Dear Colleagues,

World Institute of Pain has accomplished a great success with our 5th World Congress in New York with more than 2,400 participants from 75 countries. WIP has now proven that it is a worldwide, recognized, respected organization in the pain field.

When WIP chose New York in the United States as the host city for its 5th World Congress, there was an element of symbolic inference in the city selection. Whereas millions of immigrants entered the U.S. by way of New York’s Ellis Island in the late 19th to mid 20th centuries, WIP hoped to attract an unprecedented number of WIP members and supporters to its first World Congress conducted in North America. It was expected that many participants would visit the U.S. for the first time for the explicit purpose of attending WIP’s 5th World Congress.

New York proved to be an attractive venue for WIP’s World Congress; surpassing attendance expectations in this year of economy crises that we feared would dampen enthusiasm for our mission. Instead, this year’s Congress attracted 32% more participants than our previous Congress. Physicians, scientists, and other caregivers from 75 countries came together over a common purpose—to promote better pain education and better relief for pain patients.

On behalf of my colleagues on the WIP Executive Board and Council, and all members of WIP, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in WIP’s 5th World Congress—attendees, speakers, volunteers and staff. It is through your support that WIP is able to continue as an autonomous, independent, global advocate for interventional pain practice. WIP also thanks professional congress organizers, Kenes International. WIP’s special thanks go to the sponsors and exhibitors who contributed to the Congress. This is a very good example of a team work on mutual respect and ethical rules.

WIP is continuing its activities with more enthusiasm and eagerness; encouraged with your support. Our new projects such as “creating centers of excellence,” credentialing the FIPP examination on a worldwide basis, and the World Institute of Foundation are on the way. We will inform you of all developments in the near future.

Please plan to join us in Seoul, April 29-May 1, 2011!

- Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP
  WIP President & Founder
I would like to personally, and publicly, thank all the participants, speakers, and industry supporters that made the 5th World Congress of the World Institute of Pain in New York such an overwhelming success. We had record attendance with over 2400 participants. It was also tremendously gratifying that these participants represented 75 countries from all around the world.

I was personally very pleased with the extraordinary level of science presented at the meeting. Many of the halls overflowed with people wanting to listen to world-class lectures delivered by researchers, scientists, and clinicians who have performed the seminal work in the area of their plenary lecture or workshop topic. With all the distractions of the “Big Apple” nearby, physician registrants chose to attend the lectures in great numbers. The credit for the outstanding faculty and lectures goes to the scientific committee: Professors Tony Yaksh, James Rathmell and Giustino Varrassi. They truly put together a world-class program and brought the leaders in pain medicine and pain medicine research to deliver the lectures.

I also must thank the Executive Board of WIP for their support and hard work, particularly our recent past president, Gabor Racz, and our current president, Serdar Erdine. Their vision, hard work, and encouragement were instrumental in producing the wonderful result we saw in New York. Professor Racz (and Professor Erdine before him) held successful world congresses that proved pivotal in launching the New York world congress.

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Our industry supporters stepped forward in an extraordinarily generous fashion. Without their effort, in a time when the economy is so tight and alternatives exist in many ways, the New York congress would not have enjoyed the success it did. Their commitment to the World Institute of Pain was evidenced by their support. Their tolerance of the tight New York space facilities was extremely appreciated.

Finally, I also must thank our organizing committee, Kenes International, for their tireless work behind the scenes. Judy, Fenchel, Avital Rosen, Francesca Starr, Sharon Gonen and Maya Yatsiv are only a few of the people whose efforts produced the quality meeting that flowed from the welcoming ceremony to the end in both a personal and profoundly professional manner.

The success of New York allows WIP to continue, and expand, its mission of pain education and research around the world. For the New York meeting, WIP extended 10 sponsorships to individuals whose situation would not otherwise have allowed them to attend the meeting and present their work as posters.

I hope everyone who attended New York will put Seoul on their calendar for 2011. I am honored to return as scientific chair along with the local chair, Professor Sang Chul Lee. I will pledge my efforts to make this next world congress even better at the scientific level, and Seoul will undoubtedly provide a world venue of unparalleled proportions. See you in Seoul!!

- Richard L. Rauck, MD, FIPP, Congress Chairman

First Hassenbusch Prize Recipients Honored

Javier de Andres Ares, MD, FIPP and Louis J. K. Pau, MD, FIPP, recipients of the first Samuel J. Hassenbusch Prize for outstanding achievement on the 2008 Fellowship in Interventional Pain Practice examination, were honored March 13, 2009 in New York during the opening ceremony of the WIP World Congress.

