The inspiration for the 2008 Annual Report of the World Institute of Pain (WIP), the first annual report of WIP’s activities, arose from communications by and between the surviving founders about the importance of remembering and honoring the history of WIP. Maintaining archives of WIP activities and achievements is an ongoing and renewed commitment of the organization’s leadership.

Remembering the history of WIP is important – not only to honor those who inspired its creation, but also to acknowledge each and every person who devotes time, talent and energy towards promoting the aims and objectives of WIP – individually, regionally and internationally.

By remembering the past and acknowledging the paths that created the present, WIP can better plan and prepare for the future – to continue to provide world-class educational and training opportunities for the advancement of pain medicine and interventional pain practice; to promote the highest standards of care for pain patients.

This Annual Report is dedicated to everyone whose footsteps in 2008, big or small, helped promote the aims and activities of the World Institute of Pain – and to those who continue with WIP into 2009 and beyond on this journey to better educate pain physicians for the 21st century.

P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP  Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP  Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP
Past President  Immediate Past President  President
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Statement of Mission, Aims & Objectives

The World Institute of Pain ("WIP") was founded in 1993 and established as an international non-profit organization exempt under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). WIP is legally incorporated in the State of California of the United States of America. Since 2007, WIP’s operational headquarters are located in the city of Winston-Salem, state of North Carolina.

Mission Statement

WIP’s mission is to bring together the most recognized experts in the field of pain medicine throughout the world for the advancement and standardization of interventional pain practice and the achievement of improved standards of care for pain patients.

WIP fulfills its mission through its sponsorship of educational and training programs for physicians. These programs are aimed at facilitating the development of practice guidelines and standards of examining and assessing competency in physicians who specialize in interventional pain practice.

Aims and Objectives

A. To educate and train personnel of member pain centers by including 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.

B. To encourage members of pain centers to develop an informational database and protocols for efficacy and outcome studies.

C. To communicate administrative and patient-related matters on a regular basis by way of newsletter, telephone hook-up, world directory of pain centers (region by region), and video teleconferencing (including patient consultation).

D. To categorize and credential pain centers by mail correspondence, local information and the industry’s medical representatives.

E. To develop an examination process for pain centers in testing trainees, and provide technical expertise in the examination process.

F. To 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 a fellowship-training program.

Among the activities WIP uses to achieve these aims and objectives are: 1) organizing biennial world congresses; 2) organizing or sponsoring international and regional symposia, practical workshops and scientific meetings; 3) publishing a journal, Pain Practice; 4) providing a website, www.worldinstituteofpain.org; and establishing new bodies associated with WIP activities for further promotion of WIP, including new methods of promotion, education and training.
Letter from the President

It was August 23, 1993, in Paris, at the Palais du Congres during the IASP World Congress, where Profs. Raj, Niv, Ruiz-López, and I held the first informal meeting about the creation of the World Institute of Pain (WIP). Soon after, in 1994, Prof. Racz met us during the American Pain Society meeting in Washington, D.C. on October the 13th and, with a $1,000 USD contribution from each of us, WIP was officially established.

Fifteen years later, WIP acknowledges and celebrates the constancy of its founding vision – to bring together from all corners of the world physicians who share a dedication to raising the standards of competency in interventional pain practice. With the support of our members who have participated in our educational mission – many who serve tirelessly in positions of leadership and mentorship, WIP is reaching more physicians in more countries across six continents.

In 2008, WIP fostered educational opportunities for pain physicians through its sponsorship of symposia and workshops, including the Interventional Techniques Review Course and Comprehensive Interventional Cadaver Workshop, in Memphis, Tennessee, USA; the 3rd International Symposium on Interventional Pain Procedures, and 7th UK Hands-on Cadaver Workshop on Interventional Pain Procedures in London, UK; the 13th Annual WIP Budapest Conference in Budapest, Hungary; and the International Pain Conference, In the Temple of Pain Relief, in Cairo, Egypt.

WIP’s Section of Pain Practice awarded 68 FIPP certificates in 2008 to Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice examinees who participated in the examinations conducted in Memphis, USA and Budapest, Hungary. Since 2001, WIP has certified 498 FIPPs representing 33 countries.

Pain Practice, the official journal of the World Institute of Pain, is indexed in Medline, and in its ninth year of publication. 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.

Early in the year, the Executive Board adopted the first WIP Strategic Plan; a roadmap for strengthening the organizational philosophy and principles necessary to ensure the continued growth and success of WIP. The first Advisory Board was established to help promote the goals of the newly organized WIP Council of Executive Board members and chairmen of WIP’s 17 officially recognized sections. These sections represent geographic regions with the greatest number of FIPPs. A new website was launched to better promote WIP’s educational resources and activities to our members, prospective members and supporters.

It is to both our loyal members and our newest associates, who together serve to further strengthen the principles and resolve of WIP to educate physicians and patients in pain medicine – and develop guidelines and standards for training and examining competency in pain physicians all over the world, that we dedicate this first Annual Report of the World Institute of Pain. May our next fifteen years be more prosperous with your generous and continued support of our global mission.

Prof. Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP
President, 2008-2011
In Memoriam

Professor David Niv, MD, FIPP
August 6, 1950 - February 6, 2007
WIP Founder & Past President

Professor Samuel J. Hassenbusch, III, MD, PhD, FIPP
February 6, 1954 – February 25, 2008
Historic & Strategic Overview

The World Institute of Pain (WIP) was established in 1993. It is incorporated in the State of California as a nonprofit corporation and operates as an autonomous entity, independent of any other association, society, or academy.

Since its founding, WIP has organized four world congresses in these cities and countries: Eilat, Israel; Istanbul, Turkey; Barcelona, Spain; and Budapest, Hungary. WIP has sponsored 13 cadaver workshops in Budapest and organized or endorsed meetings in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt; Santorini, Greece; Athens, Greece; Puerto Rico (twice); Brussels, Belgium; and two international symposia and six cadaver workshops in London, UK.

