of the society. The Executive Board has the authority to control the establishment and regulation of the Sections, which may only be formed by active FIPP certificate holders and there must be at least five FIPPs in the country desiring to form the Section.

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.

### Sections by Continent

- **Africa**
  - Africa
  - Middle East*

- **Asia**
  - India-Pakistan
  - Iran
  - Israel
  - **Malaysia**
  - Middle East*
  - NE Asia
  - SE Asia
  - Turkey*

- **Australia**
  - Australia

- **Europe**
  - Benelux
  - Central-Eastern Europe
  - Hungary
  - Iberian
  - Italy
  - Mediterranean
  - Switzerland
  - Turkey*
  - UK-Eire

- **North America**
  - Canada
  - Puerto Rico-Caribbean
  - USA

- **South America**
  - Brazil
  - Colombia
  - Latin America

### New in 2013

* Dual continents
WIP Board of Sections

Each Section Chair serves as a voting member of the WIP Council.

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Edwin B. Koshi, MD FIPP - Canada
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Athina Vadalouca, MD PhD FIPP - Mediterranean
Jose Rodriguez Hernandez, MD FIPP - Puerto Rico
Alex Sow Nam Yeo, MD PhD FIPP - SE Asia
Philippe Mavrocordatos, MD FIPP - Switzerland
Suleiman Ozyalcin, MD FIPP - Turkey
Patrick McGowan, MBChB FRCA FIPP FFPMRCA - UK-Eire
Jianguo Cheng, MD PhD FIPP - USA
The WIP Benelux Section hosted its third Evidence-Based Interventional Pain Medicine According to Clinical Diagnoses conference and practical workshop in June 2013. This was a joint event of the departments of anesthesiology and pain management of the Maastricht University Medical Centre, Maastricht, The Netherlands and Ziekenhuis Oost-Limburg, Genk, Belgium. It was organized in collaboration with the department of Anatomy and Embryology of the Maastricht University, under the auspices of WIP, NVA, Pain Section and VAVP.

The theoretical session was conducted at La Butte aux Bois in Lanaken, Belgium; the advanced techniques workshop was conducted at the Multidisciplinary Pain Clinic in Lanaken, Belgium; and the hands-on cadaver workshop was conducted at the University of Maastricht, The Netherlands. The workshop offered doctors with an interest in interventional pain management the possibility to assist in the theoretical sessions regarding the Evidence Based management guidelines according to clinical diagnoses. The interactive workshop was designed to guide participants through different aspects of neuropathic pain, low back pain and medical imaging.
The Hungarian Section hosted the 18th Annual Advanced Pain Conference and Practical Workshop August 26-28, 2013 in Budapest. The host hotel was the Sofitel Chain Bridge. The workshop was held in the beautiful Semmelweis University Pathology Lab.

Dr. James Heavner, DVM, PhD, FIPP (Hon) organized the scientific program with some 40 international speakers. The local arrangements chairman, Dr. Edit Racz of Budapest, was the motor behind the success of the Budapest Conference.

Participants were treated to incredible Hungarian experiences traditionally provided at this event, including the annual FIIPP Awards Ceremony.
Immediate past-president (2011-2013) Dr. Ricardo Ruiz-López is a frequent instructor of WIP interventional pain courses organized by the WIP Section of Brazil.

Dr. Ruiz-López, known for his commitment to the diffusion of the WIP mission throughout Latin American populations, presided over the growth in FIPP-certifications in Brazil that led to the recognition of Brazil as an official Section of WIP.

SPOTLIGHT ON EPP PAIN CENTER - SINGULAR - PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTER
Singular was born in 2009, fulfilling a dream shared by Drs. Fabrício Dias Assis, Chair of the WIP Section of Brazil, and Dr. Charles Amaral de Oliveira and two former associates. In 2010, the center became the first in Latin America to be accredited with the Excellence in Pain Practice Award of the World Institute of Pain (WIP).