Ares and Pau each received a medallion-embedded plaque and cash prize of $1,000 USD.

WIP President, Prof. Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP introduced the Hassenbusch Prize Committee, chaired by P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP and served by Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP and Nagy A. Mekhail, MD, PhD, FIPP. Raj explained that candidates for the Hassenbusch Prize were evaluated on the basis of highest examination score and letters of reference from peers of the candidates. Raj also introduced Philip Finch, MBBS, FIPP, who served as Master of Ceremony. Finch introduced Mrs. Rhonda Hassenbusch, accompanied by her daughter, Amanda Hassenbusch Soar, presented the first Hassenbusch Prize to Ares. Pau was recognized in absentia.

Dr. Ares, of Spain, affiliated with the pain clinic at the Hospital Virgen de la Salud in Toledo, is also in private practice and serves as director of the pain clinic at the Hospital Capio de las Tres Culturas. Ares is a specialist in anesthesiology and reanimation, and pain medicine, and a recognized expert in interventional techniques, radiofrequency, neurolytic blocks, and spinal cord stimulation and infusion.

Dr. Pau, of the USA, affiliated with the Pain Center of Kansas in Topeka, Kansas, is a specialist in anesthesiology and pain medicine, with expertise in the performance of advanced interventional pain practice techniques.
From the photo album of the 5th World Congress
March 13-16, 2009 — New York, USA

(Top left) Philip Finch, Gabor Racz, Prithvi Raj, Serdar Erdine

(Top right) Sang Chul Lee, Serdar Erdine

(Middle) WIP Council & Executive Board

(Bottom) Hostesses dressed in Korean costumes speak with participants to promote WIP 6th World Congress in Seoul, South Korea
I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Suleiman Zakari Aliyu when he was visiting colleagues of MD Anderson’s Palliative Care and Rehabilitation Medicine Department in January of 2009. Dr. Suleiman is Senior Registrar at the Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital in Ilorin, Nigeria. He visited with our pain service for one week during which time many things became apparent to us. The learning and interchange was definitely a two-way street. In Suleiman’s hospital in Ilorin, Nigeria, there is only one C-ARM for the entire hospital of several hundred beds. While pharmacologic agents are relatively openly available, many simple technologies are lacking. During his visit, one of my colleagues gave Suleiman an old “stimuplex” and a box of needles, and within one month he had performed many nerve blocks (perioperative interscalene) using this simple, but previously unobtainable device.

Now, Suleiman NEEDS YOUR HELP! Indeed, the help of the WIP. He has a “wish list” to help his patients and advance pain care in his hospital. His wish list includes: a syringe or other type of external infusion pump, a PCA pump, pain educational materials, i.e., books/CD’s, etc. On his “wildest dreams” wish list would be an ultrasound machine or C-Arm. Perhaps the WIP membership has either old, “lightly used” donate-able equipment or access to companies with such “expired” or “lightly used” donate-able equipment. Perhaps, the WIP can help move central Africa into the modern era of pain medicine, with some thoughtful contributions and the establishing of relationships with valued colleagues like Dr. Suleiman Zakari Aliyu. On his behalf, I make this plea for your consideration and assistance.

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Craig T. Hartrick, MD, DABPM, FIPP (2003) has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of Pain Pathways, the Official Magazine of the World Institute of Pain. Hartrick is Director of Anesthesiology Research at Beaumont Hospitals in Royal Oak, MI, USA. He is also Editor-in-Chief of WIP’s journal Pain Practice and serves on the WIP Executive Board. E-mail: chartrick@beaumont.edu.

Philip M. Finch, MBBS, DRCOG, FFPMANZCA, FIPP (2001) has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of Pain Pathways, the Official Magazine of the World Institute of Pain. Finch is affiliated with the Pain Management Centre in South Perth, Western Australia. He is also secretary of WIP and serves on the WIP Executive Board. E-mail: pfinch@iinet.net.au.

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NICE guidelines should be reassessed

Essex, England, United Kingdom—May 30, 2020—The UK National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has recently issued guidelines for the management of low back pain of less than one year’s duration. At its heart NICE is supposed to use the best available evidence to determine recommendations for treatment for NHS patients. The use of a Randomised Controlled Trial has become central to this process.

The guideline committee decided in advance what kind of evidence it would accept and has come to the conclusion that treatment for low back pain should consist of manipulation, acupuncture and referral for surgery.

In coming to this conclusion the committee has ignored evidence presented to them by senior and experienced clinicians as to the relative merit of spinal injection therapy and has been highly selective in its acceptance of other evidence.