Since 2001, WIP’s Section of Pain Practice Board of Examination has conducted seven examinations in Budapest, Hungary and three in Memphis, Tennessee USA. It has certified a total of 498 Fellows of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPPs).

WIP’s official journal, Pain Practice, first published in 2001, has been listed in Medline since 2006 and is now in its ninth year of publication.

Since its beginning, WIP did not have an official headquarters office or an executive secretary. Activities operated by personal enthusiasm and sometimes not in a very professional way. In late 2007, WIP hired its first full-time executive secretary who serves WIP from the official office in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA. This office is in close proximity to the WIP Treasurer.

WIP has also not had its own accountant; relying instead on external consultants. In 2008, a part-time accountant was hired and works from the office in North Carolina. Concurrent with newly adopted principles and standards of practice, management of WIP’s financial holdings has been streamlined for better oversight by the WIP President and Treasurer.

WIP’s 17 officially recognized Sections represent the regions where WIP’s FIPP population is greatest and WIP directs the focus of its core activities and growth strategies to continue to fulfill its organizational mission on a global scale.

WIP’s newsletter and website underwent change to reflect a renewed commitment to promoting information and achievements about WIP and its members. Through these media, WIP’s aim is to demonstrate that collectively and individually those affiliated with WIP share a common vision, which is to provide better education for pain physicians and deliver better relief for all pain patients around the world.

Prof. Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP
President, 2008-2011

Founders

P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP, DABIPP (USA)
David Niv, MD, FIPP (Deceased) (USA)
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Turkey)
Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP (Spain)
Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP, DABIPP (USA)
Governing Board

(January – June 15, 2008)

Executive Board

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(Turkey)
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P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP, DABIPP, Past President & Founder (USA)
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Dianne L. Willard, Executive Secretary (USA)

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Giustino A. Varrassi, MD, PhD, FIPP (Italy)

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2002-2005
David Niv, MD, FIPP (Israel)

2005-2008
Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP, DABIPP (USA)

2008-Present (through 2011)
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Turkey)

WIP President-Elect

2011
Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP (Spain)
Governing Board

(June 16 – December 2008) thru 2011

WIP Council

Executive Board

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Craig T. Hartrick, MD, DABPM, FIPP, Editor-in-Chief, Pain Practice (USA)
Patrick R. McGowan, MBChB, FRCA, FIPP, FFPMRCA, Chairman, Alumni Association (UK)
Nagy A. Mekhail, MD, PhD, FIPP, Chairman, FIPP Examination Board (USA)
Giustino A. Varrassi, MD, PhD, FIPP, Chairman, Advisory Board (Italy)
Dianne L. Willard, Executive Secretary (USA)

Section Chairmen

Muhammad Ather, MD, FRCA, FFARCSI, FIPP, FFPMRCA – WIP Section: UK & Éire (UK)
Meir Bennun, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Israel (Israel)
Peter Courtney, MBBS, FIPP – WIP Section: Australia (Australia)
Gautam Das, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: India, Iran & Pakistan (India)
Neels de Villiers, MD, FRCA, FIPP – WIP Section: Africa (S. Africa)
Fabricio Dias Assis, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Latin America (Brazil), Shared seat
Juan Carlos Flores, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Latin America (Argentina), Shared seat
Magdi Iskander, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Middle East (Egypt)
Sang Chul Lee, MD, PhD, FIPP – WIP Section: Korea & Japan (Korea)
Leland Lou, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: North America (USA)
Martin Marianowicz, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Central & Eastern Europe (Germany)
Philippe Mavrocordatos, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Switzerland (Switzerland)
Carmen Pichot, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Iberian (Spain)
José R. Rodríguez Hernandez, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Puerto Rico & Caribbean (Puerto Rico)
Gül K. Talu, MD, FIPP – WIP Section: Turkey (Turkey)
Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP – WIP Section: Benelux (Belgium)
Giustino A. Varrassi, MD, PhD, FIPP – WIP Section: Mediterranean (Italy)
Alex Sow Nam Yeo, MD, PhD, FIPP – WIP Section: SE Asia (Singapore)

Special Assistant to the President

Alex Cahana, MD, DAAPM, FIPP, PhD (USA), (Effective September 2008)
WIP Committees

In 2008, the Executive Board approved the formation of committees that are aligned with specific organizational activities of WIP. The purpose of each committee is to facilitate a more expeditious fulfillment of WIP’s objectives for each activity through delegation. Each committee is comprised of WIP’s FIPP alumni members and serves under the leadership of a committee chairman. At least one member of the WIP Executive Board serves as an ex-officio member of each committee.

Bylaws Committee

This committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the Bylaws of WIP annually, interpreting the Bylaws as requested, and recommending amendments according to the needs of the organization.

Composition
P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP, DABIPP (USA)
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Turkey)
Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP, DABIPP (USA)

Distinguished Service Committee

This committee is charged with the responsibility of considering the worthiness of a distinguished service award for presentation to a FIPP or other member of WIP in recognition of outstanding clinical, educational, or scientific achievement; contributions to the specialty of pain medicine; or for exemplary service to WIP.

Composition
Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP, DABIPP (USA), Chairman
P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP, DABIPP (USA)
Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP (Spain)
James E. Heavner, DVM, PhD, FIPP (Hon), (USA)
Maarten van Kleef, MD, PhD, FIPP (Netherlands)

Education and Scientific Committee

This committee is charged with the responsibility of evaluating the goals and objectives of WIP’s educational activities, assessing and evaluating the educational needs of the WIP membership that underlie professional practice. This committee is also charged with coordinating CME activities, including documentation and accreditation, and proposing educational activities.

Composition
Maarten van Kleef, MD, PhD, FIPP (Netherlands), Co-Chairman
Alex Cahana, MD, DAAPM, FIPP, PhD (USA), Co-Chairman
Gabor B. Racz, MD, DABIPP, FIPP (USA)
James E. Heavner, DVM, PhD, FIPP (Hon), (USA)
Kris C. P. Vissers, MD, FIPP (Netherlands)
Electronic Media, Communication & Website Committee

This committee is charged with the responsibility of design and maintenance of the WIP website, communicating with other committee chairs for contributions to website content, and maintaining the master membership database of WIP that is the backbone of WIP and its communications.

