

World Institute of Pain®

HISTORICAL FACTS

Year Founded	Incorporation	Headquarters
1993	Incorporated - State of California, USA	Headquarters - Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA

Founders

P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP (Certificate #1), (USA), Deceased (September 13, 1931 – February 27, 2016)
David Niv, MD, FIPP (Certificate #2), (Israel), Deceased (August 6, 1950 - February 6, 2007)
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Certificate #3), (Turkey) Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP (Certificate #4), (Spain)
Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP (Certificate #5), (USA)

WIP Past-President, Incumbent President and President-Elect

Peter Staats, MD, MBA, FIPP (USA), President-elect (2021-2023)
Giustino Varrassi, MD, PhD, FIPP (USA), President (2019-2021)
Craig T. Hartrick, MD, DABPM, FIPP (USA), President (2017-2019)
Kris C.P. Vissers, MD, PhD, FIPP (Netherlands), President (2015-2017)
Richard L. Rauck, MD, FIPP (USA), (2013-2015)
Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP (Spain), (2011-2013)
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Turkey), (2008-2011)
Gabor B. Racz, MD, FIPP (USA), (2005-2008)
David Niv, MD, FIPP (Israel), (2002-2005)
P. Prithvi Raj, MD, FIPP (USA), (1994-2002)

WIP Sections

The first 17 WIP Sections were established September 2007 to signify regions of the world where WIP's FIPP membership is strongest: Africa, Australia, Benelux, Canada, Central-Eastern Europe, Iberian, India-Iran-Pakistan, Israel, Korea-Japan-China, Latin America, Mediterranean, Middle East, North America, Puerto Rico-Caribbean, SE Asia, Switzerland, Turkey, and UK & Éire. In 2010, four new Sections were recognized: Canada, Colombia, Hungary, and Iran. Sections renamed in 2010 were: India and USA. In 2011, Italy qualified for Section. In 2013, Brazil and Malaysia were awarded Section status. In 2015, Ireland was recognized as a Section. In 2017, South Korea earned Section status, bringing the total Sections to 26.

World Congresses

1st 1998 (Eilat, Israel), Congress Chair: David Niv, MD, FIPP
2nd 2001 (Istanbul, Turkey), Congress Chair: Serdar Erdine, MD FIPP
3rd 2004 (Barcelona, Spain), Congress Chair: Ricardo Ruiz-López, MD, FIPP
4th 2007 (Budapest, Hungary), Congress Chair: Gabor B. Racz, MD FIPP
5th March 13-16, 2009 (New York, USA), Congress Chair: Richard L. Rauck, MD, FIPP
6th Feb 4-6, 2012 (Miami Beach, Florida, USA), Congress Chairs: S. Erdine, MD FIPP & R. Ruiz-Lopez, MD FIPP
7th May 6-10, 2014 (Maastricht, The Netherlands), LOC Chairs: Maarten van Kleef, Jan Van Zundert, Kris Vissers, MD PhD FIPP
8th May 20-23, 2016 (New York, USA), Hilton NY Midtown Hotel, Scientific Chair: James P. Rathmell, MD, FIPP
9th May 9-12, 2018 (Dublin, Ireland), Dublin Convention Center, Chairs: Craig T. Hartrick and Dominic Hegarty
10th May 20-23, 2020 (Rome, Italy) Chair: **Giustino Varrassi MD, FIPP**

Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice® (FIPP®) Certifications (2001-present)

Total FIPP certifications: 1,173 -- representing 59 countries.
FIPP member countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, USA, Venezuela
FIPP Board of Examination Chairs: **Kris C.P. Vissers, MD, PhD, FIPP (Netherlands), (2019-2021)**
Peter S. Staats, MD, MBA, FIPP (USA), (2015-2019)
Maarten van Kleef, MD, PhD, FIPP (Netherlands), (2013-2015)
Miles R. Day, MD, DABA, FIPP, DABIPP (USA), (2011-2013)
Nagy A. Mekhail, MD, PhD, FIPP (USA), (2008-2011)
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Turkey), (2004-2007)
P. Prithvi Raj, MD, DABIPP, FIPP (USA), (2001-2004)

Certified Interventional Pain Sonologist (CIPS) Certifications (2014-present)

Total CIPS certifications: 140 -- representing 24 countries.

Pain Practice, The Official Journal of the World Institute of Pain

Pain Practice journal first published: March 2001. Index Medicus listing: Fall 2006. Published by Wiley Publishing for WIP.
Editor-in-Chief: E.A.J. (Bert) Joosten, PhD (Netherlands), (2017-present)
Editors-in-Chief Emeritus: Craig T. Hartrick, MD, FIPP (USA), (2010-2017)
P. Prithvi Raj, MD, DABIPP, FIPP (USA), (2001-2009), Deceased

Excellence in Pain Practice (EPP) Award Program

Established in 2010, the EPP Award program recognizes pain centers whose FIPP directors voluntarily apply and submit to an assessment that awards recognition for excellence in clinical practice, education and training, and cutting-edge research in pain medicine.