Currently, Singular has four of the six qualified FIPPs (Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice) in Brazil working on its staff, ensuring the highest level of expertise in pain management. The Singular team also consists of pain specialists in other areas, allowing them to provide integrative, interdisciplinary care.
Dr. Gabor Racz Visits Singular Centro de Controle da Dor

In July 2013, WIP Section Brazil had the pleasure of hosting the illustrious Dr. Gabor Racz, Texas Tech professor and WIP past president and founder. During his visit to Campinas, São Paulo, Dr. Racz gave several lectures and conducted a pain procedures workshop for doctors taking part in module 3 of the Singular Centro de Controle da Dor pain course.

Theoretical and Practical Training Course by Singular

In August 2013, the last module of the third edition of the successful Theoretical and Hands-on Interventional Training Course took place. Organized by Singular Centro de Controle da Dor, the 7-module course trains doctors in the major interventional pain management procedures.

http://www.singular.med.br/cursos

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EPP Award

Multidisciplinary Clinical Pain Practice Award
Singular - Centro de Controle da Dor
Cambui, Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil
www.singular.med.br

WIP Section - Brazil Section Officers

Fabricio Dias Assis, MD FIPP, Chair
Charles Amaral de Oliveira, MD FIPP, Vice-Chair
Leandro M. Braun, MD FIPP, Secretary
Roberto de Oliveira Rocha, MD FIPP, Treasurer
Featured WIP Sections - more Brazil + USA

The USA Section’s city of Miami, Florida served as the host city for the July 18-20, 2013 Hands-on Cadaver Workshop held at the state-of-the-art Miami Anatomical Research Center. Organized by the WIP Section of Brazil in association with SOBRAMID, with the support of Singular Centro de Controle da Dor - the only EPP award pain center in Brazil, all 32 places were filled in this first ever cadaver workshop organized for Latin American doctors. Participants learned the theory then practiced hands on the interventional pain procedures they had been taught.

Training was conducted by influential names in the field of interventional pain medicine in Latin America: Dr. Ricardo Plancarte from Mexico, and Drs. Fabrício Assis, Charles Oliveira, Luciano Braun, and Adriano Scaff from Brazil. Weighing in with their expertise and knowledge were outgoing WIP President Dr. Ricardo Ruiz López, and Drs. Ira Fox and Andrea Trescot.

Dr. Ira Fox of Anesthesia Pain Care Consultants in Tamarac, Florida, USA was instrumental in bringing this workshop back to Miami, following a successful workshop and World Congress in 2012. Miami, one of the gateways to the USA, is accessible to physicians of North and Latin American regions, fulfilling a need for WIP-sponsored interventional pain workshops in these regions.

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of all who served as teachers and staff, WIP is sustaining the goal established by its Board under the leadership of Immediate Past President, Dr. Ricardo Ruiz-López’ to strengthen the presence of WIP and grow WIP membership and FIPP certifications in North and Latin America.
The International symposium of WIP “ALGOS 2013” was organized in Kos island, Greece from 26-29 September 2013. Kos, the birthplace of Hippocrates, the founder of Western Medicine was absolutely spectacular. It was magical. The venue was beautiful.

The Hippocrates theme was really special for everyone. The opening lecture of Prof. Stefano Gerulanos, “Hippocratic Medicine” was excellent. The scientific program was strong with a distinguished international faculty. All the participants enjoyed the scientific program with well-known pain management specialists from all over the world that fulfill the mission of WIP of promoting education in pain management.

The total number of participants was 301 from 11 countries (Greece, Turkey, USA, Serbia, The Netherlands, UK, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Belgium, Switzerland); 250 of them were from Greece.

The ALGOS 2013 followed the footsteps of other past successful meetings, such as “ALGOS 2002” in Santorini and “ALGOS 2009” in Mykonos. It was another memorable WIP event.
Fourth Cadaveric Pain Management Workshop Under the Flag of ESMP with WIP

Hands on training for interventional pain management was held April 25-26, 2013 in Ein Shams Mortuary, with demonstration live intervention in Shaalan Hospital (Mohandessin). The second day, 40 pain clinicians from all over Egypt governorates had the opportunity to be trained on cadavers under C-Arm for a full day; a descriptive interventional CD was given to each candidate.

