PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

One year ago, the aftershocks of the Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami, and ensuing Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster were being felt by not only Japanese communities, but by global enterprises—including our World Institute of Pain. Our 6th World Congress, encompassing two years’ of planning, was within days of delivering to Seoul, South Korea a global entourage of physicians, scientists, and industry leaders who rely on WIP’s World Congress for the international scholarly exchange of current and emerging techniques and technologies in interventional pain practice. Critical decisions had to be made for the welfare of all participants. Today, thanks to the collective efforts of those who supported WIP through it’s own crisis of rescheduling and relocating a World Congress from one corner of the world to another, the success of our Congress in Miami Beach, Florida, USA is a attribute to the unprecedented loyalty and perseverance demonstrated by all who answered our call for encouragement and leadership that made the seemingly impossible possible. To our registered participants, industry exhibitors and supporters, program faculty, Congress committees, staff and volunteers— all of you symbolize the true value of WIP’s mission, which is through unity of vision we can achieve more when we work together for a common purpose.

For WIP, the World Congress represents a time of renewal of the mission that guides us to be more than just observers and followers, but teachers and innovators. The Congress is a critical forum for the diffusion of knowledge and initiatives of interest within regional communities and globally. Evidence of the value of exchange between physicians with common aims is increasingly apparent as successful initiatives within one organized Section of WIP are inspiring similar ones in another. We are also reminded that while many milestones have been achieved, (continued on page 2)
President’s Message (continued)

There are many more to be undertaken. Throughout the WIP network, there are many opportunities for ongoing diffusion of our efforts, chiefly through FIPP-certified physicians contributing articles to the Pain Practice journal, recruiting colleagues to take the FIPP certification examination, joining the EPP network of pain centers, organizing a local or regional pain conference and practical workshop, and promoting WIP within your inner circle of professional contacts. Working together towards a common purpose we can achieve more.

It is within the same spirit of unity that one of our most devoted leaders and stewards of global advancements in pain medicine, Prof. Serdar Erdine, approached the leaders of our international brotherhood of pain societies to join forces to better promote the advancement of pain medicine and treatment throughout the world. In Miami, leaders of five societies joined hands to affirm their joint commitment toward our common cause. For their humility and steadfast commitment to global advancements in pain, I salute Prof. Hans Kress of the European Federation of IASP® Chapters (EFIC®), Prof. Robert van Sevenent of the World Society of Pain Clinicians, Prof. Emeritus Prithvi Raj of the WIP Foundation and myself, have served together on the Boards of these societies, served as faculty at our respective congresses, competed and cooperated with each other for our share of the global educational marketplace during a time of increasing demands on our resources and greater restrictions on support from industry that is vital to the success of our respective missions. On the 5th day of February 2012, we demonstrated genuine solidarity of our shared missions by joining hands in Miami Beach, Florida, USA to make a greater impact statement together than any one of us could have done alone — that it is the right of any human being in any and every part of the world to have access to the best possible pain relief.

Now, you can join with us by declaring your support for the unity of vision that is represented by this Declaration. Please visit the website of the WIP Foundation (www.wipfoundation.org) and signify your support by signing our online petition. We also ask that you encourage others by publishing on your website and in your newsletter the Declaration reprinted on the next page with our logo. A high-resolution logo can be obtained by writing Mrs. Maya Raj Andreas, Director of Development for the WIP Foundation, at: maya@wipfoundation.org.

With your support, we will expeditiously and diligently accomplish our goals for better pain medicine and worldwide access to pain relief.

Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP
President, WIP

Declaration of Miami

The Declaration of Miami, signifying the joining of forces for the promotion of pain medicine and worldwide access to pain relief, represents the culmination of many hours of telephone discussions and email exchanges between leaders of the world’s most reputable pain societies — The European Federation of IASP® Chapters (EFIC®), World Society of Pain Clinicians, World Institute of Pain Foundation and the World Institute of Pain.

Prof. Hans Kress of EFIC®, Prof. Robert van Sevenent of WSPC, Dr. Ricardo Ruiz-López of WIP, and Prof. Emeritus Prithvi Raj of the WIP Foundation and myself, have served together on the Boards of these societies, served as faculty at our respective congresses, competed and cooperated with each other for our share of the global educational marketplace during a time of increasing demands on our resources and greater restrictions on support from industry that is vital to the success of our respective missions. On the 5th day of February 2012, we demonstrated genuine solidarity of our shared missions by joining hands in Miami Beach, Florida, USA to make a greater impact statement together than any one of us could have done alone — that it is the right of any human being in any and every part of the world to have access to the best possible pain relief.

