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WIP encourages the establishment of regional Sections to further the objectives of the organization, and promote national and international good will. A country or region with at least five FIPP members qualifies for Section designation. Some countries may and do agree to collaborate as one Section. The Chair of each Section serves with the WIP Executive Board on the WIP Council.

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What is WIP?
WIP (World Institute of Pain) provides a global forum for education, training, and networking for thousands of physicians who dedicate themselves to the worldwide phenomena of acute and chronic pain syndromes.

Founded in 1993, WIP is an international membership organization for physicians that facilitates the exchange of pain medical knowledge and practical expertise through participation in World Congresses, international and regional symposia, and practical workshops. Through WIP, physicians assess and contribute to the scholarly body of articles, case studies, practice guidelines, and evidence-based compositions in the WIP journal, Pain Practice; demonstrate competency in interventional techniques via advanced certification as a Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice and mentor others to achieve the same symbol of professional excellence; and, foster the highest standards of education, training, and research through their pain center’s distinction as a WIP Excellence in Pain Practice Award recipient.

World Congress

The preeminent summit on pain management, the biennial WIP World Congress is the mainstay of WIP’s educational mission. WIP World Congresses contribute to the global advancement of pain education and clinical practice standards of excellence.

- Eilat, Israel (1998)
- Istanbul, Turkey (2001)
- Barcelona, Spain (2004)
- Budapest, Hungary (2007)
- New York, USA (2009)
- Miami Beach, Florida, USA (2012)
- Maastricht, The Netherlands (2014)
- New York, NY, USA (2016)

Symposia and Workshops

WIP endorses regional and international pain symposia and practical workshops that are organized by an FIPP member of WIP and enrich the educational mission of WIP.

Pain Practice

Pain Practice, the official journal of WIP, was introduced in 2001. Published by Wiley-Blackwell and indexed in Medline, the journal provides a forum for physicians to acquire and contribute to the knowledge needed to promote the advancement of interventional pain practice around the world.

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FIPP

WIP and its FIPP Board of Examination introduced the Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP) physician certification program in 2001. Over 800 physicians from 50 countries have been certified. The three-part examination (theoretical, practical, and oral) is based on currently-accepted levels of knowledge and expertise in interventional techniques. The FIPP certification program contributes to the global advancement and standardization of interventional pain practice.

In 2009, WIP introduced The Samuel J. Hassenbusch Prize to recognize annually the physician who earns the highest score on the FIPP examination. Given under the auspices of the WIP Foundation, this prize is named in memory of Samuel J. Hassenbusch, III, MD, PhD, FIPP, a world renowned neurosurgeon and scholar who devoted his life’s work to healing people.

Hassenbusch was an ardent supporter of WIP; teacher and mentor to many physicians who achieved their goals of FIPP certification.

EPP Award

Introduced in 2010, the Excellence in Pain Practice Award program recognizes pain centers that demonstrate excellence in clinical practice, education, training, and cutting-edge research. Through its network of EPP pain centers, WIP aims to broaden the scope and reach of physician collaboration globally.

To date, WIP has recognized over 20 pain centers in countries throughout Europe, SE and NE Asia, Africa, Australia and the United States.

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