The training schedule consisted of Day 1: Cadaveric Axial Somatic Spinal Pain Program, with two timed session stations. Station A: Lumbar and Pelvic Spine Interventions; Station B: Cervical Thoracic Spine Interventions. Day 2 consisted of: A live intervention demonstration in the operating theatre, transmitted by cable directly to a large screen with interactive discussion. Three clinical case scenarios were presented with pharmaceutical management, followed by live interventions namely: cervical epidural catheterisation in post laminectomy syndrome with selective nerve root block and cervical facets injections; conventional radiofrequency to thoracic selective nerve roots 5, 6, 7 for mesothelioma; PRF to dorsal root ganglia to lumbar L4 and L5, and PRF to sacral nerve root in addition to lower facets local with corticosteroids injections. Station B consisted of a distinguished workshop lecture on the diagnosis and management of chronic headache, by Emeritus Prof. Salah Ibrahim.

The program was organized and directed by all FIPP-certified faculty of the WIP Section of the Middle East:

Ahmed El Molla  Amany Ezat
Raef Mahfouz  Ghada Gamal
Magda Azer  Basem Henry
Mohamed Abdel Raouf
Magdi Ramzi Iskander
Mohamed Abdel shafy
The World Institute of Pain established the EPP Award program to recognize pain centers that demonstrate clinical and scientific excellence, dedication to teaching physicians-in-training and mentoring young physicians in newly-established practices. Through its network of EPP Award pain centers, WIP aims to bolster networking between FIPPs and associate pain physicians in FIPP-member pain centers by promoting the best clinical practice and scholarly advancements in pain medicine globally. WIP has recognized 21 centers of excellence representing 11 countries.

In 2013, the following pain centers were recognized as Excellence in Pain Practice Centers of Excellence and join the other centers listed by award category and country.

**Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Pain Practice**
- University Pain Center Maastricht - Maastricht, The Netherlands
  Director: Maarten van Kleef, MD, PhD, FIPP
- Spine Institute Northwest - Bothell, Washington, USA
  Director: Solomon Kamson, MD, FIPP

**Multidisciplinary Clinical Pain Practice**
- Interventional Pain and Physical Medicine Clinic - Sartell, Minnesota, USA
  Director: Thomas C. Kowalkowski, DO, FIPP
- Pain Physicians New York - New York, NY, USA
  Director: Leonid Reyfman, MD, FIPP
- Neuro Pain Care, P.C. - Fresh Meadows, New York, USA
  Director: Vikas Varma, MD, FIPP
- The Pain Specialist - Singapore, Singapore
  Director: Alex Sow Nam Yeo, MD, PhD, FIPP

**Clinical Pain Practice**
- Uosd Terapia Antalgica - Rome, Italy
  Director: Gianni Colini-Baldeschi, MD, FIPP

**Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Pain Practice**
- Multidisciplinary Pain Centre of Ziekenhuis-Oost-Limburg Hospital - Genk
  Director: Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP
- Pain Center of Dept of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, Seoul National Univ Hospital - Seoul
  Director: Yong Chul Kim, MD; Chairman: Sang Chul Lee, MD, PhD, FIPP
- Pain Management Division of the Department of Anesthesiology, Univ of Cincinnati, Ohio
  Director: Richard M. Rosenthal, MD, FIPP

**Multidisciplinary Clinical Pain Practice**
- Centro de Atención Integral del Dolor - Buenos Aires
  Director: J Carlos Flores, MD, FIPP
- Pain Center of Dept of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, Seoul National Univ Hospital - Seoul
  Director: Yong Chul Kim, MD; Chairman: Sang Chul Lee, MD, PhD, FIPP
- Pain Management Division of the Department of Anesthesiology, Univ of Cincinnati, Ohio
  Director: Richard M. Rosenthal, MD, FIPP

**Clinical Pain Practice**
- ACME Pain Care — Algonquin, Illinois, USA
  Director: Vikram B. Patel, MD, FIPP

**Clinical Pain Practice Specializing in Musculoskeletal Pain Syndromes**
- Metro Spinal Clinic - Caulfield South, Victoria, Australia
  Co-Directors: David Vivian, MBBS; Bruce Mitchell, MBBS, FIPP; Paul Verrills, MBBS, FIPP
The 23rd and 24th Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP) certification examinations were administered in 2013 by the FIPP Board of Examination of WIP. The 23rd examination was conducted June 13, 2013 at the University of Maastricht Medical School/Academisch Ziekenhuis Maastricht in The Netherlands. Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary hosted the 24th examination August 29, 2013. Seventy-two physicians were awarded certification FIPP certification, bringing the total certification number since 2001 to 810 physicians representing 50 countries.