In 2008, under the direction of WIP President, Prof. Serdar Erdine, WIP launched a new website that is managed by a team including the members of this committee, as well as Ron Stoppenhagen of Southern Community Computing, a professional webmaster in the USA, and Roger Panton and Bob Clifford of Objective Internet in the UK which operates the Activity Forum membership database program that WIP subscribes to. Through the combined efforts of the website committee chairman, Patrick McGowan and WIP executive secretary, Dianne Willard, with technical support from the database professionals at Objective Internet, in late 2008 WIP achieved the successful consolidation of all WIP membership records into one master database. Work will continue in 2009 to further enhance both content and functionality of the WIP website.

Composition
Patrick R. McGowan, MBChB, FRCA, FIPP, FFPMRCA (UK), Chairman
Dianne L. Willard (USA)
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Turkey), Ex-officio

Industry Liaison Committee

This committee is charged with the responsibility of promoting a balanced relationship between WIP and its industry supporters in a positive manner without commercializing WIP.

Composition
This committee is in the Nominating Committee process for 2009.
**Publication Committee**

This committee is charged with the responsibility of planning and organizing the WIP newsletter and other official publications of WIP, as required.

In 2008, three newsletters were published. The current issue is published on the website and distributed by email to all active members. Back issues of the newsletter are archived on the website.

**Composition**

James E. Heavner, DVM, PhD, FIPP (HON), (USA), Chairman
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Turkey), Ex-Officio
James E. Heavner, DVM, PhD, FIPP (HON), (USA)
P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP, DABIPP (USA)
Dianne L. Willard (USA)

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**Research Committee**

This committee is charged with the responsibility of establishing groups to conduct multicenter and multinational research on aspects of pain medicine and interventional pain practice, and to establish guidelines for the development of an award of excellence in research as well as a young physician’s scholarship training program in designated pain centers.

**Composition**

Alex Cahana, MD, DAAPM, FIPP, PhD (USA), Chairman
Advisory Board

**Introduction**
Established in March 2008, the Advisory Board consists of a maximum of 15 people and a chairman who serves as the Member-at-Large to the Executive Board. Appointees are considered on the basis of geographic and diversity representation, experience in the field of pain medicine and interventional pain practice, and contribution to WIP congresses and activities.

**Mission**
The mission of the WIP Advisory Board is to assist with the promotion and advancement of the activities of WIP on a regional level to help fulfill WIP’s objectives for membership, educational and scientific programming, publications, strategic planning, and organizational and administrative initiatives.

**Board (2008-2011)**
Giustino A. Varrassi, MD, PhD, FIPP, Chairman (Italy)
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Richard Derby, MD, FIPP (USA)
Ira B. Fox, MD, FIPP (USA)
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Leonardo Kapural, MD, PhD, FIPP (USA)
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Paolo Marchettini, MD Italy)
Margarita M. Puig, MD (Spain)
James Rathmell, MD, FIPP (USA)
Milan Stojanovic, MD, FIPP (USA)
Raj S. Sundaraj, MD, FIPP (Australia)
Athina Vadalousca, MD, FIPP (Greece)
Kris C. P. Vissers, MD, FIPP (Netherlands)
Tony Yaksh, PhD (USA)
Section of Pain Practice Board of Examination (FIPP)
Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice

Introduction
The WIP-Section of Pain Practice Board of Examination is responsible for the administration of the Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP) examination. The Board of Examination functions independently from the WIP Executive Board or WIP Council as far as the creation, selection of examiners, conduct of the examination and grading of the FIPP examinees performance.

WIP is independent of any other association, society, or academy. This allows WIP and its Board of Examination to maintain integrity in policy making on matters related to certification of physicians. The Board of Examination administers a psychometrically-developed and practice-dated interventional examination in the field of pain medicine to qualified candidates. Physicians who have successfully completed the credentialing process and examination are issued certificates of diploma in the field of interventional pain medicine and designated as Fellows of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP).

Mission
The mission of the WIP-Section of Pain Practice is to protect and inform the public by improving the quality and availability of interventional techniques in pain medicine.

Goals and Objectives
1. To evaluate candidates who voluntarily appear for examination and certify as Fellows of Interventional Pain Practice those who are qualified.
   Objectives to meet this goal include:
   a. Determination of the adequacy of each candidate’s preparation in accordance with the educational standards of WIP.
   b. Creation, maintenance and administration of comprehensive examinations to evaluate the knowledge and experience of the candidates.
   c. Issuance of certificates to candidates found to be qualified under the stated requirements of WIP.
2. To maintain and improve the quality of graduate medical education in the field of pain medicine by collaborating with related organizations.
   Objectives to meet this goal include:
   a. Maintenance of a registry for public information about the certification status of physicians certified in interventional techniques.
   b. Provision of information to the public and concerned entities about the rationale for certification in interventional examinations.
   c. Facilitation of discussion with the public, professional organizations, health care agencies and regulatory bodies regarding education, evaluation and certification of pain medicine specialists in interventional techniques.
Annual Program Summary of FIPP Examinations

Spring
March 9, 2008 – Memphis, Tennessee (USA)

Fall
September 11-12, 2008 – Budapest (Hungary)

The WIP Board of Examination, Section of Pain Practice awarded 68 Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP) certificates in 2008 to examinees who participated in the Spring and Fall examinations. Since 2001, WIP has certified 498 physicians representing 33 countries.

