Welcome to GSoP-2012 in St. Petersburg!

Yours truly,
Organizing Committee Co-chairs

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DEAR COLLEAGUES!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee we are pleased to let you know that the International Global Symposium on Pain (GSoP) will be held on August 22-24, 2012 in Saint Petersburg, Russia. We anticipate at least 400 attendees from the communities involved in the study and treatment of pain, including medical facilities, academic institutions, pharmaceutical industries, and scientific publishing.

Pain is a severely debilitating condition associated with numerous disease states and leading to emotional and physical suffering, disability and frequently to depression and suicide. As an educational meeting, GSoP will provide the participants, especially students and young investigators, with information on the mechanisms and ways of treating chronic pain states. As a scientific event, the Symposium will bring together international clinical and basic science experts for symptom-based review of major advances and unresolved questions in our knowledge of pain mechanisms. The balanced clinical and basic approach will serve both the educational and scientific missions of GSoP. It is expected that the Symposium will narrow the gap between clinical and basic science researchers and promote the development of translational and symptom-based studies. Russia is experiencing a scientific revival. There is an enormous potential for fruitful international collaborations at all levels. The Pavlov Institute of Physiology in St. Petersburg is a major physiological center of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The Polenov Russian Scientific Research Neurosurgical Institute is one of the largest clinical centers involved in pain research; therefore bringing the GSoP-2012 to St. Petersburg, Russia will undoubtedly benefit the integration of World and Russian studies on pain.

St. Petersburg is the largest cultural center of Russia, often called its cultural capital. According to UNESCO, St. Petersburg occupies the eighth position among the most popular tourist destinations in the world. Attending the Symposium in St. Petersburg, the participants will receive the unique opportunity to combine their professional interests with an enthralling trip to one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The meeting is expected to have a wide international representation. We also hope that beyond researchers, clinicians and students, this meeting will also attract representatives of many other professions involved in the care and treatment of patients. Your participation is vital to the success of one of the most anticipated events of 2012 in St. Petersburg. Please check your schedule and consider attending GSoP-2012.

The meeting will include plenary lectures and oral/poster presentations. The main topics of the Symposium are: Pain treatment: Novel pharmaceuticals - Deep brain stimulation / laser and em pulse therapy - Alternative medicine / gene therapy Palliative and hospice care

MAIN TOPICS OF THE SYMPOSIUM
- Assessment of pain
- Superficial skin pain
- Deep joint pain
- Deep bone pain
- Deep muscle pain
- Visceral pain
- Neuropathic Pain:
  - Peripheral injury
  - Central injury
  - Chemotherapy and drug-induced pain
- Metabolic diseases: diabetic neuropathy
- Local pain syndromes: pelvic pain and migraine
- Psychological and gender determinants of pain
- Neonatal and pediatric pain
- Pain treatment: Novel pharmaceuticals - Deep brain stimulation / laser and em pulse therapy - Alternative medicine / gene therapy - Palliative and hospice care

SYMPOSIUM WORKING LANGUAGES
English and Russian

PRESENTATIONS AT THE SYMPOSIUM
1. Oral
2. Poster

Oral presentations are to be prepared in MS PowerPoint (.ppt). Individual poster presentations should not exceed 32.7 x 45.4 inches (83 cm x 115 cm, A0 format).

EXHIBITION AND SPONSORSHIP
The Symposium will host an exhibition of pharmaceutical products, scientific and clinical equipment and a publishers’ row. Companies are welcome as participants and sponsors.

IMPORTANT SYMPOSIUM DATES

December 20, 2011 – Registration and Abstract submission are opened at www.congress-ph.ru/pain2012

March 1, 2012 – deadline of Application for the oral presentation

April 1, 2012 – Abstract submission deadline

July 1, 2012 – early Registration fee deadline

July 5, 2012 – deadline for Business visa support booking

August 1, 2012 – deadline for Tourist visa support booking

Before August 1, 2012 – guaranteed prepaid Hotel reservation

SYMPOSIUM WEBSITE:


Registration form
Abstract submission information
Hotel reservation
Visa support
Tour program

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First Announcement and Call for Abstracts

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