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Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP
CEO, World Institute of Pain Foundation
It is the right of any human individual to have access to the best possible pain relief in any and every part of the world.

We, as a consortium of professional pain societies, and as witnesses by the representatives from all continents, affirm the above declaration and strive towards its fulfillment.

The advances in medicine will continue to increase the population of healthy, young and old people all over the world.

Presently, there is still limited access to adequate treatment of acute and chronic pain in many parts of the world.

Governments and even healthcare professionals are not sufficiently aware of chronic pain as a health problem.

Many healthcare professionals are not educated and familiar with best practice pain medicine.

We demand that Pain Medicine should be a distinct specialty because of its unique body of knowledge required to treat pain patients.

The declaring professional organizations jointly and firmly agree on the right of any human individual to have easy access to adequate pain management, the necessity of generally available information about proper options for pain relief and the obligations of governments and healthcare systems to provide financial, personnel, and structural resources to achieve these goals and to guarantee adequate pain management as a human right.

With this Declaration of Miami on February, 5th 2012, the signatories of the consortium affirm that they will expeditiously and diligently work towards accomplishing the goals of the Declaration. The Pain Societies actively promote best pain medicine for all humanity; and are dedicated to provide trained and skilled personnel in their spheres of influence.

In this regard the World Institute of Pain (WIP), the European Federation of IASP® Chapters (EFIC®), the World Institute of Pain Foundation (WIPF), and the World Society of Pain Clinicians (WSPC) have come together to promote this mission.
Thank you to all participants of the WIP 6th World Congress. Over 1,600 participants from 68 countries came to Miami Beach, Florida to hear and meet the leading lecturers in the field of pain medicine.

A special thanks to Local Organizing Chairman, Dr. Ira Fox; Scientific Committee Chairman, Dr. Richard Rauck; and Congress Co-Chairmen, Prof. Serdar Erdine and Dr. Ricardo Ruiz-López. To all WIP Section Chairs and WIP members who actively promoted our Congress, your collective efforts were the difference that made a difference!

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Thank you to our CME provider, Carolinas HealthCare System / Charlotte Area Health Education Center.
Tony Yaksh receives Presidential Medal of Honor

Tony Yaksh, PhD was presented with the WIP Presidential Medal of Honor at the Awards and Recognition Ceremony in Miami Beach, Florida, USA. This award was given to Dr. Yaksh in recognition of his dedication and service excellence in promoting the scientific integrity of multiple WIP World Congresses as scientific program chairman and co-chairman.

Dr. Yaksh is Professor of Anesthesiology in the Cancer Symptom Control Program at the University of California, San Diego. His research interests are devoted to pain, specifically, pharmacology of pain and analgesia, neurotransmitter release, and toxicology of spinal drugs.

Dr. Yaksh is the first recipient of the WIP Presidential Medal of Honor, which was proposed by Drs. Prithvi Raj and Richard Rauck at the August 29, 2010 meeting of the WIP Executive Board and approved unanimously by that Board.

Hassenbusch Prize recipients receive awards in Miami

Dr. Kwok Bun Bob Chan, MBChB, FIPP of Hong Kong and Dr. Robert B. Sie, MD, FIPP of The Netherlands were presented with The Samuel J. Hassenbusch Prize for highest score on the FIPP examination in 2010.

This award, which consists of a plaque and $1,000 USD, was presented at the WIP 6th World Congress Awards Ceremony in Miami Beach, Florida, USA.

The 2011 Hassenbusch Prize recipient, Dr. Jan w. Kallewaard, MD, FIPP of The Netherlands, will receive his award at the Awards Ceremony associated with the 17th Annual Advanced Pain Conference and Practical Workshops, September 3-5, 2012 in Budapest, Hungary.

The Samuel J. Hassenbusch Prize was established in 2008 to recognize the FIPP who earns the highest score on the examination each year. Previous prize recipients include: Javier de Andres Ares, MD, FIPP of Spain (2008); Louis J.K. Pau, MD, FIPP of USA (2008); and Liong An Liem, MD, FIPP of The Netherlands (2009).
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Discussion forum - 6th World Congress of World Institute of Pain

Welcome to the forum 6th World Congress of World Institute of Pain. Click on a topic of the forum to see the posters within. If you are already registered in PosterSessionOnline, enter your e-mail and click on LOGIN. Otherwise click on REGISTER.

Daniel Keshin, USA - this is a really great service which made it so easy to prepare my poster. I come from Seattle and it was such a help - also the print quality was better than I am used to. It’s also great to have them online after the meeting. Thanks for all your help!

