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In addition, the Public Policy Committee improved funding for clinical pain management services. The committee has initiated a dialogue and meeting with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) representatives. APS submitted a reply to the FDA’s call for comments on its opioid drug Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) plan of action.

APS has also developed a comprehensive list of the clinical competencies needed by prescribers and dispensers of opioids.

Publications
The Journal of Pain continues to provide innovative, important research for APS members and nonmembers in the field of pain. APS Bulletin also offers pain professionals unique, expert perspectives on topics specific to this field, under the guidance of Steve Sanders, PhD, and the editorial board. Allen Lebovits, PhD, oversees APS E-News, which disseminates timely news announcements via e-mail from APS and other sources.
APS is pleased to have awarded Young Investigator Travel awards to 48 trainees to attend the 2009 annual meeting. These individuals presented their research during designated paper and poster sessions. The APS meeting creates a milieu in which scientists and clinicians can share relevant information from their different perspectives, frequently leading to advances in clinical care.

### 2009 Young Investigators

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This year, APS began a collaboration with the Rita Allen Foundation to grant the Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain. APS partnered with the Rita Allen Foundation to award two grants of $50,000 per year for three years for basic science research in pain. Over three years, APS and the Rita Allen Foundation will award as much as $900,000 to six recipients. This awards program is a model for the collaboration between a foundation and a society that share common goals. We hope this will be the first of many collaborations to come.

Rita Allen Foundation Award in Pain

This Year’s Recipients
Theodore Price, PhD
University of Arizona
Translations Regulation as a Novel Paradigm for Understanding Nociceptor Sensitization and Developing Analgesic Targets

Steven Prescott, MD PhD
University of Pittsburgh
Pain Processing in Neural Networks: A Critical Link Between the Molecular and Perceptual Changes
The 2008 Future Leaders in Pain Research Small Grants Program offered funding for five researchers, in the amount of $20,000. To be eligible, grant applicants must be APS members who are within six years of completion of their terminal degrees and have not yet been awarded major National Institutes of Health or foundation grant funding. There were 20 competitive applications for funding this year. Members of the APS Small Grants Committee reviewed and scored the applications in preparation for selection of grant recipients.

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Small Grant Recipients

APS is proud to announce the following 2008 grant recipients. Each of these recipients will attend the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting to report on the progress of their research studies.

Patrick D. Braun, PhD
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
Signaling Mechanism of Novel Peptides in the Pain Pathway

Gregory O. Dussor, PhD
University of Arizona
Health Sciences Center
Tucson, AZ
Cutaneous Nociceptors Respond to Mediators Released from Skin Cells

Tara A. Macey, PhD
Washington State University
Vancouver, WA
The Role of Akt Signaling in Morphine Tolerance

Khara M. Ramos, PhD
University of Colorado at Boulder
Boulder, CO
Beyond Astrocytes and Microglia: The Role of Oligodendrocytes and Endothelial Cells in Exaggerated Pain States

Edgar Allenss Romero-Sandoval, MD PhD
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Lebanon, NH
Cannabinoids and Glial Interactions in Acute and Chronic Pain
APS holds an annual scientific meeting where the best and the brightest in pain research and treatment gather to learn, network, and share information that advances the science of pain and positively affects patient outcomes. The meeting offers attendees continuing education credits in medicine, nursing, psychology, and pharmacy. Symposia held at the annual meeting feature the most comprehensive mix of science, research, and clinical applications to achieve professional growth.

The APS 28th Annual Scientific Meeting in San Diego, CA, offered wonderful networking and learning opportunities. The APS Scientific Program Committee, chaired by Knox Todd, MD PhD, created an appealing program for all attendees from a wide variety of disciplines. More than 130 distinguished faculty members shared their expertise and research findings.

More than 1,300 attendees represented 21 countries at this year’s meeting. Members and nonmembers traveled from 49 states. Medical specialties represented included anesthesiology, neurology, physical medicine, internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics, and others. Additional professional disciplines represented included psychology, pharmacy, nursing, basic science, behavioral science, and others in which clinicians, researchers, educators, consultants, and administrators work.

Attendees had the option of numerous plenary sessions, more than 300 poster abstracts, eight corporate satellite symposia, and special events such as the Pain Paradox corporate educational program, the Clinical and Basic Science Data Blitz, the Awards Gala, and an Evening with the Pain Sensations.

The preconference data blitz was held again this year after a successful debut last year. Authors were encouraged to submit “hot topics” for presentation and submissions from young investigators and junior faculty were particularly encouraged. Selected presenters had 5 minutes to present data and 5 additional minutes to answer questions. The blitz was expertly moderated by Robert Yezierski, PhD, and Marie Hoger-Bement, PhD PT. Ten abstracts were selected for presentation covering topics from the influence of contextual clues on nurses’ pain judgments to pain, fatigue, and sleep/wake patterns in children and adolescents with cancer.

