SASP Annual Conference 2013 Helsinki
Programme Thursday, June 13th 2013

9:15-9:45 Conference opening

Welcome to Helsinki!
Antti Pertovaara, Vesa Kontinen
On behalf of the SASP 2013 organizing committee

Why SASP is still vitally important for Nordic pain research?
Torsten Gordh, chair of SASP

Pain research in Nordic countries – challenges and opportunities of the future
Eija Kalso, immediate past president of IASP

9:45-10:30 IASP Global year against Visceral Pain Special lecture:
Mechanisms of Visceral Pain in Health and Functional GI Disorders.
Qasim Aziz, The Wingate Institute of Neurogastroenterology, London, UK
Chair: Antti Pertovaara, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

10:30-11:00 Break & Exhibition

11:00-12:30 Migraine: from Pathophysiology and Genetics to Clinic
Chair: TBA

11:00-11:30 Pathophysiology of Migraine,
Rashid Giniatullin, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland

11:30-12:00 Genetics of Migraine
Maija Wessman, Folkhälsan Research Center, FIMM and University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

12:00-12:30 Clinical neurology of Migraine
Mikko Kallela, Helsinki University Central Hospital, Helsinki, Finland

12:30-13:30 Lunch & Exhibition

13:30-14:00 Mechanisms of low back pain with a special focus on the phenotype
Jaro Karpinen, University of Oulu & FIOH, Oulu, Finland

14:00-14:30 Clustering of lifestyle and psychosocial factors in self-reported low back pain
Eveliina Heikkala, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland

14:30-15:00 Break & Exhibition

15:00-15:30 The natural course and determinants of Modic changes, a specific phenotype of low back pain?
Tue Secher Jensen, The Spine Center of Southern Denmark & Institute of Regional Health Services Research, University of Southern Denmark & Hospital Lillebaelt, Denmark

15:30-16:00 Low back pain, genetics and nociceptive signaling
Johannes Gjerstad, National Institute of Occupational Health & University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

16:00-17:00 Poster session
Chairs: Ole K. Andersen, University of Aalborg, Aalborg, Denmark (?) and Torsten E. Gordh, Uppsala University Hospital, Uppsala, Sweden (?)

17:00 Get together
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Programme Friday, June 14th 2013

9:00-10:30 Pain in Brain: Recent Advances in Human Brain Imaging
Chair: Cecilie Røe, Oslo University Hospital, Oslo, Norway

9:00-9:30 The use of functional neuroimaging to evaluate psychological treatments for clinical pain
Karin B. Jensen, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, USA

9:30-10:00 Title TBA
Siri Leknes, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

10:00-10:30 Functional brain imaging in chronic pain
Erika Kirveskari, Helsinki University Central Hospital, Helsinki, Finland

10:30-11:00 Break & Exhibition

11:00-11:45 Special SASP Lecture
Neuropathic Pain: Is it an Entity?
Troels S. Jensen, University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark
Chair: Eija Kalso, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

11:45-12:30 SASP General Assembly

12:30-13:30 Lunch & Exhibition

13:30-15:00 Opioids: Refreshing an Old Acquaintance
Chair: Audun Stubhaug, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

13:30-14:00 Opioids erase spinal memory of pain
Ruth Drdla-Schütting, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

14:00-14:30 Human experimental pain models for assessing the therapeutic efficacy of opioids
Anne Estrup Olsen, Aalborg University Hospital, Aalborg, Denmark

14:30-15:00 Title TBA
Eija Kalso, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

15:00-15:30 New Developments in SASP – an Open Discussion for all SASP members
Chair: Camilla Svensson, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden (?)

Chair:
15:30-16:30 Poster session
Chairs: Nanna B. Finnerup, University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark and Gísli Vigfússon, Landspitali University Hospital, Reykjavik, Iceland. (?)

19:00 Conference dinner
Valkosaari Dockyard on Valkosaari Island, a 5 min boat ride from the Olympia Terminal at the South Harbour. (Please, note that a separate registration, at the fee of 80 €, is needed for the Conference Dinner)
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Programme Saturday, June 15th 2013

10:00-10:30 Young Investigator Lecture

**Parent-staff collaboration in pain management**
Anna Axelin, University of Turku, Turku, Finland

*Chair*: Sigríður Gunnarsdottir, Landspitali University Hospital, Reykjavik, Iceland (?

10:30-11:00 **Pain in Fibromyalgia: Peripheral, Central and Genetic Mechanisms**
Chair: Eva Kosek, Karolinska Sjukhuset, Stockholm

10:30-11:00 **Peripheral mechanisms in fibromyalgia**
Jordi Serra, MC Mutual, Barcelona, Catalunya

11:00-11:30 **Central mechanisms in fibromyalgia**
Eva Kosek, Karolinska Sjukhuset, Stockholm, Sweden

11:30-12:00 **Genetic mechanisms in fibromyalgia: Focus on COMT**
Anne Tammimäki, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

12:00 **End of the Meeting**