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Miles R. Day, MD, FIPP, DABIPP, DABPM (USA)
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Gül K. Talu, MD, FIPP (Turkey)
Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP, DABIPP – Liaison to Executive Board (USA)

Committees of Board of Examination (2008-2011)

Exam Preparation Study Guide
Maarten van Kleef, MD, PhD, FIPP, Chairman (Netherlands)
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Alex Cahana, MD, DAAPM, FIPP, PhD (USA)
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Allen W. Burton, MD, FIPP (USA)
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Credentials and Grievance
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Samuel J. Hassenbusch, III, MD, PhD, FIPP Prize

In 2008, the WIP Executive Board established the Samuel J. Hassenbusch, III, MD, PhD, FIPP Prize, in memory of Professor Hassenbusch (February 6, 1954 – February 25, 2008) and in honor of his service to WIP.

At the invitation of the WIP President, three of the most senior members of WIP serve a three-year term on the Hassenbusch Prize Committee. The committee considers annually the top three candidates of each examination class as submitted by the Chairman of the FIPP Examination Board, and selects the best candidate. The candidate in each examination year is awarded the Samuel Hassenbusch Prize at an official function of the WIP as determined by the WIP Executive Board. Prize recipients receive a plaque as well as a monetary award of $1,000 USD.

The first Hassenbusch Prize will be presented in 2009 in New York at the WIP 5th World Congress.

Hassenbusch Prize Committee (2008)
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Samuel Jack Hassenbusch, III, MD, PhD, FIPP was a professor in the Department of Neurosurgery and medical director of the Physicains Referral Service at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas, USA at the time of his death.

Hassenbusch contributed to more than 80 peer-reviewed scientific articles and 32 book chapters. He was world reknown for his clinical research on pain control, making him a highly sought after speaker. He served as president of the American Neuromodulation Society, American Academy of Pain Medicine, Texas Pain Society and Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons.

In 2002, Hassenbusch became the nineteenth physician to be awarded certification as a Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (FIPP) by the World Institute of Pain (WIP) – Section of Pain Practice.

Among the many awards bestowed upon Hassenbusch, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the World Institute of Pain and a Lifetime Achievement Award from both the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians and the Council of State Neurological Societies.

[Source: In Memoriam, Celebrating the Life of Samuel J. Hassenbusch, III, MD, PhD; April 3, 2008, The University of TX M.D. Anderson Cancer Center]
Board of Sections

WIP is committed to promoting and developing liaisons with individuals and groups with similar interests related to interventional pain practice. Our principal goal is to enhance the exchange of scientific and therapeutic information in a manner that encourages national and international good will, and social and cultural exchanges.

Regional Sections of WIP have been established where WIP has its largest populations of FIPPs, to help further the objectives of our organization. Each Section has a chairman and some of the larger Sections are supported by Co-Chairmen and other supporting Section leaders. The Member-at-Large to the Executive Board serves as the principal liaison with the Section leaders. The Chairman of each Section serves on the WIP Council, with Co-Chairmen sharing one vote.

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Section Reports

Individual Section reports begin on the next page.

(Left to right) Menno Sluijter, Carlos Flores, Charles Gauci
**Africa Section**

In 2008, the WIP Africa Section held its first regional Cadaver Workshop at Tygerberg University Campus in Cape Town, South Africa. Prof. Gabor Racz, MD, FIPP (USA), Dr. Neels de Villiers, MD, FIPP (South Africa), and Dr. Ajay Maharaj, MD, FIPP (South Africa) served as instructors. The workshop, attended by 27 doctors, was equipped with six cadavers and six C-arm workstations and was preceded by active lectures and a live theatre session with patients undergoing cervical, thoracic and lumbar neuroplasty, lumbar facet blocks, and lumbar sympathectomy. A profit of 1,000 Euros to WIP was made and presented to Prof. Gabor Racz, MD, FIPP (USA).

A second workshop was conducted at the same venue in October 2008. Dr. Patrick McGowan, MD, FRCA, FIPP (UK) served as an instructor.

In 2009, additional workshops will be held. At each of these workshops, potential candidates for the FIPP are being actively trained, utilizing the online MDC Pain Clinic training modules.

Neels de Villiers, MD, FRCA, FIPP
Chairman, Africa Section

**Australia Section**

It has been a relatively quiet time for the Australasian Section. Plans are underway to maintain an email register of Australasian members of WIP to aid communication and organization of this Section’s activities.

Some Section members report involvement in the training of candidates for pain fellowship. A small cadaver course is planned for February 2009, directed toward newly-graduated pain fellows. A larger Cadaver course on interventional procedures is also being planned for June, although details have not yet been finalized. At an undergraduate level, the Section Chairman has been asked to give a regular tutorial to medical undergraduates entitled, “Aspects of Pain Medicine,” in an effort to increase medical undergraduate exposure to Pain Medicine.

Peter Courtney, BSc, BMedSc, MBBS, MMed(Pain), FFARACS, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA, Dip.AAPM, GradDipMskMed, FIPP
Chairman, Australia Section

**Benelux Section**

2008 Activities and 2009 Planning

In 2008, four colleagues from the Benelux passed the International Examination for Interventional Pain Practice and became FIPP. The total number of Benelux alumni is now 28.

In-line with the WIP mission statement, the Benelux section concentrates on training, communication and promoting correct use of interventional pain management techniques.

During the whole year small rehearsal meetings are organized for candidates who want to participate in the International examination.
November 15th 2008, the joint congress of the Dutch and Flemish association of pain therapists was held in Veldhoven, in the neighborhood of Eindhoven. Almost 300 participants attended the meeting where the following topics were discussed: prediction of effect, ultrasound and 3-D anatomy and the organization of pain therapy in Belgium and the Netherlands.

The majority of the FIPP alumni and other pain therapists wrote a contribution to the Dutch handbook, “Practice guidelines for anesthesiological pain management techniques based on clinical diagnoses.” This work aims at reaching a consensus on the management of the chronic pain patient. Each chapter of the book follows a standardized framework. Attention is paid to the diagnostic process and the development of an evidence-based treatment plan. The recommended anesthesiological techniques are described and illustrated with radiographic images. The printed version of this handbook is foreseen for May 2009.

The different chapters of this book will be translated into English. American colleagues, mainly from the Cleveland Clinic, agreed to edit and where necessary adapt the work to be suitable for publication in the EBM section Pain Practice.