For the first time, APS offered a corporate educational program onsite in the exhibit hall. The live-action CME/CE activity entitled “The Pain Paradox: Providing Effective Relief While Mitigating Risk” allowed attendees to earn hands-on continuing education in an expert-guided learning experience consisting of a multimedia gallery featuring a presentation of practical information coupled with a live patient and peer-to-peer interaction.

APS hosted its third annual awards gala to recognize the accomplishments of leaders who have made extraordi-nary contributions to the field of pain.

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**2009 Annual Award Winners**

- **John and Emma Bonica Public Service Award**
  - Ada Rogers, RN

- **Wilbert E. Fordyce Clinical Investigator Award**
  - Roger Fillingim, PhD

- **Frederick W. L. Kerr Basic Science Research Award**
  - Frederick W. L. Kerr

- **Jeffrey Lawson Award for Advocacy in Children’s Pain Relief**
  - Jeffrey Lawson

- **John C. Liebeskind Early Career Scholar Award**
  - John C. Liebeskind

- **Elizabeth Narcessian Award for Outstanding Educational Achievements**
  - Elizabeth Narcessian

- **Distinguished Service Award**
  - Sandra E. Ward, PhD RN FAAN
The Journal of Pain

APS publishes The Journal of Pain (JOP), a peer-reviewed, monthly scientific journal that focuses on issues related to pain, including clinical and basic research, patient care, education, and health policy. The journal’s distinguished editorial board reflects the broad and interdisciplinary nature of the field. The journal provides a forum for researchers, basic scientists, clinicians, and others to publish original research and explore controversies. The translation of current research into pain management strategies and the need for further investigation is highlighted.

The impact factor for JOP has steadily increased each year since being indexed, however, the journal’s impact factor for 2008 was 3.387, which was a slight decrease from 2007 (3.578).

An invited review has appeared in each issue in the current volume as part of the celebration of the journal’s tenth year. In addition, submissions have increased significantly this year to date. JOP still invites manuscript reviews from three referees and decisions on the majority of manuscripts are made on the basis of three reviews. As the number of submissions has increased steadily over the past several years, the percentage of manuscripts accepted decreases.

APS E-News

APS E-News, published monthly, is an essential communication vehicle for the society. It includes important announcements about APS programs, the annual meeting, timely pain-specific information, and links to pain-related news, funding opportunities, and more. The electronic publication, which is led by editor Allen Lebovits, PhD, continuously seeks to improve readership by surveying members and noting the most popular features.

In addition to providing news and links to important information, APS E-News also includes direct links to online social media tools including LinkedIn and Facebook, where members can network and interact in real time.

APS Bulletin

APS Bulletin is the official newsletter of the society. It is published three times per year and offers content in four important topic areas: advocacy, education, treatment, and research.

During 2008 and 2009, the Bulletin addressed relevant, timely topics and issues for APS members and other pain professionals. The APS staff writer conducts in-depth interviews with leaders in the field and includes their expert perspectives in various feature articles, spanning a multitude of sections, including translational research. Utilizing the staff writer’s services allows the Bulletin department editors to seek out important issues and provide substantive, thought-provoking information to both APS members and nonmembers.

A goal for the Bulletin editors and staff is to consult APS E-News for important and timely topics that may merit further in-depth investigation in longer articles in the Bulletin.
Clinical Centers of Excellence in Pain Management

The Clinical Centers of Excellence (CCOE) in Pain Management Awards Program recognizes U.S.-based multidisciplinary healthcare teams that provide distinguished, comprehensive pain care. This year’s recipients of the CCOE awards were selected from an incredibly strong field of applicants from healthcare settings both large and small from around the country.

In addition to providing top-level, multidisciplinary pain care, these programs also demonstrate a willingness to serve as examples to other pain management programs and share best practices with interested professionals.

Criteria

The CCOE in Pain Management Award honors programs that

- provide care that is patient centered, state of the art, evidence based, cost conscious, culturally appropriate, and safe
- provide appropriate access to interdisciplinary and multimodal care and other specialists from a variety of disciplines to ensure expert care
- act as local champions to improve pain management in systems of care that are related to the program, or are regional or national
- demonstrate innovation and serve as models of excellence in the structure, processes, and outcomes that are critical for excellence in pain management
- actively work with other healthcare organizations and the community to improve the quality of pain management across the continuum of care
- demonstrate a commitment to advancing scientific knowledge related to pain and making relevant information available to patients, colleagues, and the public.

2009 CCOE Award Recipients

APS is extremely proud to recognize its CCOE award recipients. These recipients exemplify the many multidisciplinary clinical programs throughout the United States.

M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
The University of Texas Department of Pain Medicine Houston, TX

Beth Israel Medical Center
Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care
New York, NY

University of Virginia
Division of Pain Medicine
Department of Anesthesiology
Charlottesville, VA

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Chicago, IL

University of California, Los Angeles
Pediatric Pain Program
Mattel Children’s Hospital
David Geffen School of Medicine
Los Angeles, CA
Evidence-Based Guidelines

APS has published evidence-based clinical practice guidelines since 1997. The program is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, ongoing effort to develop guidelines and ensure their dissemination and implementation. It adheres to state-of-the-art scientific principles of guideline development and evaluation.