Purpose of Certification

Pain medicine has emerged as a specialty characterized by a distinct body of knowledge and well-defined scope of practice based on an infrastructure of scientific research and education. Competence in the practice of pain medicine requires advanced training in interventional techniques, experience, and knowledge. The interventional techniques are unique procedures performed by pain physicians, and appropriate examination and certification are designed to accurately reflect the quality of care given to pain patients. The FIPP certification program has been designed to help recognize practitioners’ knowledge and skill in this field; however, certification by WIP cannot and is not intended to serve as a guarantee of competence.

The WIP FIPP Board of Examination is committed to the certification of qualified physicians in the field of pain medicine who perform interventional techniques. The certification process employs practice-based requirements against which members of the profession may be assessed. The objectives of the FIPP certification program are:

- To establish the knowledge and skills domain of the practice of pain medicine for certification.
- To assess the knowledge and application of interventional techniques of pain medicine physicians in a psychometrically-valid manner.
- To encourage professional growth in the practice of interventional techniques.
- To formally recognize individuals who meet the requirements set forth by the WIP FIPP Board of Examination.
- To serve the public by encouraging quality patient care in the practice of pain medicine.

For more information, visit the website of www.worldinstituteofpain.org/fipp.
Through the physician certification program of WIP that awards the Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP) credential, WIP has emerged as a global advocate for better standards of pain medical education and specialized training in interventional techniques. Since 2001, more than 800 physicians representing 50 countries have earned FIPP certification.

With certification comes the responsibility of each FIPP to help sustain WIP’s mission of promoting global advancement and standardization of clinical and didactic performance in pain medicine. Through WIP, FIPP member physicians dedicate themselves to working together to provide a global forum for the sharing of knowledge and expertise with other physicians who aspire to join the FIPP physician network. Together, FIPPs are building consensus on the best practices of pain medicine, with special emphasis on interventional pain techniques.

FIPP member physicians serve WIP in a multitude of ways, including original article submissions to the journal of PAIN Practice, teaching and mentoring other physicians who seek to prepare for eventual FIPP certification and/or to refresh their fund of knowledge, pursuing WIP Excellence in Pain Practice (EPP) Award designation for their pain center, and participating in WIP World Congresses and international and regional symposia and practical workshops.

Together, WIP and its FIPP member physicians are creating global opportunities for greater collaboration among physicians to alleviate disparate standards of pain practice and to promote competency by pain physicians globally.
In 2013, the Board of Examination administered two exams, one on June 15th in Maastricht, The Netherlands and the second on August 29th in Budapest, Hungary. FIPP certification was awarded to 72 physicians. WIP penetrated eight new countries by certifying the first physician from: Iraq, Kuwait, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Slovak Republic, and the United Arab Emirates. Congratulations to these pioneers of pain medicine: Drs. Erich Karl-Heinz Mansfeld (Namibia), Robert Rapcan (Slovak Republic), Abdulmuhsen Alsahhaf (Kuwait), Husham Abdulameer Hasan (Iraq), Shahzad Maqbool (United Arab Emirates), Slawomir Mihulka (Poland), Muhammad Jamil Sabit (Pakistan), and Zakari Aliyu Suleiman (Nigeria).

Cooperation from the respective WIP Sections of Benelux and Hungary is essential to organizing the examination activities. Likewise, examiners appointed by the Board of Examination from the FIPP population donate their time and expertise as volunteers and receive a modest travel and accommodation allowance. The spirit of cooperation among FIPP members of WIP who are the standard-bearers of the society make it possible for the WIP network to fulfill its goals for the advancement of qualifications and performance for pain medical specialists. FIPPs are physicians helping physicians as volunteers, setting the standards through teaching and mentoring, and leading by example by championing the cause of WIP’s mission to promote better education for physicians for better pain relief for patients.