The content of the book will also be the topic of the yearly joint congress of the Dutch and Flemish association of pain therapists, to be held on December 12th 2009.

Prior to this congress, December 10 and 11, 2009 a hands-on cadaver workshop will be organized in Maastricht. It will be a small sized local workshop with lectures and teaching in Dutch.

**Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP (Belgium)**
Chairman, Benelux Section

**Maarten Van Kleef, MD, PhD, FIPP (Netherlands)**
Vice-Chairman, Benelux Section

**Central and Eastern Europe Section**

Presently, there are 12 FIPPs representing this Section, including seven from Germany, four from Hungary, and one from the Ukraine.

Associate members are represented in 16 other countries throughout central and eastern Europe.

For 2009, a meeting at Dr. Marianowicz’ clinic in Bad Wiessee, Germany is being planned for September.

**Martin Marianowicz, MD, FIPP**
Chairman, Central and Eastern Europe Section
Iberian Section

In 2008, the Iberian Section grew to 16 FIPP members, 15 from Spain and one from Portugal.

In 2009, a symposium on “Chronic Pain in Women” is being planned for January 30th, to be held in Barcelona. Also, an international symposium on “Minimally-Invasive Surgery in Chronic Pain” will be held September 18-19, 2009 in Barcelona. This symposium is being chaired by Ricardo Ruiz- López, MD, FIPP.

Carmen Pichot, MD, FIPP (Spain)
Chairman, Iberian Section

India, Iran and Pakistan Section

The two-week interventional pain management fellowship training program continues every month at the pain clinic DARADIA. Twenty-eight doctors have participated in the last four months and 62 doctors have participated in the last one year. Doctors from all over the world have participated: two from Iran, one from Iraq, one Pakistan, two from Slovakia, one from Egypt, one from Turkey, and rest from India. Out of these 28 doctors, 17 were from anaesthesia, seven from neurosurgery/spinal surgery, two from physical medicine, one from rheumatology, and one from radio diagnosis. Most of these doctors are preparing for FIPP examination within next one year.

Also at DARADIA, a cadaveric workshop was held in January. In April, a free pain management camp was conducted involving 20 consultants from India and abroad who gave their opinion on 120 difficult pain problems. Also in April, a workshop was organized that consisted of live demonstrations, one-to-one interaction with the experts, and hands-on training to understand CT, MRI and the operation of instruments.

About 20 anaesthesiologists are being trained at Khyber Medical Institute in Jammu and Kashmir for the FIPP examination. The intention is to prepare them for the FIPP examination and to preserve the high standards of the FIPP for all graduates.

A North Indian conference on interventional pain practice, attended by 200 candidates for FIPP, was held in August 2008.

Gautam Das, MD, FIPP (India)
Chairman, India, Iran and Pakistan Section

Tariq Tramboo, MD, FIPP (India)
Vice-Chairman, India, Iran and Pakistan Section
Israel Section

During the first half of this year there has not been much WIP activity, as Israel is a small country. There are six FIPPs in the Israel Section since the time of the late Prof. David Niv, MD, FIPP (rest in peace).

Biannual meetings are organized by the Israel Pain Association, and the last one was an International Congress. Radiofrequency procedures or other invasive procedures workshop on mannequins is an imperative in Israel, and will be one of the aims of this section as well as WIP endorsement of a future regional symposium.

Finally, Pain Medicine has become a subspecialty in Israel. In January 2009 the Minister of Health approved the recommendation of the Israeli Medical Counsel for a residency in Pain Medicine. A training period of 27 months has been chosen for the subspecialty. This is the final fruit of late Prof. David Niv's obstinate struggle.

Meir Bennun, MD, FIPP
Chairman, Israel Section

Korea and Japan Section

Summary 2008 Activity
- The 47th Scientific meeting of the Korean Pain Society: November 29-30, 2008, Lotte Hotel at Seoul Korea
- Cadaver workshop for spinal cord stimulation: February 16, 2008
- Cadaver workshop for spinal cord stimulation: October 11, 2008

Plans for 2009
- The 48th Scientific meeting of the Korean Pain Society: May 30-31, 2009, Convention Center at Daejon, Korea
- The 49th Scientific meeting of the Korean Pain Society: May 30-31, 2009, Hilton Hotel at Seoul, Korea
- Cadaver workshop: May 16-17, 23-24, June 13-14, 20-21, September 12-13, 19-20, 2009

A request by the Section Chairman to expand the scope of this Section to include China was made and approved by the Section Board Chairman. This will permit the Chairman to pursue discussions with several leading groups of Chinese pain physicians who have expressed an interest in joining WIP.

이상철  Sang Chul Lee, MD, PhD, FIPP (South Korea)
Chairman, Korean/Japan Section

Dong Eon Moon, MD, FIPP (South Korea)
Secretary of Korean/Japan Section
Summary of 2008 Activity
Interest in WIP and the FIPP examination is growing in the Latin American region. FIPPs are represented in the following countries in the Latin American Section: Argentina (1), Brazil (3), Columbia (4) and Mexico (2). This Section also has a growing population of 18 Associate Members who have active memberships, who represent these same countries and also Chile. Interest in the FIPP examination is strong in this region. The timing of applications often depends on the individual’s financial situation. The English language is sometimes a barrier.

In 2008, probably the most important initiative in Latin America to train colleagues for WIP certification was realized when an agreement was reached with the Latin American Confederation of Anesthesiology Associations (CLASA) to conduct the Specialist Program in Pain Medicine and Palliative Care, that has been taught by Fundación Dolor (jointly with the University of Buenos Aires) since 1980 for all of Latin America. This two-year program is oriented for specialists in anesthesiology and comprises 1000 class hours with practice on cadaveric models, patients and simulators. This program offers training in acute, chronic and oncologic pain. More than 500 colleagues have graduated from this course. Many of the graduates are from neighboring countries, namely, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Chile and Colombia. This agreement with CLASA is part of the collaboration of Fundación Dolor de Buenos Aires with the Latin American Section to promote the training of specialists for WIP certification. Fundación Dolor de Buenos Aires, founded in 1980, is a non-profit organization with a clinical and an academic department devoted to teaching and investigation.