It is difficult not to consider that recommendations coming from these discussions reflect professional bias. NICE specifically dismiss the role of spinal injections in treatment of early low back pain, preferring to recommend spinal surgery before spinal injections.

Whilst we accept that surgery has a role in this area, to exclude a less invasive and less risky procedure, which can benefit patients and avoid unnecessary surgery, seems idiosyncratic and distorted at best and deeply disturbing at the worst. The evidence for acupuncture or spinal fusion being effective is no worse or better than that for appropriate spinal injections.

What seems to be completely missing from the review is a mention of the desirability of the multidisciplinary management of this complex problem, resorting to an out dated and single modality approach.

When much is made of the concept of patient choice it seems to us that such choices as patients can make have been arbitrarily constrained. Patients will continue to experience unnecessary pain and suffering. Their rights to appropriately tailored individualised health care have been removed on the basis of a flawed analysis of available evidence presented as ‘best practice.’

The World Institute of Pain believes that the guidelines are not in the NHS patients’ best interests. Indeed, The British Pain Society, whose president was himself on the NICE committee which drew up the guidelines, has issued the following statement:

“We are disappointed that that spinal procedures such as facet joint injections and radio frequency lesioning for back pain are not recommended. The Guideline development group did not consider lower grade evidence such as cohort studies and case series in its deliberations on these treatments. We think this is a mistake.”

If members of NICE’s own committee feel it is mistaken then clearly these guidelines need to be reassessed if patient choice and well being are to remain the guiding force in the British NHS.

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Pain Practice EBM section gives the kick-off for practice guidelines in interventional pain management

Genk, Belgium—June 15, 2009—The July number of Pain Practice signs the kick-off for a series of approximately 30 articles to form together “Practice guidelines for interventional pain management, based on clinical diagnoses.” Analysis of the literature shows that the use of interventional pain management techniques results in better outcome when used in well-selected patients. Existing EBM guidelines, however, mostly review the literature regarding a technique with only little differentiation of the outcome by diagnosis. Hence, the conflicting results of meta-analyses and systematic reviews.

For the clinician it is important to have a review of the available evidence regarding the diagnostic process, the conventional treatment and the interventional pain management techniques, which can guide him/her in establishing the diagnostic and treatment plan for a given patient. Therefore the practice guidelines are structured according to the most important clinical diagnoses seen in a pain clinic.

Each article has a similar structure to facilitate consultation and retrieving the required information. The available evidence for the interventional pain management techniques was rated according to a system that first takes into consideration the balance between potential benefit and risks. Secondly the value of the evidence, type of trials documenting the effect of the treatment in the given diagnosis, received a rating. For details on the objectives of the practice guidelines and the rating system we refer to the editorial of the July number of Pain Practice. The techniques, withheld as valuable for the management of the given diagnosis, are described in detail.

As section editor of the EBM section of Pain Practice, I thank Craig Hartrick, editor in chief, and the two guest section editors: Prof. Maarten van Kleef and Prof. Nagy Mekhail for their support and valuable help. The latter two persons are equally co-chairmen of the examination board of the International Examination in Interventional Pain Practice. It is the objective for these practice guidelines to become the recommended study material for the FIPP examination. These guidelines will be the updated translation of the Dutch version that is published in book form. This book was realized thanks to the contribution of 50 authors from the Benelux, specialized in the topic they described. For the series to be published in Pain Practice international specialists have agreed to contribute in updating and adapting the manuscripts. As the title “practical guidelines” suggest, the proposed series of articles aim at being a practical guide for the pain specialist, the articles are written by pain specialists for pain specialists and we hope they will become a standard work for EBM in (interventional) pain management.

Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP
Section Editor Evidence Based Medicine
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WIP Section News - Central & Eastern Europe

Calendar of Events:
24 June 2009: Advanced Education of Therapeutic Pain Medicine in Orthopaedics
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WIP Section Chairman

WIP Section News - India/Iran/Pakistan

Calendar of Events
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Program/Registration: www.painindia.net
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Message from WIP Founder & Past President, Prithvi Raj

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am very pleased to learn that WIP Section (India, Pakistan and Iran) are arranging a Review Course for training pain physicians in that region. I congratulate Dr. Gautam Das for working out details and organization of this course with the assistance of Dr. V. Patel from Chicago, USA. I have previewed this Review Course; it is extensive with a solid content in terms of lectures and practical experience. This I believe will help a physician to prepare for the FIPP examination.

I recommend this course to all who are interested in Interventional Pain Practice and who wish to elevate their Interventional skills in their clinical practice.