**The Hassenbusch Prize** established in memory of the late Samuel J. Hassenbusch, III, MD, PhD, FIPP, is awarded annually to the FIPP who scored the highest on the examination. The 2013 Hassenbusch Prize, consisting of a monetary award and travel scholarship to the World Congress, was presented at the 7th World Congress in Maastricht, The Netherlands (2014) to Dr. Chi Wing “Timmy” Chan, MBBS, FANZCA, FHKCA, FIPP of Hong Kong.

(Pictured left to right) Mrs. Katherine Chan, Dr. “Timmy” Chan, Dr. Philip Finch, Prof. Serdar Erdine, and Dr. Charles Gauci
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The WIP Section of Benelux, representing the union of states comprising three neighbouring countries in midwestern Europe: Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg, was selected by the WIP Executive Board to host the 7th World Congress.

Maastricht, an old Roman city in the Netherlands, was chosen as the Congress city. Located in the southern part of the province of Limburg, Maastricht is in the heart of Europe.

Intensive planning and execution of details throughout 2013 was undertaken by the Local Organizing Committee led by Drs. Maarten van Kleef, Jan Van Zundert, and Kris Vissers.

Maastricht, the heart of Europe!

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- 1998  Eilat, Israel (David Niv, MD, FIPP)
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- 2009  New York, USA (Richard L. Rauck, MD, FIPP)
- 2012  Miami Beach, FL, USA (Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP, Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP)
- 2014  Maastricht, The Netherlands (Maarten van Kleef, Jan Van Zundert, Kris Vissers, MD PhD, FIPP)
- 2016  May 20-23, 2016  New York, USA
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February thru Oct

III Theoretical and Practical Course of Interventional Pain Medicine - Sao Paulo, Brazil
Organized by Drs. Fabricio Dias Assis, MD FIPP, Charles Amaral de Oliveira, MD FIPP and Andrea Trescot MD DABIPP FIPP through Singular Centro de Controle da Dor

March
16-17 International Hands-on Cadaver Workshop and Symposium - Malta
Organized by Dr. Charles A. Gauci, MD FRCIA FIPP FFPMRCA, in conjunction with CoMedical B.V. The Netherlands

April - May
28 - 5 ASEAPS 5th Association of SE Asian Pain Societies Conference - Singapore
Organized by Dr. Alex Sow Nam Yeo, MD PhD FIPP

May
16-17 II International Symposium of the Iberian Section of WIP - Barcelona, Spain
Organized by Dr. Marcello Meli, MD FIPP

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Theoretical and Practical Course of Interventional Pain Medicine
June
13-14  Evidence-based Interventional Pain Medicine According to Clinical Diagnoses Symposium and Workshops - Maastricht, The Netherlands
Organized by Drs. Jan Van Zundert, MD PhD FIPP and Maarten van Kleef, MD PhD FIPP

August
26-28  18th Annual Advanced Pain Conference and Practical Workshops - Budapest, Hungary
Organized by Drs. Gabor B. Racz, MD DABIPP FIPP, James E. Heavner, DVM PhD FIPP (Hon), and Edit Racz, MD FIPP

December
5-6  Comprehensive Reviews on Spinal Imaging and Radiofrequency in Interventional Pain Management
6-8  12th UK Hands-on Cadaver Workshop on Interventional Pain Procedures
London, England, UK
Organized by Dr. Muhammad Ather, MD FRCA FIPP FFPMRCA

26-29  ALGOS 2013 - Kos Island, Greece
Organized by Dr. Athina Vadalouca, MD PhD FIPP

UK Hands-on Cadaver Workshop, WIP’s second longest recurring interventional pain workshop with companion lectures, was held in June 2013, organized by Dr. Muhammad Ather and supported by a delegation of international pain specialists.
[Ather pictured above right with L-R Jose Rodriguez, Serdar Erdine, and Prithvi Raj]
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