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## Quarterly Newsletter

### April

**The bi-annual meeting of the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC) was held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the NIH campus**

- Topics included updates from Federal members across agencies and discussion of a long term strategy for Federal pain research
- Link to meeting materials including presentations and minutes:  
[http://iprcc.nih.gov/meetings/4-17-2015\\_IPRCC\\_Meeting.htm](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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- For more information including a link to the document:  
[http://iprcc.nih.gov/National\\_Pain\\_Strategy/NPS\\_Main.htm](http://iprcc.nih.gov/National_Pain_Strategy/NPS_Main.htm)

### May

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NIH Pain Consortium Symposium was held on May 26-27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- This year's theme '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](#)
- For more information, visit the Pain Consortium website:  
[http://painconsortium.nih.gov/PC\\_Symposia\\_Meetings/symposiums/pc\\_symposia\\_index.html](http://painconsortium.nih.gov/PC_Symposia_Meetings/symposiums/pc_symposia_index.html)

### NIH Pain Consortium & IPRCC representation at the 2015 American Pain Society Meeting

- Staff from the Office of Pain Policy managed the NIH Pain Consortium booth which was well attended
- Dr. Catherine Bushnell, NCCIH Scientific Director presented lectures including *Basic Science of Pain 101*
- The HHS National Pain Strategy (NPS) was presented by NPS Task force members

### June

#### 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.
- View infographic:  
[http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News\\_Other\\_Resources/migraine\\_awareness\\_infographic.pdf](http://painconsortium.nih.gov/News_Other_Resources/migraine_awareness_infographic.pdf)

### Additional Information

#### Save the Date!

- 2016 Annual NIH Pain Consortium Symposium – 5/31-6/1/2016 on NIH Main Campus

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