

APS 2025 – Program

2025 Global Year theme: Pain Management, Research and Education in Low- and Middle-income Settings

13 – 16 April 2025, Pullman Melbourne Albert Park, VIC

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Sunday 13 April				Monday 14 April				Tuesday 15 April				Wednesday 16 April			
Pre-Conference Workshops, Disc Sub Group Meetings, Welcome Reception				Conference Day 1				Conference Day 2				Conference Day 3			
0830 – 1230 Acute Pain AM	0830 – 1230 Pain in Childhood	0830 – 1230 Fundamentals of Pain	0830 – 1200 Psychology in Pain Management	0830 – 1030: OFFICIAL OPENING & PLENARY 1 0830 – 0840: Welcome to Country 0840 – 0850: APS Presidential Address, Ms Bernadette Smith 0850 – 0910: IASP Presidential Address: Professor Andrew Rice 0910 – 0940: IASP GLOBAL YEAR LECTURE Dr Tie Parma Yamato & Dr Saurab Sharma 0940 – 1010: Professor Tamar Pincus Pain-related distress- concepts and approaches to living better with pain 1010 – 1030: Q and A				0830 – 1030: PLENARY 3 0830 – 0900: SUNDERLAND LECTURE Professor David Bennett 0900 – 0910: RAPID COMMUNICATION SESSION 0910 – 0940: TESS CRAMOND LECTURE Dr Ebonie Rio 0940 – 0955: Q and A 1000 – 1015: APS Distinguished Member Award/s				0900 – 1030: PLENARY 5 0900 – 0930: BONICA LECTURE Professor Anne Burke 0930 – 1000: Professor Tamar Pincus Validation- emerging evidence on inter-personal mechanisms 1000 – 1010: COPS FOR KIDS CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANT Dr Nicole Pope: Virtual Reality in Paediatric Chronic Pain Rehabilitation: A Multi-site Pilot Feasibility Study 1010 – 1020: Q and A 1020 – 1030: One Thing			
1030 – 1100 Morning Tea				1030 – 1100: Morning Tea				1015 – 1045: Morning Tea				1030 – 1100: Morning Tea			
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1230 – 1330 Lunch				1230 – 1400: Lunch				1215 – 1345: Lunch				1230 – 1330: Lunch			
1330 – 1700 Acute Pain PM	1330 – 1700 Basic Pain Research	1330 – 1700 Pharmacology in Pain Manangement	1330 – 1700 Physiotherapy in Pain Management	1315 – 1400: Poster Walk Around Session Odd poster number authors are asked to stand by their poster 1400 – 1530: TOPICAL CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2 2A: Phenotyping pain characteristics: Back translation for patient heterogeneity 2B: Rural Realities vs Urban Ideals: Breaking the Metro Mould of Pain Management in Rural Australia 2C: The Journey is More Important than the Destination: Engaging an Integrative Approach to Explore the Relationship Between Early Life Trauma and Chronic Pain 2D: Gabapentinoids for chronic pain – game changer or looming crisis? 2E: Horses for courses: is surgery necessary for some people with back pain? 2F: Is less more? Optimising duration and content of group pain management programs				1300 – 1345: Poster Walk Around Session Even poster number authors are asked to stand by their poster 1345 – 1500: FREE PAPER SESSION Free Paper Session 1: Integrative Approaches to Pain Management Free Paper Session 2: Neurobiological Insights into Pain Mechanisms Free Paper Session 3: Innovations in Pain Management: From Molecular Mechanisms to Clinical Applications Free Paper Session 4: Empowering Patients: Innovative Approaches to Chronic Low Back Pain Management Free Paper Session 5: Addressing Safety, Risks, and Therapeutic Advances in Pain Management Free Paper Session 6: Advancing Pain Management and Rehabilitation				1330 – 1500: TOPICAL CONCURRENT SESSION 4 4A: Bridging the gaps in research between animal and human pain research 4B: Advocating for evidence-based treatments in low back pain – why, what and how 4C: Why the quality of healthcare provider treatment delivery matters 4D: Non-pharmacological interventions to enhance acute pain management in the Emergency Department 4E: Eat, sleep, play: The role of interoception in building self-management skills for chronic pain 4F: Paediatric and Adult Patient Attrition and Engagement with Chronic Pain Services			
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1705 - 1800: Discipline Sub Group Meetings Nursing Occupational Therapy Pharmacology & Pharmacy Physiotherapy & Exercise Physiology Psychology				1730 – 1830: Meet the Minds Q&A and Networking Session											
1800 - 1930: Welcome Reception Exhibition Hall				From 1730: Free Social Evening The Windsor Alehouse, 42 Punt Road Enjoy a complimentary drink with fellow delegates. A relaxed opportunity to keep conversations going and make new connections.				1900 – 2300: Conference Gala Dinner Carousel, Albert Park Lake							
1930 – 2200: Basic Pain Research & Pain in Childhood SIG Dinner The Windsor Alehouse, 42 Punt Road															