In May 2008, the 3rd Advanced Interventional Pain Symposium and Practical Workshop were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This occasion was honored by the presence of Charles Gauci, MD, FRCA, FIPP (UK) and Menno Sluijter, MD, FIPP (Switzerland). For the first time, the Kip Kohrman Simulator was used for training in interventional radiology. Also, colleagues from several Latin American countries attended the symposium this year, including Uruguay, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay, Colombia and Venezuela. These courses were held in parallel with the international courses of Fundación Dolor. This year, Fundación Dolor conducted the 14th international course.

In August 2008, the 37th Argentine Congress of Anesthesiology and VIII Pan-American Symposium of Regional Anesthesia was held. J. Carlos Flores, MD, FIPP served as the President of the Congress and the program also was honored by the
presence of Gabor Racz, MD, FIPP (USA) and Dr. Luis Miguel Torres Morera, together with 40 more professors.

The interest in interventional pain practice in Brazil is increasing. Fabricio Dias Assis, MD, FIPP lectures throughout Brazil and uses each opportunity to promote the aims of WIP. One physician from Brazil was awarded FIPP certification following the Memphis 2008 examination, bringing the total FIPPs in this region of Latin America to three. Courses not sponsored by WIP, but of interest to pain physicians in this region, included: a course on interventional pain practice during the October 2008 Brazilian Congress of Pain (IASP Chapter) that Eduardo Ibarra, MD, FIPP (Puerto Rico) assisted with; and another course in November 2008 during the National Congress of the Brazilian Society of Anesthesiology that Ricardo Plancarte-Sanchez, MD, FIPP (Puerto Rico) and Alexandre Teixeira, MD, FIPP (Portugal) assisted with. Plans are also underway for a National Congress on Interventional Pain Practice to be held sometime in 2009.

**Plans for 2009-2010**

- The joint theoretical—practical (2009-2010) biannual cycle of the Specialist Program in Pain Medicine and Palliative Care of Universidad de Buenos Aires and Fundación Dolor will begin on April 8th, 2009. An ultrasound machine for chronic pain therapy will be put into service at the Pain Center in Clínica San Camilo. Over 60 colleagues from different Latin American countries have already signed up for this course (Latin American School of Interventional Medicine). This program has the official endorsement of CLASA, Universidad de Buenos Aires and other universities from various countries.

- First International Course of Ultrasonography and chronic pain. Buenos Aires University. International speakers, like Michael Gofeld and Juan Francisco Asenjo, have already confirmed their participation.

- 15th International Course of Fundación Dolor and related activities (courses for nurses, pharmacists, physical therapists, etc.).

- "4th Annual Advanced Interventional Pain Symposium and Practical Workshop" of FD and WIP. Apart from cadavers, ultrasonography machines and radiosity images, the Simulator’s technique with "KIP" Kohrman Injection Phantom and the second FD Simulator Kip Kohrman (its youngest brother) will be introduced.

- Organization is underway for the World Congress of Anesthesiologists in 2012 at Buenos Aires. This will be a big meeting dedicated to pain medicine with cadavers, simulators, education, legal aspects, images, ultrasonography, etc. There is consideration to propose to WIP a big meeting with WIP in the 15th WCA.

**Fabricio Dias Assis, MD, FIPP (Brazil)**
Chairman, Latin American Section

**J. Carlos Flores, MD, FIPP (Argentina)**
Vice-Chairman, Latin American Section
**Mediterranean Section**

There are eight FIPPs in the Mediterranean Section, six from Italy, one from Malta, and one from Greece.

In 2008, Prof. Varrassi was appointed President of the European Federation of IASP Chapters (EFIC). He will serve a three-year term.

An international congress is scheduled for June 18-21 2009 on Myconos Island, Greece. Athina Vadalouca, MD, FIPP is the program organizer of this WIP-sponsored Activity.

**Giustino Varrassi, MD, PhD, FIPP (Italy)**
Chairman, Mediterranean Section

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**Middle East Section**

The Middle East Section has certified seven FIPPs, six from Egypt and one from Saudi Arabia. Prof. Iskander is regularly involved every six months in revising the basic science and clinical curriculum for M.SC pain candidates at the National Cancer Institute Cairo University.

The 26th Annual Pain Meeting was held at the Cairo International Congress Center from 5-8 April 2008 in association with the African Association for Management of Pain. The guest speakers were mainly from the UK, and the issue of female organ mutilation was addressed scientifically and religiously, in addition to clinical workshops for pain management.

On 20-22 November 2008, WIP chose Cairo, the Egyptian Society for Pain Management (ESMP) and the Pan-Arab Institute of Pain (PAIP) to share the world’s highest level of knowledge and techniques for management of pain. The congress consisted of acute and chronic pain topics, as well as symposiums and live workshops, in order to improve in practice the pain service offered to humanity. The guest speakers from all over the globe – USA, Europe, Asia and Africa – exceeded ten, but the majority of attendees (more than 300) came from the region. The Congress scientific book was an up-to-date pain textbook contributed by international eminent clinicians.

**Magdi Iskander, MD, FIPP (Egypt)**
Chairman, Middle East Section

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**North American Section**

The North American section is eagerly preparing for the World Congress in New York. Recruitment for the FIPP is still strong and continuing. We are working to strengthen our ties with other associations, as well as, developing a stronger base. Future education projects are still in the early stages.

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**Lou**
June 13-15, 2008, the Texas Pain Society held its 25\textsuperscript{th} Annual Pain Symposium in Lubbock, TX, USA – jointly sponsored by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Texas Pain Society, and WIP.

In Canada, the FIPP examination has been actively promoted at Canadian national meetings and interventional workshops and a radiofrequency workshop is planned for October at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre that may be of interest to pain physicians in this region.

