President’s Message

Sustaining the vision

The late Dr. Samuel J. Hassenbusch, III wrote in his autobiographical book, *Physician Heal Thyself*, that if one is searching for divine healing, through *elpizo*, the Greek concept of hope and *towcheleth*, the Hebrew concept of hope, “salvation and assurance of good things to come” can help achieve a strong spiritual focus, which for him was meaningful.

As pain physicians, our patients look to us with the same spiritual focus and expectations of hope, salvation, and assurance that as healers devoted to the art and science of alleviating suffering due to injury or illness we will help them realize the good things to come.

Whether our healing powers, exercised through our knowledge and abilities, can be attributed to a Higher Being could be debated in another forum. One fact we can all agree on is, as physicians, we took a universal oath that embodies our duties and obligations to the art of healing. As pain physicians, we fulfill our oath through the study and practice of medicine devoted to the relief of pain and suffering.

As members of the World Institute of Pain, collectively we do more than just perpetuate *elpizo* or *towcheleth*, we deliver real salvation through our service to others. Our shared mission of healing is fulfilled through our *Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice* (FIPP) physician certification program, official journal *PAIN Practice*, Excellence in Pain Practice (EPP) program for pain centers, World Congresses, symposia and practical workshops, and networking globally in ways that deliver meaningful results.

Our goals are set high, because the needs of our patients are great. We have proven that working together our aims can be realized. Together, we can offer more than hope; we can deliver real relief for pain patients throughout the world through our diffusion of efforts to alleviate pain.

As successes are realized for some people, there are others who continue to suffer due to suboptimal interventions for pain syndromes. To reach all corners of the world with greater standards for pain education and care, the World Institute of Pain Foundation was established to help expand our reach. With your support for WIP and the Foundation, together we chart our next pathways of hope and deliver salvation and assurance to all pain patients globally. Serving together towards our shared mission of hope for a pain-free world, together we are sustaining the vision of the World Institute of Pain.

Thank you for your support, and best wishes for the new year.

- Ricardo Ruiz-Lopez, MD, FIPP - WIP President
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Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a great honor to me, to welcome you all in Maastricht, where the 7th World Congress of the World Institute of Pain will be held from 7-10 May 2014.

Maastricht is the perfect location to organize such an event. Maastricht, an old Roman city in the Netherlands, is located in southern part of the province of Limburg, in the heart of Europe. Maastricht is within 1-4 hours drive from Amsterdam, Brussels, Cologne, Paris or even London. Maastricht is popular with tourist for shopping, recreation and gastronomy. Together with its partner cities and regions, Maastricht has set its sights high: to become the cultural Capital of Europe in 2018. In spring (May) the surroundings of Maastricht is at its best, with beautiful blossoms and a nice temperature.

In this wonderful environment the World Institute of Pain will organize the best scientific clinical World Congress on Pain possible at that moment. This 7th WIP World Congress will promote the goals of the WIP:” better education in pain gives better pain relief for the patients”. Pain medicine is strongly growing during the last decade. Further professionalization of pain physicians, evidence-based diagnosis and treatment, improvement of skills are the main goals for the WIP society and consequently for this congress. Social events during this congress will promote networking, friendship and informal contact among the participants.

I invite you all to join the 7th WIP World Congress in Maastricht.

Prof dr Maarten van Kleef MD PhD FIPP
## WIP Society News

### Election of 2013-2015 Executive Board Officers and Directors

In accordance with the Bylaws of WIP, the nominees for the 2013-2015 Executive Board were shared with FIPP members 60 days prior to the election. Only the incumbent members of the WIP Council vote in the election. The election will be initiated March 12, 2013.

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- Maarten van Kleef, MD, PhD, FIPP 2005-186  Netherlands

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, Pain Practice**
- Craig T. Hartrick, MD, DABPM, FIPP 2003-64  USA

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER/SECRETARY (non-voting)**
- Dianne L. Willard  N/A  USA

Candidate CVs available upon request.

Contact the WIP Secretariat, dianne.willard@worldinstituteofpain.org
WIP Section Officer Elections in Progress (2013-2015)

The new WIP Executive Board Officers and Directors will assume their terms of office for 2013-2015 on May 1, 2013. Likewise, the new WIP Council, consisting of the Executive Board and the Chairs of WIP Sections, will begin a new two-year term.

FIPP members in good standing qualify for nomination and may participate in the election process.

