Quarterly Update

April

Nature Collections on Chronic Pain Released
• Sponsored by the NIH Pain Consortium; Online version is free for 6 months; Click here to view

Pain Consortium Quarterly Meeting
• Minutes from the April 22nd meeting can be viewed here

May

Vulvodynia Workshop
• NICHD sponsored a workshop on May 15th-16th to begin addressing key recommendations from the NIH Research Plan on Vulvodynia; Ongoing working groups are being established now

8th Annual NIH Pain Consortium Symposium on Advances in Pain Research
• May 29th-30th in the Natcher Conference Center on the NIH campus
• 12 talks related to this year’s theme – Integrated Self-Management Strategies for Chronic Pain
• Dr. Josephine Briggs, Dr. Patricia Grady, Dr. Story Landis, Penney Cowan, Dr. Linda Porter, and Dr. David Williams also spoke
• 27 Junior Investigators presented posters, 3 gave invited presentations, and Dr. Christine Mrakotsky, Harvard Medical School, won the Mitchell Max Award for Research Excellence
• Agenda, videocast, summary, and presentations are available for viewing here

32nd Annual American Pain Society Meeting
• Dr. Story Landis delivered the keynote address; More information can be found here
• The NIH Pain Consortium exhibited a booth, which was well attended
• Dr. David Thomas, NIDA, presented about the Centers of Excellence on Pain Education (CoEPEs)

June

Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC) Meeting
• Agenda, videocast, minutes, and presentations are available here for viewing

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• Provides pain-related updates of activities from the NIH Pain Consortium (PC), the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC), and the National Pain Strategy, plus information on pain-related funding and research; Follow us here

NIH PC & NIDA-Sponsored fMRI-Based Biomarkers for Clinical Pain & Analgesia Meeting
• June 27th; Drs. Vania Apkarian, Sean Mackey, and Tor Wager spoke; Click here for information

Additional Information

New Office of Pain Policy Staff Members
• We welcome Dr. Cheryse Sankar and Dr. Tara Schwetz to the office!

2012 Science Advances in Pain Research Summaries & National Pain Strategy Info Posted
• Follow these links read about the selected advances and the National Pain Strategy

http://painconsortium.nih.gov  http://iprcc.nih.gov/  @NIHPainResearch