

IASP 2019 GLOBAL YEAR SPOKESPEOPLE



IASP President, Lars Arendt-Nielsen, Dr. Med., PhD, (Denmark)



Lars Arendt-Nielsen, Dr. Med., PhD, has been engaging in pain research, pain education, and pain policy for more than 30 years, working at various leading institutions in England, Sweden, Italy, and Japan. As founder and director of the Center for international Sensory-Motor Interaction at Aalborg University, Denmark, Dr. Arendt-Nielsen oversees 80-plus researchers and Ph.D. students.

He has published more than 1000 peer-reviewed papers on translational, experimental, and clinical pain research—most of them sharing his work on development and application of human, quantitative, mechanistic pain biomarkers in (1) human experimental pain studies, (2) clinical pain studies (specifically musculoskeletal and visceral pain conditions) and (3) studies profiling pain management procedures and new drugs under development.

Dr. Arendt-Nielsen is in high demand as a speaker, delivering more than 400 keynote lectures at international conferences and collaborating with over 40 pain research centers and clinics worldwide. He is keenly interested in supporting the efforts of pain patient organizations that want raise recognition of their members within political and health care systems. His prestigious career has led to knighthood in 2007 by the Danish Queen, numerous top awards and honors for his contributions to science and innovation within the pain field, and the founding of his clinical trial center, C4Pain.

In addition, Dr. Arendt-Nielsen has been deeply engaged in forwarding the mission of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) for 30 years. Among his many leadership posts and pain publications are serving as 2017 IASP President-elect; co-chair of the IASP 2016 Global Year Against Joint Pain; editor-in-chief of IASP Press (2016-2020); co-founder and chair of IASP's Special Interest Group on Musculoskeletal Pain; co-author of four IASP books; chair of the IASP Grants, Fellowships, and Awards Working Group; and a member of numerous committees.

Global Year Co-Organizer, Patricia Schofield, PhD (UK)



Patricia Schofield, PhD, is a professor at Abertay University, UK, who leads numerous research grants on pain, ageing, and dementia. Most recently, she completed several major programs that studied pain in older adults: Designing and Developing Strategies for the Self-Management of Chronic Pain and New Technologies To Support Older People at Home: Maximising Personal and Social Interaction, and Pain Assessment in Patients with Impaired Cognition, Especially Dementia (funder: European Union).

Professor Scofield also has concluded a local study that looks at education of staff to improve pain management in adults with dementia within an acute trust, and a study of the use of the iPhone for pain assessment in patients with dementia. In addition, she finished a study of peer education for older adults.

Currently, she is working on a project to examine the use of chatbot technology for self-management of chronic pain based on her earlier work. In total, Professor Scofield has received more than £2.5m in research funding.

A prolific writer, she has 200-plus peer-reviewed publications and many scientific books. She also has been awarded an honorary European Diploma in Pain Medicine for her contribution to education, is a member of the curriculum development group for the European Diploma in Pain Nursing, and is an examiner on the European Diploma in Pain Medicine. Professor Scofield still works with older adults to help shape her research.

Global Year Co-Organizer, Miriam Kunz, PhD, (Germany)



Miriam Kunz, PhD, is a native of Duesseldorf, Germany, whose expertise is in the fields of facial expression of pain and pain in dementia. Her research bridges from experimental basic research to clinical applications.

An avid student of psychology in Berlin, Dr. Kunz received her PhD from the University of Bamberg, later conducting postdoctoral research at the University of Montreal and University of Bamberg.

In 2015 she moved to the Netherlands to start a tenure-track position at the University of Groningen in the Department of General Practice and Elderly Care Medicine.

She recently moved to Augsburg, Germany, to accept a position as a full professor for medical psychology and sociology at the University of Augsburg.

IASP CEO, Matthew R. D’Uva, FASAE, CAE



Matthew R. D’Uva, FASAE, CAE, became the Chief Executive Officer of IASP in 2015. As the world’s leading professional organization devoted to pain research and care, IASP brings together scientists, clinicians, health care providers, and policymakers to stimulate and support the study of pain, as well as to translate that knowledge into improved pain relief worldwide. IASP has more than 7,000 members in 133 countries, 92 national chapters, and 23 Special Interest Groups.

Mr. D’Uva has 20 years of experience in association management, including leadership positions with numerous professional associations. Most recently, Matthew spent nine years as President and CEO at the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP International), a professional association representing customer care professionals from leading Fortune 1000 companies. Prior to SOCAP, he spent seven years at the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA).

Matthew holds an MBA from the University of Maryland and a B.A. degree in international relations from Tufts University. He has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and holds the designation of Certified Association Executive (CAE). He also served for three years as a member of the ASAE Board of Directors and ASAE Foundation Board of Directors.