Section elections have been initiated through the incumbent officers for the positions of:

- **Chair:** Serves on the WIP Council and represents the Section at official meetings and activities of WIP; promotes the mission and aims of WIP, including: WIP membership, FIPP certification, World Congress participation and sponsorships, and organization of WIP-endorsed conferences and practical workshops; keeps the WIP President and WIP Secretariat informed of official Section activities.

- **Vice-Chair:** Assists the Section Chair with all duties; may be aligned with a particular country or region within a Section that is comprised of multiple countries.

- **Secretary:** Assists the Section Chair with communications on behalf of the Section, keeps the WIP President and WIP Secretariat informed of official Section activities.

- **Treasurer:** Assists the WIP Secretariat with membership renewal notices as necessary; provides budget assistance to the Section for regional Section-sponsored educational conferences and practical workshops.

With increasing autonomy for Sections, greater responsibilities for Section officers have been defined, necessitating the importance of filling all Section officer levels.

Sections are to report the results of their election to the WIP Secretariat. All elections should be completed no later than March 30, 2013.

Sections may conduct their own independent election. Any Section that prefers the WIP Secretariat assist with this process may contact Ms. Dianne Willard.

FIPP members who wish to confirm their membership status should also contact Dianne. Her email address is: dianne.willard@worldinstituteofpain.org.

Brazil and Malaysia earn Section status

FIPP member growth has achieved or surpassed the five FIPP threshold in Brazil and Malaysia. FIPP members signified their desire to form an official Section. Currently recognized as **Sections in Formation**, official Section recognition for Brazil and Malaysia will be conferred May 1, 2013 concurrent with the commencement of new terms of WIP officers and directors, and Section officers.

With Section recognition comes a commitment by its members to promote the goals and aims of WIP, which include promoting the FIPP certification program for physicians, encouraging submission of scholarly publications to the WIP official journal *Pain Practice*, and organizing WIP-endorsed educational conferences and practical workshops.

Regional leadership throughout the network of WIP Sections is essential to developing accessible pathways of excellence for physicians to prepare for FIPP certification and for those who have attained the FIPP to maintain continuous excellence in pain education and clinical practice.

WIP believes it is a global imperative that pain physicians contribute to the global dialogue of better pain education for pain physicians and better pain relief for patients that WIP has fostered for almost two decades. Through WIP’s network of Sections, pain physicians throughout the world work together to improve and advance the standards of interventional pain practice globally.

WIP Membership Update

WIP membership dues collections are up, but we still need ALL members of WIP to be diligent with dues payments. Online renewals are preferred, but payments may also be made by email, fax, or over the phone. U.S. bank checks and wires are also accepted. Contact Dianne Willard for assistance with membership payments.

Sections benefit when members join or renew their membership. Section fund balances will accumulate over time and will provide Sections with funds for activities that will further the goals and aims of WIP within the Section.

Thanks to ALL who have remained current and those who helped boost collections in 2012. This year is off to a terrific start. Let’s all keep up the good work!
Alex Cahana interviewed for CNN documentary on No. 1 accidental killer - mixing prescription pain reliever with alcohol

FIPP alumnus Dr. Alex Cahana, Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine and Dr. Jane Ballantyne, Professor of Anesthesiology, both of the University of Washington, were interviewed for a CNN one-hour documentary, “Deadly Dose,” about the growing problem of prescription deaths.

The documentary of Dr. Sanjay Gupta and his special investigation team from CNN aired November 18th. The documentary also featured an interview with former President Bill Clinton.

A transcript is available on the CNN website, http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/1211/18/se.01.html

Budapest 2012 FIPP feedback

I would first of all like to thank all the FIPP alumni and other staff sincerely and from the bottom of my heart. It was a very nice experience and exposure to meet dignities of Interventional Pain Medicine at Budapest. Personally, I found the examination of FIPP to be a wonderful opportunity for a new generation physician like me to establish in Pain Medicine branch, which is very new in India.

Due to international exposure of working (first as a fellow in Singapore and then a candidate for FIPP exam), I have established the Pain Management Department in Fortis Hospital, Noida, Delhi NCR (Fortis Health Care is the biggest health care provider in India with more than 66 hospitals all around the world). I have established Acute Pain Services in the hospital with allocation of a pain nurse for the education and awareness of staff and patients. I organized one CME on Acute Pain Services in July 2012 with a lot of enthusiasm from all the specialties. Pain Clinic has been started with all kinds of Interventional Pain procedures for chronic pain patients. Radiofrequency procedures have been started. In future, I am planning to organize CME on cancer pain management and a pain forum for public and physicians.