**Leland Lou, MD, FIPP (USA)**  
Chairman, North America Section  
**Edwin Koshi, MD, FRCPC, FIPP (Canada)**  
Vice-Chairman  
**Michael Gofeld, MD, FIPP**  
Past Vice-Chairman (formerly of Canada, now resides in the USA)

**Puerto Rico and Caribbean Section**

WIP and the FIPP examination are promoted at each talk given by Section members in regions including Barbados, Colombia, Bahamas, Venezuela, Peru, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and the USA.

**José R. Rodríguez-Hernandez, MD, FIPP**  
Chairman, Puerto Rico & Caribbean Section

**Southeast Asia Section**

The Biennial Scientific Meeting 2008 – Life Beyond Pain in Singapore was held 18-20 July 2008, where Prof. Serdar Erdine, MD FIPP participated as a keynote speaker and cadaveric workshop instructor. Other speakers included Roger Goucke who is Dean of the Australian Pain Faculty, Anthony Dickenson (UK), and Michael Nicholas (Australia).

The Section Chairman is actively supporting future events in Malaysia, speaking in many South East Asian pain meetings, and also promoting the FIPP examination. There are presently nine FIPPs from the Southeast Asia region – four in the Philippines, four in Singapore, one in Taiwan. All are invited to visit Singapore and participate in meetings of the Pain Association of Singapore (a chapter of IASP), details of which can be obtained at www.pain.org.sg.

A meeting was held with the Filipino FIPPs to talk about further collaboration. An agreement was reached to combine expertise in the coming ASEAPS (Association of South East Asian Pain Societies) meeting in Bali on 17th April 2009 (http://www.aseaps2009.net/), an interventional pain workshop will be chaired and organized by the undersigned Section Chairman. It is considered a good time to raise the profile of FIPP in this region and exploration is underway to determine if any of the European or American FIPP instructors or examiners may be keen to help with some of the talks. Interested FIPPs may contact me directly.

**Alex Sow Nam Yeo, MD, FIPP (Singapore)**  
Chairman, Southeast Asia Section
**Switzerland Section**

Activities in 2008 have been mainly linked to obtaining feedback from members to promote WIP activities, and to develop an educational website that could be used between WIP members and FIPP alumni. In fact, promotional activity was initiated in Lausanne on October 1st of 2007, before the WIP sections were created. These activities include organizing the committee that now consists of:

- **Chairman:** Philippe Mavrocordatos, MD, FIPP
- **Secretary:** Pietro Schianchi, MD, FIPP
- **Treasurer:** Patricia Zangger, MD, FIPP
- **Individual members:**
  - Michael Hartmann, MD, FIPP
  - Lucian Macrea, MD, FIPP
  - Menno Sluijter, MD, FIPP
  - Tatiana Pance, MD, FIPP

The second of two annual regional conferences on interventional pain management was held in April 2008 (first was January 2007). The first official WIP meeting of the Swiss Section that was conducted on June 11, 2008 in Fribourg, Switzerland. Information on pain congresses and WIP activities are forwarded to the members of the Swiss Society of Interventional Pain (SSIPM) to promote the aims of WIP and advancement of pain education and training in the Swiss region.

**Philippe Mavrocordatos, MD, FIPP**
Chairman, Switzerland Chairman

**Turkey Section**

On behalf of WIP Turkish Section, the Turkish Board Committee for Algology has been established. All members are FIPPs and members of the Turkish Algology Association. Presently, there are 13 FIPPs in the Turkish Section, including founder and president, Prof. Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP.

The first board examination (the beta exam) was conducted for five members. This examination is similar to the FIPP examination, consisting of a 60-question written exam and three procedures performed on cadavers. It was agreed that all Turkish FIPPs are to be Turkish Algology Board certified. The certificate assembly was held June 12, 2008 at the opening ceremony of our National Congress. After the beta exam, subcommittees were organized for examination and administration and a second board examination for interventional pain therapy was held November 16. Eleven examinees participated and all were eligible for Turkish board certification. All board committee members and examiners are FIPPs.

Local meetings included one on Spinal Radiology held in Eskisehir in April, an Introduction to Pain Basics and Evaluation of Musculoskeletal System in Chronic Pain held in Konya in November, and one on Antidepressant Drugs in Chronic Pain held in Izmir in December. In January and February of 2009, a Second Spinal Cord Stimulation Workshop (hands-on with patients) was held in Izmir and a Cervical Spinal Pain and Interventional Treatment were held in Kayseri and involved case discussions. More than 25 attendees attended all regional meetings. All meetings
mentioned were organized by a WIP member who is an FIPP and responsible for a
certain region.

Editing of the Turkish translation of the WIP Journal of Pain Practice was also
initiated in 2008.

Prof. Gül K. Talu, MD, FIPP
Section Chairman, Turkey

United Kingdom and Éire Section

In 2008, London proved once again to be a popular venue for pain
physicians who seek opportunities for advanced instruction in
interventional pain practice techniques at the 3rd International
Symposium on Interventional Pain Procedures and 7th UK Hands-on
Cadaver Workshop on Interventional Pain Procedures.

The 4th symposium and 8th workshop, respectively, have been
scheduled for June 25, and 26-27 in 2009 and is the main event for
the UK Section – aimed at preparing interested pain physicians for
the Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice examination.

Muhammad Ather, MD, FRCA, FIPP (UK)
Chairman, UK & Éire Section

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5th World Congress

The WIP World Congress is held every other calendar year, with the next and 5th World Congress of WIP is scheduled for March 12-16, 2009 in New York, USA.

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PCO Guidelines

By recommendation of WIP President Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP and agreement of the Executive Board, new guidelines for Professional Congress Organization were adopted to facilitate the selection of future congress scheduling, venue selection, planning and promotion. Kenes International was chosen as the Congress Secretariat.

