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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.

Welcome to GSoP-2012 in St. Petersburg!

Yours truly,

Organizing Committee Co-chairs
Dr. Elie D. Al-Chaer, Dr. M. Dobretsov, Prof. B.V. Krylov, Prof. A.N. Kondratyev



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.

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REGISTRATION will open on November 1st, 2011. To register, please fill out the Registration form available at www.congress-ph.ru/pain2012 (Registration form) and email it to the Symposium Secretariat at pain2012@congress-ph.ru

NB: Please do not forget to include your email address, which will be used for further communication.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

The abstracts should be submitted by email to pain2012@congress-ph.ru as a single-spaced MS Word-compatible document, which does not exceed 3000 characters (letters), including title and authors' names and affiliations. Please use Times New Roman 12 pt. font, 2 cm-wide margins on each side, all capital letters for the title and the following format for the authors' list and affiliations: "Jefferson J. Parim, Jackson D. Morrow and Parson F. Ignatyev" and "University of Hot Springs, City, State (if applicable), Country".

Abstracts will not be accepted if they do not relate to the Symposium topics, are not properly formatted or are received by Secretariat after the deadline of April 1st, 2012.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION is now open. The submission deadline is April 1st, 2012

SYMPOSIUM VENUE

The Symposium will take place in the conference center of the Park Inn Pribaltiyskaya Hotel (14 Korablestroiteley Street, St. Petersburg, Russia).

The distance from the Symposium venue to Pulkovo International Airport is 25 km, to Moskovsky Railway Station — 10 km and to the nearest Metro station "Primorskaya" — 2 km. The hotel is a 15-30 minute trip by city transportation from the Neva River and the historical city center.

HOTEL RESERVATION AND VISA SUPPORT

At participants' request, the Symposium Secretariat will provide hotel reservation and tourist visa support. The discounted price of accommodation is available on a "first come – first served" basis at Park Inn Pribaltiyskaya Hotel (the Symposium venue) and at the Saint Petersburg Hotel (see Registration form).

The visa support request should include the personal passport information (a good copy of the page with the visitor's photo) and the dates of stay in Russia. The duration of stay on the visa should correspond to the hotel booking dates.

Hotel reservation and visa support requests should be sent to the Symposium Secretariat before the 15th of June, 2012. PREPAID BOOKING IS REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE A ROOM.

Hotels information is available on the Symposium website.

Please check the Symposium website or contact the Secretariat by email for any additional information.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN ST. PETERSBURG will be organized for Symposium participants and accompanying persons, including a Welcome Reception and a Gala Dinner as well as an attractive city-tour program. Further information will be available on the Symposium website.

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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:

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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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