To guide this program, APS has established a Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee, chaired by Christine Miaskowski, PhD RN FAAN. The committee identifies topics for guideline development, oversees and ensures the validity of the guideline development process, and advises on policy and dissemination issues.

The guidelines program is led by Roger Chou, MD, of the Oregon Health and Science University’s Evidence-Based Practice Center. Dr. Chou and his staff work with multidisciplinary expert panels to define guideline scope and key questions, develop evidence reviews, develop recommendations, conduct peer review, and finalize guideline recommendations for publication.

Two guidelines, “Clinical Guidelines for the Use of Chronic Opioid Therapy in Chronic Noncancer Pain” and “Interventional Therapies, Surgery, and Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation for Low Back Pain: An Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guideline From the American Pain Society” were published in 2009. The guideline focused on opioids was published in The Journal of Pain (February 2009) and the guideline focused on low back pain appeared in Spine (May 2009).

Principles of Analgesic Use in the Treatment of Acute Pain and Cancer Pain

The sixth edition of Principles of Analgesic Use in the Treatment of Acute Pain and Cancer was published in December 2008. The electronic version of the guide was developed for personal digital assistants (PDA). Members and nonmembers received information throughout 2009 regarding this product and the free 3-month trial of the electronic version.
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In addition, the National Pain Care Policy Act was reintroduced in 2009. It passed the House in amended form on March 31, 2009, was received in the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to seek to enter into an agreement with the Institute of Medicine to convene a Conference on Pain to increase awareness of pain as a “significant public health problem in the United States.” It also must evaluate the adequacy of assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and management of acute and chronic pain both in the general population and in groups that may be disproportionately affected by inadequacies. The Conference on Pain also must identify barriers to appropriate pain care and establish an agenda to reduce those barriers and improve the state of pain care research, education, and clinical care in the United States significantly.

Also, it amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to continue and expand, through the Pain Consortium, an aggressive program of basic and clinical research investigating the causes of and potential treatments for pain. The Act requires the Pain Consortium to develop and submit to the NIH Director recommendations on appropriate pain research initiatives that could be undertaken with funds available for such initiatives.

The Act requires establishment and implementation of a national pain care educational outreach and awareness campaign to educate consumers, patients, their families, and other caregivers with respect to pain as a national public health problem; the adverse physical, psychological, emotional, societal, and financial consequences; and the availability, benefits, and risks of all pain treatment and management options.
APS was the first national society to dedicate itself solely to the science of pain and is the only such organization to establish a multidisciplinary, evidence-based approach to both research and clinical treatment. Founded in 1977, APS is a professional membership organization and a national chapter of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP).

**Mission**
APS is a multidisciplinary community that brings together a diverse group of scientists, clinicians, and other professionals to increase the knowledge of pain and transform public policy and clinical practice in order to reduce pain-related suffering.

**APS 2009–2010 Board of Directors**
- **President**
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  Gayle Page, DNSc RN
  Julie Sorenson Franklin, MD MPH
  Greg Terman, MD PhD
  Knox Todd, MD MPH
  Diana Wilkie, PhD RN FAAN
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  Kathleen A. Sluka, PhD
Membership Information

The more than 3,000 APS members include health professionals (e.g., physicians, psychologists, nurses, physical therapists, pharmacists), basic scientists, policy makers, lawyers, and others who have an interest in the study and treatment of pain. Membership categories include regular, affiliate, student/trainee, and corporate members.
**Special Interest Groups**

APS hosts a growing number of special interest groups (SIGs), the newest of which is the Pain Education SIG. SIGs encourage members from all disciplines to gather, study, and exchange views on areas of common interest. Many SIGs meet at the annual scientific meeting. Participation is open to all members. The current SIGs represent the varied interest of the society's members.

- Basic Science
- Clinical Trials
- Pain Disparities
- Ethics
- Forensics
- Genetics and Pain
- Geriatric Pain
- Measurement of Pain and Its Impact
- Nursing Issues
- Pain Education
- Pain in Infants, Children, and Adolescents
- Pain Rehabilitation
- Palliative Care
- Pharmacotherapy
- Psychosocial Research

**Regional Sections**

APS has six regional sections affiliated by membership and bylaws with the national organization. Regional sections offer members in most areas of the United States the option to participate in local or regional activities organized by these groups. Regional sections offer continuing education and networking opportunities, and many sections offer a regional newsletter and Web site. Membership in an APS regional section is separate from national membership, and dues are charged by individual regional affiliates.

- Eastern Pain Association
- Greater Philadelphia Pain Society
- Midwest Pain Society
- New England Pain Association
- Southern Pain Society
- Western Pain Society
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Sources of Revenue

- **50% Annual Meeting**
- **23% Membership**
- **4% General Admin**
- **9% Products**
- **14% Journal**

Expenses by Category

- **46% Annual Meeting**
- **10% Membership**
- **19% General Admin**
- **1% Bulletin**
- **8% Board/Committee**
- **2% Products**