Symposia and Workshops

Interventional Techniques Review Course and Comprehensive Interventional Cadaver Workshop, March 7-8 – Memphis, Tennessee (USA)


13th Annual WIP Budapest Conference, September 8-10 – Budapest (Hungary)

International Pain Conference, In the Temple of Pain Relief, November 20-22 – Cairo (EGYPT), (Co-sponsored with ESMP and PAIP)
Interventional Techniques Review Course and Comprehensive Interventional Cadaver Workshop

**March 7-8 – Memphis, Tennessee (USA)**

The Interventional Techniques Review Course includes didactics covering various interventional techniques and a hands-on Interventional Cadaver Workshop that are designed to meet the needs of interventional pain physicians. In partnership with the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP), WIP and ASIPP offered these didactic and FIPP examination preparatory activities that are unparalleled in the specialty of pain medicine. Through this joint venture, WIP and ASIPP are dedicated to improving patient access and pursuing the highest levels of education, training, and measurement of skills required for the provision of better care for our patients.

With the excellent participant-instructor ratio, participants have the opportunity to interface with a highly-distinguished faculty of world-renowned teachers and lecturers, creating a thorough and compelling educational experience.

The intensive Review Course is a CME activity and prepares physicians seeking board certification by *Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice* (FIPP) or appearing for American Board of Interventional Pain Practice (ABIPP) examination. The course is based on the specifications of the FIPP examination.

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3rd International Symposium on Interventional Pain Procedures & 7th UK Hands-on Cadaver Workshop on Interventional Pain Procedures

June 26-28 – London (UK)

Once a year for the past three and seven years, respectively, pain physicians from the UK region and beyond have gathered for up to three days to participate in an international symposium and cadaver workshop conducted in London in the UK. World renowned experts on pain medicine, the majority of who have earned FIPP certification by the WIP, lead a series of focused and straightforward lectures and discussions on current topics of interest to specialists engaged in the practice of interventional pain medicine. Likewise, esteemed faculty of experienced pain interventionists from the UK, Europe and USA administer the cadaver workshop that is suitable for preparation for the FIPP examination. In 2008, registration filled rapidly; an indicator of the reputation that these annual activities, their directors, faculty, and sponsors have cultivated in the pain medicine community.

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Most of the pains that we are treating in one way or other are neuropathic. As such, our armamentarium is not only neuromodulation techniques, nerve blocks, injection and infusion approaches, but a significant portion of our patients also receive medication and functional restoration and psychological interventions. The chief objective of this conference is to present new developments in interventional pain practice to physicians in a focused manner to achieve the best possible care for pain patients.

The faculty consists of renowned professionals and high-quality practitioners who present evidence-based clinical experience. As the conference is devised around teaching and learning for better patient care, participants are assured of leaving the conference with an enrichment of knowledge in the specialized field of pain treatment.

Situated in the heart of Central Europe, Budapest is easily accessible and one of Europe’s most beautiful cities. It is the capital and the cultural, economic and scientific centre of Hungary. Budapest is rich both in natural resources and historical monuments. Peaceful and bustling, a big metropolis and yet friendly, it treasures the old and embraces the new. In Budapest, the historic blends with the modern, the hills from Buda harmonize with the river Danube that flows through the city along a stretch of 28 kilometers.

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November 20-22 – Cairo (EGYPT)

In 2008, WIP chose Cairo, the Egyptian Society for Pain Management (ESMP) and the Pan-Arab Institute of Pain (PAIP) to share the world’s highest level of knowledge and techniques for management of pain. The congress consisted of acute and chronic pain topics, as well as symposia and live workshops, in order to improve in practice the pain service offered to humanity. The guest speakers from all over the globe – USA, Europe, Asia and Africa – exceeded ten, but the majority of attendees (more than 300) came from the region. The Congress scientific book was an up-to-date pain textbook contributed by international eminent clinicians.

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PainSTORY

In 2008, the World Institute of Pain (WIP) agreed to join other patient and professional organizations, at the invitation of MundiPharma International and its independent associates, to serve on an independent steering panel for PainSTORY (Pain Study Tracking Ongoing Responses for a Year). PainSTORY is an observational market research initiative that will examine, over a 12-month period, the daily lives of patients suffering moderate to severe non-malignant chronic pain.

The role of the independent panel will be to evaluate the ongoing survey process, review the results at various stages of the study, and to provide insight into ways in that these can be maximized. The survey consists of four waves of qualitative interviews between April 2008 and March 2009, among 403 recruited patients, aged 18 or above. Patients in the study experienced a variety of pain types including osteoarthritis, back pain / lower back pain, osteoporosis, neuropathic pain, mixed pain and other long-term pain.

PainSTORY is being conducted in the following countries: United Kingdom, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Ireland, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Netherlands and Norway.

Sources: MundiPharma Invitational Letter, April 2008

About the Survey

PainSTORY (Pain Study Tracking Ongoing Responses for a Year) is the first study of its kind to track patients with chronic pain for a year, providing a picture of the lives of people living in pain, and the management of pain in 13 European countries.

Baseline results from the study show that chronic pain has a significant impact on the daily lives of patients. The survey aims to better understand the management of chronic pain across Europe.

The PainSTORY survey is being conducted by an independent research company, IPSOS, in collaboration with the following independent third parties: European Federation of IASP Chapters, World Institute of Pain, Arthritis and Rheumatism International, OPEN Minds. The survey is sponsored by a restricted educational grant from MundiPharma International Limited.

Methodology

PainSTORY recruited patients suffering from non-malignant (osteoarthritis, back pain / lower back pain, osteoporosis, neuropathic pain, mixed pain, other long term pain), moderate to severe (rate 5–10 on a pain scale) chronic pain (i.e. lasting for more than three months). Respondents are studied for 12 months. The research is being carried out in 13 countries across Europe: United Kingdom, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Ireland, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Netherlands, Norway by an independent research company, IPSOS.

The study consists of four waves of qualitative interviews between April 2008 and March 2009. Interim engagement activities between the four waves are sent to patients to provide additional insight, such as diaries and life books. Comparisons between baseline data and subsequent wave results will show how the impact of pain and pain management changes over the course of a year.

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