David Murphy, Canada/UK - Gescon and Poster Session Online came to rescue in the nick of time. It was so easy to use their templates for my poster, to have it professionally printed and easy for me to pick it up at the congress. The staff both in Madrid and at the Congress ... were extremely helpful and friendly.

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Maastricht, The Netherlands chosen as host city for WIP 7th World Congress

A successful World Congress is dependent upon three critical elements — the quality of the facilities, the quality of the environment, and the quality of the representation and leadership of the local organizing committee. The decision by the WIP Executive Board to award WIP’s 7th World Congress in 2014 to the Maastricht Exhibition and Conference Centre (MECC), in The Netherlands was made because of the confidence represented by this trifecta of attributes represented by the WIP Benelux Section.

The MECC boasts state-of-the-art facilities and services for congresses, with modern facilities that cater to every need at one location. Maastricht, known for its picturesque squares, romantic streets, and historic buildings, is situated in the “heart of Europe,” and is accessible by rail, road, or air. Pre-arranged road or rail transportation will be offered to Congress participants flying into major regional airports.

Prof. Jan Van Zundert, Chair of the WIP Section of Benelux, is Chair of the local organizing committee. Prof. Maarten van Kleef, Vice-Chair of the WIP Section of Benelux and a past member of the WIP Board of Directors, is Chair of the scientific committee. Prof. Kris C.P. Vissers, Honorary Treasurer of WIP and Dr. Frank Wille are also serving on the organizing committee.

Prof. van Kleef is an anesthesiologist who also specializes in interventional pain procedures. He is a professor of Anaesthesiology and Pain Management, and Chairman of the Department of Anaesthesiology and Pain Management of Maastricht University Medical Centre. Prof. Van Zundert is an anesthesiologist and head of the Multidisciplinary Pain Centre of the Hospital Oost-Limburg in Genk, Belgium. He also is affiliated with the Maastricht University Medical Centre. Prof. Vissers is an anesthesiologist and professor of Pain and Palliative Medicine, and chairman and scientific chairman of the Academic Center of Pain and Palliative medicine of the Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre in the Netherlands. They are committed to delivering a world-class educational program and experience for Congress participants.

Save the dates — May 7-10, 2014!
WIP welcomes the Section of Italy—the 22nd official Section of WIP

The Executive Board of WIP enthusiastically approved the establishment of the WIP Section of Italy at its Board meeting conducted February 3, 2012 in Miami Beach, Florida, USA. Having surpassed the requisite minimum number of FIPPs, the WIP Section of Italy has 14 FIPP and nine Associate members.

The first officers of the WIP Section of Italy for the remaining term of 2011-2013 have been announced, and are: Diego Beltrutti, Chair; Massimo Barbieri, Secretary; and Fabio Intelligente, Treasurer.

FIPP Members of the WIP Section of Italy

Giandomenico Babbolin, MD, FIPP
Massimo Barbieri, MD, FIPP
Diego Beltrutti, MD, FIPP
Luigi Codipietro, MD, PhD, FIPP
Gianni Colini-Baldeschi, MD, FIPP
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Francesco Marino, MD, FIPP
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Claudio Reverberi, MD, FIPP
Giustino Varrassi, MD, PhD, FIPP

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This is a joint organization of the departments of anesthesiology and pain management of the Maastricht University Medical Centre, Maastricht, The Netherlands and Ziekenhuis Oost-Limburg, Genk, Belgium. This meeting is organized in collaboration with the department of Anatomy and Embryology of the Maastricht University, under the auspices of WIP, NVA, Pain Section and VAVP.

This workshop offers 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. Additionally, the interactive workshop on Friday is designed to guide participants through different aspects of neuropathic pain, low back pain, and medical imaging.
Save the Date!
September 3-5, 2012
17th Annual Advanced International Pain Conference and Practical Workshop
Budapest, Hungary

Congress Organizers
Program Director: Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP
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Accessing the epidural space
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“... interventionalism in pain practice is emerging in our
country. Colombia, and the contribution
made by the WIP has been invaluable, being
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an important scientific society it’s a
great opportunity to attend major sym-
posia, congresses, and other academic
activities as well as enjoy the official
journal Pain Practice and the official
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the issues related to pain and interven-
tionalist practices.
I know that in the near future I will be
able to contribute to the WIP with
valuable research information that me
and my colleagues are currently
carrying out.”

