WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of the Scandinavian Association for the Study of Pain we wish you a warm welcome to the 38th SASP meeting in Stockholm, April 13-14, 2015.

It is a great privilege to host the annual SASP meeting which is an important meeting place for clinicians and scientists in pain research in Scandinavia to exchange knowledge, experience and ideas and to promote Scandinavian collaborations and networking. It is a meeting where young and established clinicians and scientists in pain research meet across the Scandinavian borders. To strengthen the educational part of the meeting we changed the format for the annual meeting in 2014 and introduced a one-day pre-course for PhD students. Based on the students' evaluations this was very well received and we will keep this format also for 2015.

The 2015 SASP annual meeting will have a focus on areas that are of common interest in the Scandinavian countries and the overall topic for this congress will be **Neuropathic pain, pain management and rehabilitation and arthritis and pain.** One of its goals of this congress is to promote young scientists working in the pain field and to promote interdisciplinary research in Scandinavia. With the PhD course we will also have a focus on education in pain research.

A warm welcome to the SASP meeting 2015!

On behalf of the board of the Scandinavian Association for the Study of Pain

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PhD course, Sunday April 12, 2015

Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, von Eulers väg 8

9.00- Introduction, student presentations in small groups

11.00-12.10: Chronic Pain Syndromes (35+5)

- Chronic pain in the clinic an overview Audun Stubhaug
- Mechanisms, diagnosis, treatment of neuropathic pain Nanna Finnerup

12.10-13.30: Lunch with lab/demo

Von Frey filament and pressure pain testing on volunteering students

13.30-14.50: Rehabilitation/pain management (35+5 min)

- Effect of physical activity on painful conditions Ellen-Cecilie Treu Røe
- Cognitive-behavioral treatments for chronic pain Rickard Wiksell

15.10-16.30: Spinal modulation of pain (35+5)

- Dorsal horn structure and function Jonas Broman
- General introduction on somatosensory coding Qiufu Ma

16.30 -17.10: How to publish: Karena Grundy, Scandinavian Journal of Pain

17.30-18.00: Exam and evaluation

18.00- Get together

SASP meeting, Monday April 13, 2015

Nobel Forum, Nobels väg 1

8.30-8.45: Opening

8.45-10.45: Neuropathic pain

- Maija Haanpää: The cost of back pain in Finland
- Torsten Gordh: Neuropathic pain can we use biomarkers for better understanding of the pathophysiology?
- Satu Jääskeläinen: Clinical neurophysiology and neuropathic pain diagnostics and beyond
- Malin Lagerström: VGLUT2 in acute and chronic pain

10.45-11.15: Coffee Break

11.15-12.10: Keynote lecture

• Judith Turner: Cognitive-Behavioral Treatments for Chronic Pain: Recent Innovations and Future Directions

12.10-13.10: Lunch (on site)

13.10-14.00: Travel award winner presentations

14.00-14.45: Sponsored symposium (Nevro)

• Kerry Bradley: Science of High Frequency Neurostimulation

14.45-16.00: Coffee and poster tours

16.00-18.00: Rehabilitation/pain management/exercise

- Rickard Wicksell: ACT and behavioral flexibility in chronic pain from symptom reduction to valued living
- Ellen-Cecilie Treu Røe: The effect of adapted physical activity in painful musculoskeletal conditions
- Jósep O. Blöndal: Do they do as they're told? A short, multimodal, inpatient programme for spinal pain
- Ida Svege: The effect of active rehabilitation and exercise for pain and function in hip osteoarthritis

18.30- Cocktail

19.00- Dinner

SASP meeting, Tuesday April 14, 2015

Nobel Forum, Nobels väg 1

8.30-10.30: Pain in rheumatoid arthritis

- Camilla Svensson: Novel role of antibodies in arthritis-induced pain?
- Troels Herlin: Pain experience and pain coping in juvenile idiopathic arthritis
- Jon Lampa: The pain problem in rheumatoid arthritis

10.30-11.00: Coffee break

11-11.30: Migrane and glia cells

Parisa Gazerani: Glial cells in migraine: new players, new targets?

11.30-12.15: Sponsored lecture (Pfizer)

Eva Svanborg: Sleep and pain

12.15-12.30: Harald Breivik, SJP

12.30- Light lunch

13.00-13.30 General assembly (during lunch)

13.30- 14.15: Key note lecture

 Qiufu Ma: Identification of Spinal Circuits That Transmit and Gate Mechanical Pain

14.15-14.30: Summary and final note