



Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to the inaugural IASP Virtual Series on Pain & Expo. As the Scientific Program Committee Chair, I am delighted to present our six-month virtual program offering scientific educational sessions, lived experience sessions led by patient advocates, virtual posters, exhibits, and a networking lounge. We have designed this virtual meeting to provide members with opportunities to learn from, and network with,

world-class experts in basic and clinical research, clinical practice, education and patient advocacy.

This highly interactive event goes beyond a basic virtual presentation. The Virtual Series on Pain & Expo is not designed to replace the World Congress in 2021, but rather to complement and enhance that experience whilst taking full advantage of the unique and unrivalled opportunities that modern technology offers. I am confident that all who attend the virtual meeting will leave with new inspiration and enthusiasm for their work in the field, new connections, and excitement and optimism about improving pain relief worldwide. If you have not already registered to attend, I invite you to do so [here](#).

I would like to use this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who have toiled with great effort and diligence to put this program together in a very short period of time and in the middle of a global crisis: the office staff at IASP, the speakers, the Scientific Program Committee (SPC), technicians, and many others. One aspect of which we are proud is that the SPC has achieved a gender-balanced speaker line up, including a number of early career rising stars as well as some more established and familiar names. Furthermore, for the first time, IASP has benefitted from the patient voice being an important contributor to the program planning.

While we cannot yet meet in person, we are excited to share this opportunity to connect with you and very much look forward to seeing you at the 2021 World Congress on Pain in Amsterdam.

Kind regards,
Andrew Rice
IASP Scientific Program Committee Chair
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