P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FFARCS, FIPP
ALGOS 2009

The second symposium of WIP, ALGOS 2009, took place in Mykonos Island, Greece, during 18-21 June 2009. The Symposium was a great success, with more than 300 participants from many different countries. During the opening ceremony, Assistant Prof. Athina Vadalouca welcomed the participants, followed by Prof. Serdar Erdine, President of WIP, who addressed the audience and expressed his confidence on the success of the Symposium. Next, Dr. Hans Kress, President-Elect of EFIC, greeted all participants and members of the committees, and Prof. George Kreatsas, the Vice-Rector of the University of Athens, declared the opening of the Symposium. The opening lecture was given by the deputy of the Greek Parliament, Mrs. Liana Kanelli, with the topic, “One pain, a thousand words: The toll payment of dignity.” The opening ceremony was followed by the welcome dinner, where all participants and accompanying persons had the chance to enjoy Greek cuisine and to dance to Greek melodies.

Overall, the Symposium maintained a very high level of scientific agenda, with international speakers and participants, and was accompanied by a well-organized set of social events, such as a boat ride to the archeological site of Delos, and a gala at one of the most beautiful balconies of the Aegean. All participants had the chance to exchange knowledge and views, as well as to strengthen friendship and collaboration in the demanding field of pain management. The beautiful location, the Greek hospitality, and the high scientific standards led to a very successful Symposium, which left wonder memories to everyone.
We have lost Prof. Omar Tawfik on the 25th of June 2009.

I first met Prof. Tawfik at a Pan Arab Anesthesiology Congress in 1987 in Cairo. I knew him by name from IASP and the first thing when I arrived in Cairo was to call him. He welcomed me very friendly and the same day we decided to organize an Egyptian-Turkish Pain Congress in Istanbul. We prepared posters in his office and delivered them everywhere during that congress. On 24-26 June 1988, the first congress was held. That was also the beginning of the Middle East Chapter of IASP by two countries, Egypt and Turkey.

Years have passed and we had many activities and meetings together. The last one was last year in November in Cairo where we were both the chairmen. During all these years he showed his friendship, kindness as a human being, wisdom and great vision. He was a leader for his country. He has trained many students in pain medicine. He has encouraged the young generation to be trained. I am honored to train his followers in my department.

Besides his leadership in his own country and in the Middle East, he was a very well recognized and respected colleague all over the world. He has supported the activities of World Institute of Pain from the very beginning and one of the organizers of two meetings in Egypt for World Institute of Pain.

I will always remember him with his smile on his face, a stubborn, hardworking man, never surrendering, trying to find the best way from all problems.

During all our life we know many people, many colleagues, but only a few become your brothers whom you share your problems and opinions. Omar was my brother and will stay as it is.

We will pray in all religions we believe in and wish patience to his beloved wife Amira and his children.

- Prof. Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP
President, WIP
In Memoriam: Omar Tawfik

Prof. Tawfik was a leader in pain medicine worldwide. He contributed a lot to our pain development in the National Cancer Institute and all the Algology centers in Egypt and Arabic countries.

- Prof. Magdi Iskander, MD, FIPP
  Chairman, WIP Middle East Section

Omar Tawfik will be missed as one of the true visionary figures of our field. He embraced the importance of continuing education of physicians. The Nile program is just one example. We should celebrate his memory.

- Prof. Gabor Racz, MD, FIPP
  Past President, WIP

On behalf of the Benelux section, our condolences with the passing away of Prof Tawfik. We were happy to meet Omar the last time during the WIP meeting in Cairo last November and will remember him with great respect. I will never forget his support on the RF issue of Pain Practice in 2002. Magdi, our deepest feelings of respect for his family and the Egyptian pain community.

- Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP
  Chairman, WIP Benelux Section

This is truly sad news. Prof. Tawfik was a wonderful person and a true gentleman. He obviously was one of the original leaders in pain medicine and the Egyptian key opinion leader. His meeting in Cairo and the subsequent trip up the Nile River was one of the most memorable trips of my life. He will be missed by all of us in the worldwide pain community and particularly throughout the brotherhood of World Institute of Pain.

- Richard L. Rauck, MD, FIPP
  Treasurer, WIP

I had the pleasure of meeting him in Cairo a few months ago. May he rest in peace.

- Charles A. Gauci, MD, FRCA, FIPP
  Chairman, WIP Board of Sections

On behalf of the all pain physicians and members of the Egyptian Pain Society, I am greatly thankful for your deep feelings and appreciation for this great loss to every body. Omar was like a candle, burning all the time to give light and education for his students and colleagues.

