The bi-annual Pain Consortium Meeting was held on October 16th 2014
Dr. Walter Koroshetz presided over the meeting as the new chair of the Pain Consortium since Dr. Landis’ departure. The agenda included an introduction of the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research by Dr. Ralph Nitkin, Deputy Director. Additional topics of discussion included: an update on the Interagency Pain Research Portfolio Database and 2012 data upload; Recommendations and next steps for the Pathways to Prevention Workshop on the Role of Opioids in Chronic Pain; An update on Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee Activities (National Pain Strategy/Framework for Federal Pain Research Strategy); and Recommendations from the Overlapping Pain Conditions Investigators’ Meeting
10-16-14 Meeting Minutes

Updated Pain Consortium Health Information Page Released
The new health information page is user-friendly with multiple links to pain-related resources including information on the database of Genotypes and Phenotypes, existing pain registries, IPRCC activities and more: http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/health_information.html

NINDS Office of Pain Policy welcomes Dr. Khara Ramos,
Senior Science Policy Analyst
Dr. Ramos will support the coordination of IPRCC and NIH Pain Consortium activities, including the upcoming Federal Pain Research Strategy

Planning for the Federal Pain Research Strategy begins
The Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee will develop a federal pain research strategy to support their charge to enhance pain research efforts and advance the fundamental understanding of pain and pain-related treatment strategies http://iprcc.nih.gov/FPRS/FPRS.htm

NINDS Office of Pain Policy Disparities in Pain Care Infographic
As part of our effort to highlight pain research, the NINDS Office of Pain Policy developed an infographic on Disparities in Pain Care. The infographic features a number of factors that contribute to disparities in pain care and treatment drawn from evidence-based research. http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/dpc.pdf
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Updates to the Interagency Pain Research Portfolio database
The IPRP database has been updated to include federally funded pain-related grants in FY2012 http://paindatabase.nih.gov

April – June 2015

Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC) was held on April 17th, 2015
Topics included updates from Federal members across agencies and discussion of a long term strategy for Federal pain research http://iprcc.nih.gov/meetings/4-17-2015_IPRCC_Meeting.htm

Release of the Draft National Pain Strategy
The document includes objectives and plans related to key areas of pain and pain care, including professional education and training, public education and communication, service delivery and reimbursement, prevention and care, disparities, and population research. The 45-day public comment period closed on May 20th, 2015. The draft is currently in the revision/HHS clearance process.

The 10th Annual NIH Pain Consortium Symposium was held on May 26-27th, 2015
‘Looking Back and to the Future’ returned to research topics presented at the first symposium held in 2006. Dr. Clifford Woolf delivered the keynote address entitled ‘Pain in a Dish’.
Congratulations to the 2015 Mitchell Max Awardee – Mark Pitcher, PhD, NCCIH
http://painconsortium.nih.gov/PC_Symposia_Meetings/symposiums/pc_symposia_index.html

Migraine Awareness Infographic
As part of our effort to highlight pain research, the NINDS Office of Pain Policy developed an infographic on Migraine Awareness. The infographic features statistics on migraine prevalence and common triggers.

July – September 2015

Request for Information: Input on the development of the Federal Pain Research Strategy
The IPRCC is developing a strategic plan for pain research across federal agencies. A 30-day public comment period closed on September 18th, 2015
http://iprcc.nih.gov/FPRS/FPRS.htm
The bi-annual Pain Consortium Meeting was held on September 3rd, 2015
This meeting included the following topics: an introduction of the federal pain research strategy framework; an update on the interagency pain research database and new online coding system; an update on the pathways to prevention workshop and planned follow-up meeting; an update on the centers of excellence in pain education; and an update on the Stanford-NIH Pain Registry.

PAIN Awareness Month Highlights:

Twitter Chat on PAIN with ABC’s Dr. Richard Besser (1500+ tweets total!)
Highlights from NIH Pain Research:
https://storify.com/NIHPainResearch/twitter-chat-on-pain-with-dr-richard-besser

NIH Pinterest Board on Pain Awareness Month
https://www.pinterest.com/nihforhealth/september-is-pain-awareness-month/

NINDS Director’s Message on Pain Awareness Month
http://www.ninds.nih.gov/about_ninds/message/message-2016-PAM.htm

NINDS Blog: State of current NINDS-funded pain research

New NIH Pain Consortium Website pages:
Members page features pain-related websites from institutes & centers
http://painconsortium.nih.gov/About/members.html

Pain Awareness Month Videos from the Pain Consortium Executive Committee
http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/director_videos.html

Dedicated page on Chronic Overlapping Pain Conditions

OPP Infographics on Pain
http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/infographiconPain.html

Save the Date


Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee Meeting - 12-3-2015


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