Again a lot of thanks to FIPP exam staff, especially Paula Brashear and Mark Tolliver.

Regards,
Dr Shiv Pratap Singh Rana
MD, Fellowship in Pain Medicine (Singapore), PGCPM (Pall. Med.Singapore), FIPP (USA), M.Sc*.(Pall Med., Cardiff Uni., U.K.)
Pain Physician
WFortis Hospital, Noida

Honorio Benzon named Deputy Editor-in-Chief of PAIN Practice journal

Honorio “Nori” T. Benzon (FIPP class of 2009), has been named Deputy Editor-in-Chief of PAIN Practice, the official journal of the World Institute of Pain.

Dr. Benzon is a professor of anesthesiology at Northwestern University and board-certified pain management specialist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Dr. Benzon specializes in back, cancer, neuropathic, and complex regional pain syndromes.

Dr. Benzon succeeds Marc Huntoon who was recently named Editor-in-Chief of the journal of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine.

FIPP Alumni -- share your news with us! We want to know!

Connect with your colleagues. WIP is your society - let it work for you!

Email your news and photos to the WIP Secretariat:
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Subhash Jain, MD, FIPP (class of 2002), a well-known clinician, researcher, and teacher in pain management, has been honored by The Pain Service of the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, with an endowed lecture.

The 1st Annual Endowed Lecture in honor of Subhash Jain, MD will be held March 6, 2013 with featured speaker Russell K. Portenoy, MD, Chairman of the Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care, Beth Israel Medical Center.

This endowed lecture is made possible through the generosity of former trainees, colleagues, patients, family, and friends.

Dr. Jain completed his residency and fellowship in Anesthesiology at the New York Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center. In the 22 years that followed, he was an attending physician at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, where he was the founding Chief of the Pain Service in the Department of Anesthesiology and the Program Director of the Pain Fellowship. Dr. Jain has been recognized for eight consecutive years by New York Magazine as one of the New York City’s “Best Doctors” in addition to being listed in Castle Connoly’s book “Best Doctors in America.” He is the medical advisory board president of the World Foundation for Pain Relief and Research and is widely involved in efforts to improve quality health care in India through the International Human Benefit Services Trust.

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WIP Announces EPP Award Recipients

Three pain centers have been recognized as Excellence in Pain Practice (EPP) centers of excellence by the EPP Award Committee of the World Institute of Pain:

- **University Pain Center Maastricht** - The Netherlands
  (Director: Maarten van Kleef, MD, PhD, FIPP)
  *Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Pain Practice*

- **Interventional Pain and Physical Medicine Clinic**
  Sartell, Minnesota, USA (Director: Thomas C. Kowalkowski, DO, FIPP)
  *Multidisciplinary Clinical Pain Practice*

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

The World Institute of Pain established the EPP Award program to recognize pain centers that demonstrate clinical and scientific excellence, dedication to teaching physicians-in-training and mentoring young physicians in newly-established practices. Through its network of EPP Award pain centers, WIP aims to bolster networking between FIPPs and associate pain physicians in FIPP-member pain centers by promoting the best clinical practice and scholarly advancements in pain medicine globally.

WIP has recognized 17 centers of excellence representing 11 countries. More applications are in various stages of review. WIP encourages all FIPPs to apply for EPP recognition for their pain center, especially engaged in physician education and training.

Apply online via the WIP website. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Dianne Willard at dianne.willard@worldinstituteofpain.org.

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**Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Pain Practice**
- Multidisciplinary Pain Center
- Istanbul Pain Center, affiliated with the Florence Nightingale Group of Hospitals and Istanbul Bilim Univ
- University Pain Center Maastricht
- University of Washington Center for Pain Relief

**Multidisciplinary Clinical Pain Practice**
- Centro de Atención Integral del Dolor
- Singular—Centro de Controle Da Dor
- DARADIA: The Pain Clinic
- Interventional Pain and Physical Medicine Clinic
- IRCCS Centro di Riferimento Oncologico della Basilicata
- Pain Center of Dept of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine
- Seoul National University Hospital
- Multidisciplinary Pijncentrum Lievensberg Ziekenhuis
- Centre de la Douleur Clinique Cecil
- University of Cincinnati Pain Mgmt Division-Anes
- Utah Center for Pain Mgmt and Research / Nexus Pain

**Clinical Pain Practice**
- ACME Pain Care
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- Metro Spinal Clinic

**Clinical Pain Practice Specializing in Musculoskeletal Pain Syndromes**
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For more recommended study aids for the FIPP examination, please refer to the latest FIPP Information Bulletin posted on the FIPP website: [www.worldinstituteofpain.org/fipp](http://www.worldinstituteofpain.org/fipp).