Gabriel Gaviria, MD, FIPP
(Colombia)
We are honoured to announce and extend our heartfelt welcome to you for attending the 2nd International Conference on Interventional Pain Management and Certification Review Course with Fluoroscopy-Guided Cadaveric Workshop and Ultrasound Workshops to be held at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the premier medical institute of India, from 24th to 26th August 2012.

WIP-India Section aims to promote the practice and opportunity to exchange ideas and share the knowledge of interventional pain management. Worldwide eminent experts are invited to deliver lectures, including keynote lectures being given by Prof. P. Prithvi Raj (Cincinnati, Ohio, USA), Dr. Gabor B. Racz (Lubbock, Texas, USA), and other well-known professors.

By this opportunity, we invite you to ICIPM 2012 from which you will benefit a lot. Moreover, we are sure you will be impressed by the scientific programme which is being elaborately prepared by Section Chairman Dr. Gautam Das and Organizing Chairperson Dr. Sushma Bhatnagar.

We are looking forward to seeing you in New Delhi in August 2012.

For more details, please log on to www.icipm2012.com.

We hope to see you in New Delhi!
Postgraduate Interventional Pain Course in Brazil

For practicing physicians, taking a year (or two) off to pursue a new career in pain medicine is a huge barrier to entry. And yet, a weekend course does not allow for adequate training. Dr. Fabricio Dias Assis (FIPP) and his colleagues at Singular—Centro de Controle Da Dor (an EPP Award Pain Center) in Campinas, Brazil, have developed a unique training program, one weekend per month for seven months, to train anesthesiologists, orthopedic and neuro-surgeons, as well as neurologists and primary care physicians, in the diagnosis and treatment of common pain problems.

Students receive didactic training from international WIP members and national experts as well as hands-on fluoroscopic training on a spine phantom. In addition, they are educated on the evidence-based data regarding each procedure, observe live procedures, are trained on physical exam, and receive more than 300 seminal articles on pain topics.

Students from all over Brazil completed the inaugural course April 13, 2012, and there will be a celebratory dinner at which the certificates will be handed out to the 17 participants. The second class will commence May 13, 2012 with 14 registered participants.

With the support of WIP and its members, the quality of pain care in Brazil will increase exponentially. This program could be easily modified for use in almost any country in the world, and discussions are underway to develop similar programs in other countries, according to Dr. Andrea Trescot (FIPP), curriculum advisor and visiting faculty member of the Singular program.

OBJECTIVES
- Offer current knowledge to orthopedists, anesthesiologists, and neurosurgeons on the theory and practice of interventional pain management techniques under fluoroscope guidance techniques, and discuss their indications and complications; Present interventional algorithms based on international protocols.
- Standardize techniques for treating spinal and non-spinal pain.

TARGET AUDIENCE
- Anesthesiologist specialists, board-certified in interventional pain management by the Brazilian Society of Anesthesiologists.
- Orthopedists and neurosurgeons affiliated with the Brazilian Spine Association.

PERIOD
- From April—October 2012

STARTING DATE & TIME
- April 13, 2012
- One Saturday a month—7 modules

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- Fabricio Dias Assis, MD, FIPP (Brazil)
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VENUE
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Postgraduate Interventional Pain Course in Brazil: Testimonials

As a participant of the first comprehensive interventional pain course, I would like to say it has exceeded my expectations. Pain management utilizing a multidisciplinary approach is something extremely difficult to achieve because you have a number of different professionals working together, attempting to improve the patient’s quality of life.

The course has imparted this multidisciplinary vision in the best manner possible, enabling access to instructors with a high degree of scientific and technical capacity who share their knowledge and experience of these difficult-to-treat pathologies. My view of chronic pain treatment has changed greatly. Today, because of my improved clinical and diagnostic evaluation skills, I have been better able to indicate treatments, which has resulted in extremely positive outcomes in my daily practice.

Thank you, Singular Courses.

Charles André Carazzo, MD is a Fellow in Spine Surgery, Universitat Ulm, Member of the Brazilian Neurology Society, World Federation of Neurosurgeons, Latin American Federation of Neurosurgeons and AO Spine Association.

I took part in this course and my rating of it is highly positive. The program was comprehensive, addressing all the topics I was particularly interested in, and both theoretical and practical modules of the course were well-structured. The team as a whole—Brazilian instructors and visiting professors—were competent in their delivery of the themes for which they were chosen, making certain we learned accurate theory and method, and were always willing to clarify whatever doubts we had.

Course infrastructure was accommodating, with comfortable installations and balanced meals during our activities.

I am recommending the course to friends and, in the near future, would like to take it again.