- Prof. Maged El Ansary, MD
  Vice President
  Egyptian Pain Society
In Memoriam: Omar Tawfik

In The Memory of Prof. Dr Omar Tawfik

A PRICELESS LOSS

It is with great sorrow that we announce the loss of an eminent professor, a dear friend and a fine human being.

Mohammed Omar Tawfik, born October 13th 1942, was the elderly son among seven brothers and sisters. He graduated from medical school at Cairo University June 1965, with honors, and joined the anaesthetic field in October 1966. He is married to Dr. Amira, Professor of Pathology and has two lovely married daughters.

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Omar Tawfik started his interest in chronic pain long before his first international pain contact (the 3rd World Congress on Pain by IASP) in Edinburgh 1981. As lecturer of anaesthesia in the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Cairo University he has embarked on alleviating pain of cancer patients and prepared the freshly required neurolytic drugs. John Lloyd visit in Abingdon Hospital, Oxford, UK was a corner stone in his career (April- October, 1979).

Early 1982 the Egyptian Society for the Management of Pain (ESMP) was founded and Prof. Tawfik became the first general secretary and for the following 24 years before being elected unanimously president of the society in 2006 up till the last day of his life (25th June2009).

In his position, would like to briefly highlight a rich history of various contributions and initiation of all possible pain activities:

- In November 1982 he started the first National Pain Congress which was yearly held until now. In fact, on 29 October this year we shall inaugurate our 28th National/International Pain Congress.
- In January 1983 the bi-yearly pain journal was published and shortly thereafter Prof. Tawfik became the editor-in-chief (in 1984). He was reviewing and revising every edition until late 2006.
- Master of Science in Pain was approved by Cairo University authorities and materialized as from 1986. It consists of two parts and a theoretical essay. This is the only established pain degree among all universities in Egypt granted to all pain clinicians across the country. Prof. Tawfik’s academic teaching was the cornerstone of this degree.
- Middle East section was formed in 1988 and Prof. Tawfik was nominated as its chairman in Turkey 1993.
- Also in 1988, together with the effort of Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Kamel, oral opiates were finally available in Cairo. It is worth mentioning that immediate release opiates (Morphine, and oxycodone) and controlled release (MST, OxyContin, Duragesic, OROS® hydromorphone) were originally channeled mainly through the NCI to all Egyptian governorates.
- Prof. Tawfik was elected the Chairman of Anaesthesia and Pain Relief Department in NCI, Cairo University from late 1987 until 1993.
In 1999 he was elected in the Council Board of IASP representing Africa and remained in this position until 2005.

In 1999 in Sharm El Sheikh (Sinai) as a Co-Chairman with Dr Prithvi Raj, President of the World Institute of Pain (WIP) and representatives of the World Society of Pain Clinicians (WSPC) and the new Neurostimulating Society headed by Prof. Dr. Elliott Krames, a four-day pain congress was successfully materialized. Dr. Tawfik was nominated member of the Advisory Committee in WIP.

His peak scientific activity was in September 2000 when Prof. Tawfik wrote his second major book – a workshop of 251 pages on “Interventional Pain Therapy” (first one was a 240 pages book in 1995 on acute & chronic pain). These were followed by four more scientific booklets (Neuropathic pain, Paediatric…). From then on he started regular demonstrative procedures on a weekly basis at the NCI Pain Clinic.

In 2004 He established The Pan Arab Institute of Pain.

Prof. Tawfik was an excellent pain clinician, a safe interventionist, and an outstanding academic teacher. He was able to explain all biochemical and difficult drug interactions clearly. He traveled all over the country for pain awareness and was a guest speaker in all national meetings and Arab/African and international congresses. Besides being a regular editor with rich contribution (see CV posted on the WIP website), writer of revision articles, he evaluated international papers.

No doubt Prof. Omar Tawfik is a big loss to Egypt and to the pain clinicians and scientists, and will always be remembered as a major contributor to the birth and spread of pain management in the whole region.

Magdi Ramzi Iskander
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National Cancer Institute, Cairo University
WIP Pan-Arab Section Leader
President of Egyptian Chapter in WSPC

To learn more about the late Prof. Mohammed Omar Tawfik, his Curriculum Vitae will be posted on the WIP website: www.worldinstituteofpain.org.

Other websites of interest include: www.egyptianpainsociety.org
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WIP congratulates FIPP class of March 2009

The World Institute of Pain Section of Pain Practice, Board of Examination congratulates the following newest Fellows of Interventional Pain Practice. These 41 physicians participated in the 14th FIPP examination conducted March 16, 2009 in New York, USA.

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