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This coming year in 2013 the 18th Annual Budapest Conference is moving back to the usual time which is the end of August. It is going to be August 26, 27, 28 for the Advanced Interventional Cadaver Conference and August 29 for the 24th FIPP Examination.

Looking back on these past 17 years, we have made great progress in pain management. We have made lots of friends; we have become safer, better and had more impact on higher quality patient care. We have more evidence in effectiveness and learned many of the issues that we must avoid in order to prevent undesirable and bad outcomes in our patients. It is interesting that on one hand we have refinement, but at the same time now we have new and improved procedures that we did not know about. Also, the field has expanded because the training and knowledge of the pain practitioners have significantly improved. Our doctors today can appreciate and learn pain procedures and understand the need for increased for safety. We have witnessed the birth of the Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice examination, and it really began with the World Institute of Pain and mostly significantly in Budapest. You have also seen the disappearance of remnants of communism and right in front of our eyes the improvement from the work of the people. Improvements are worldwide, but the evolution that comes from hard work is unmistakably present when you look at it from a distance. Budapest has grown, and we have grown with it. It is such a pleasure to have old friends come back together, and you will notice that the Examination site has after many years changed dramatically with all the other changes that you see around.

We are looking forward to a high-quality program, and it is not too late to have your input in the direction that you wish us to move toward. It is remarkable to see the multi-specialty involvement in interventional pain treatment and seeing the field involve more and more spine surgeons, because they see and realize on one hand, they can treat more patients as well as help patients that suffer complications the surgical procedures. They see also that interventional procedures prevent spine surgery in many patients. It is amazing to see the impact of our friends such as Sam Hassenbusch. Now we have the Hassenbusch Prize for the highest achieving candidate in the FIPP Examination. We also see that it was Sam Hassenbusch who went to the American Medical Association’s code committee to advocate the approval for the lysis of adhesions procedure on behalf of neurosurgery. This year we see the upcoming publication by Ludger Gerdesmeyer, orthopedic surgeon in Germany, who is bringing out the 12-months follow up of a prospective randomized double blind multi center study where the participants in the study were mainly spine surgeons. Interventional pain for the most part, is minimally invasive surgery and essential component of it is Neuromodulation. Neuromodulation procedures are practiced by highly-trained physicians regardless of the primary specialty designation. We are very much looking forward looking forward to new improved, better service to our patients through working closely together with industry that provides more and more sophisticated and cost-effective equipment. As always, we would not exist without the leadership and support of our local committee lead by Drs. Edit Racz and Lorand Eross, and Agi Stogicza.

I am inviting you back to Budapest again and the arena that leads to friendship, participation and improved patient care as a result of our belonging in this beautiful and expanding field.

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We are excited to invite you to attend the 1st World Symposium of the WIP Foundation, to explore the theme of “Global Pain Suffering, and Solutions to its Eradication”. This dynamic program will be co-presented with the 3rd International Conference of Intervention Pain Management to provide the most up-to-date information on the best practices of pain management worldwide.

Kolkata has been chosen to showcase this event, because of its proximity to east and west cultures and societies. We are enthusiastic to share with you all that Kolkata has to offer, both as a leader in scientific developments, and its fantastic geographical diversity and historical and cultural importance.

The consortium of pain societies are extremely honored and pleased to have an affirmation ceremony for the Declaration of Miami in Kolkata, in conjunction with the World Symposium. This impactful event will provide opportunities for members of other societies in Asia and beyond to be the signatories and to collaborate to realize the true impact of the Declaration.

The dates of the World Symposium were chosen to be in proximity to the Diwali Festival, the highlight of Indian culture. We hope you can spend some time enjoying the sights and sounds of magnificent India for an unforgettable experience.

Please join us for this historic event, and mark your stamp on the eradication of suffering worldwide.

See you in Kolkata!

P. Prithvi Raj  Serdar Erdine  Gautam Das  Subrata Goswami
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- Developing Pain Clinics for patients who cannot afford treatment have been started in India, where several hundred patients have been seen at no cost to them.
- Promoting Global Awareness by holding WIPF’s first World Symposium to benefit the pain patients globally by educating the pain physician, non-pain physician, and patient, and to bring together world associations and organizations to eradicate pain and suffering.
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