Orlando Colhado, MD, PhD is an Anesthesiologist and Pain Specialist, Brazilian Medical Association, Associate Professor at Maringá State University Medical School, Deputy Coordinator of Anesthesiology Residency at Maringá Teaching Hospital, President of the Paraña Society for the Study of Pain.
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10TH AND 11TH MAY 2012

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10TH AND 11TH MAY 2012

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11TH UK HANDS-ON CADAVER WORKSHOP ON INTERVENTIONAL PAIN PROCEDURES
12TH AND 13TH MAY 2012

Anatomy Department, St George's University of London
Cranmer Terrace
London SW17 0RE

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2012 FIPP Examination Schedule

- **Jun 16** 21st FIPP Examination (Application Deadline: May 19, 2012)
  Academisch Ziekenhuis Maastricht, Maastricht, Netherlands
- **Sep 6** 22nd FIPP Examination (Application Deadline: July 31, 2012)
  Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary

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WIP and the FIPP Board of Examination
CONGRATULATE the Miami Class of 2012

WIP and the FIPP Board of Examination congratulate 17 physicians from the Miami Class of 2012 who satisfied the requirements for certification as a Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice, bringing the total certificates issued since 2001 to 702.

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**FIPP ALUMNI NEWS:**

Serdar Erdine Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Prof. Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP, Chief Executive Officer of the World Institute of Pain Foundation, Founder and Past President of the World Institute of Pain received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Istanbul Chamber of Medicine. This award was presented in recognition of Prof. Erdine’s work towards establishing and disseminating pain medicine in Turkey. Prof. Erdine received the award at a ceremony conducted March 17, 2012.
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WIP’s membership fee collection experience is improving, thanks to improved renewal communication and responses by our members. Assistance from our Section Officers has also proved vital to membership retention and growth. Effective March 1, 2012, $20 of the $165 per member collected by WIP will be allocated to the member’s respective Section Fund. The Section Fund allocations will accrue and be held in reserve by WIP for future use by the Section’s elected officers in ways that further the exempt purpose of WIP within the applicable Section.

Members are encouraged to maintain current memberships and avoid lapses in renewals. Online access to the *Pain Practice* journal, which requires a valid member ID and password, is contingent upon a valid membership in WIP.

Members who wish to renew for multiple years may contact the WIP Secretariat for payment arrangements.

Members who wish to verify the status of their membership, should also contact the WIP Secretariat.

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What is the difference between the missions of the World Institute of Pain (WIP) and the World Institute of Pain Foundation? That is the question the directors of both Boards have been asked as the WIP Foundation reflects on its first full year of operation.

WIP’s principal mission focuses on education, training, and certification of pain physicians. Through membership, publication of the journal of Pain Practice, FIPP certification, EPP Award program for pain centers, World Congresses and practical workshops, WIP facilitates the exchange of clinical and scholarly knowledge to better define and advance the standards of interventional pain practice not only in our respective regions, but throughout the world. However, WIP’s ability to reach all populations is currently limited largely to those physicians who have the resources to pay for and access the WIP network.

WIP Foundation was established to engage a broader audience of supporters and promoters of our cause through fundraising. These funds are essential to augment WIP’s efforts as a global society to reach all pain physicians and all pain patients to achieve worldwide access to the best interventional pain practice and alleviate suffering. Toward this end, the WIP Foundation was incorporated as both a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation, and as a public charity and supporting organization of WIP. In addition to funding projects and scholarships associated with WIP’s principal service lines, the WIP Foundation aims to fund complementary initiatives in new areas that focus on patient education and pain research.

Together, WIP and WIP Foundation can achieve more working in collaboration with members, donors, and supporters of both missions—and with YOU!

Please follow us on our website and newsletter, *Vision*.

**AUTHORS DONATE ROYALTIES TO WIPF**

Authors of *Evidence-Based Interventional Pain Medicine, According to Clinical Diagnoses* — Jan Van Zundert, Jacob Patijn, Craig Hartrick, Arno Lataster, Frank Huygen, and Maarten van Kleef, have graciously offered to donate their collective royalties to the WIP Foundation. It is their intent that the proceeds from this book be used to provide these books to colleagues in under-developed and developing countries who cannot afford to pay for it. Purchasing sources can be found via: [www.wiley.com/buy/9780470671306](http://www.wiley.com/buy/9780470671306).

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- Theoretical Training Sessions and Hands-on Cadaver Workshop — Academisch Ziekenhuis, Maastricht, The Netherlands | www.maastrichtpain.nl


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