Global Year Against Musculoskeletal Pain

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The intense focus on specific challenges in understanding and controlling pain brought by the International Association for the Study of Pain program of Global Years Against Pain continues in the current Global Year Against Musculoskeletal Pain. The theme “When Moving Hurts” captures the miseries that people confront when mobility is diminished by acute and chronic pain.

In previous years, there has been a focus on the “Right to Pain Relief”, “Pain in Children”, “Pain in Older Persons”, “Pain in Women” and “Cancer Pain”. *Pain Research & Management* has taken pleasure in providing a vehicle whereby the Canadian Pain Society joins the international movement represented by other International Association for the Study of Pain Chapters and Federations in combatting some of the most debilitating and refractory problems. Focusing on specific challenges seems to energize the research and practitioner community. In successive years, it has not been

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difficult to secure excellent papers exploring different facets of understanding and managing the different challenges of pain.

The present issue of *Pain Research & Management* features a comprehensive series of articles focusing on an evidence-based approach to whiplash injuries. All musculoskeletal disorders can pose serious challenges of pain and disability, with whiplash-associated disorders being one of the most serious public health problems. As this series of papers indicates, we are slowly making headway in understanding causes, assessment, treatment and intervention; however, much remains to be achieved in mastering the disabling pain resulting from musculoskeletal disorders.

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