Welcome to Our New Officers!

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Nominating Committee

Kathryn McLeland, SPT
Social Media Coordinator

Thank you
to Meghan Joyce, PT, DPT (former Vice-Chair)
for her dedication and service to the SIG!

DiSCIS
Discussions in SCI Science

Episode 1:
Dr. Andrew Smith, PT, DPT, PhD

Topic: Lateral Corticospinal Tract Damage Correlates with Motor Output in Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury

Click here to listen to the SCI SIG's first ever podcast in which Rachel Tappan, PT, DPT interviews Dr. Andrew Smith, PT, DPT, PhD about his 2018 study.

Spinal Cord Injury Fact Sheets

The SCI SIG has developed
These fact sheets were developed as concise resources for SCI clinicians (and selected patients with SCI).

Topics include:
Aging with SCI, Autonomic Dysreflexia, Bowel and Bladder Management, Shoulder Health and Preservation, Wheelchair Skills, and more!

Check them all out on the [SCI SIG website](#)!

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**2019 ANPT Award Nominations**

Each year the ANPT recognizes its members for their outstanding work. Now is the time to [submit a nomination](#) for the following awards!

- Service to the Academy
- Early Career Professional Award
- Excellence in Neurologic Education Award
- PT Clinical Excellence in Neuro Physical Therapy
- PTA Clinical Excellence in Neuro Physical Therapy
- Excellence in Neurologic Research
- Outstanding Clinical Innovator in Neuro Physical Therapy
- Outstanding Advocacy in Neuro Physical Therapy

Nominations are due [August 1, 2019](#)!

Those selected will be recognized at the ANPT Membership Meeting at CSM in Denver, CO, February 14, 2020!

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**SCI SIG Award for Clinical Excellence**

This award is meant to honor an SCI SIG member for his or her contribution to SCI rehabilitation, either in direct patient care, SCI-clinician mentorship, or SCI-team leadership.

Nominations will open in mid-August, and are due [October 15, 2019](#).

For the nomination form, full eligibility criteria, and submission information, please see the [Award Page](#) on the SCI SIG website!
Please see this month's research articles below!

  
  **INTRODUCTION:** Traumatic spinal cord injury (SCI) triggers complex changes that can negatively impact health and quality of life. The International SCI Data Sets were developed to enable more comparable data collection on the complex sequelae of SCI across studies. This should facilitate progress in mechanistic understanding and improving treatments of SCI.  
  
  **OBJECTIVES:** To collect data on pain symptoms and quality of life (QoL) in adults living with chronic SCI.

  
  **Introduction:** Falls are detrimental to the well-being of individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI). To establish effective fall prevention initiatives, a comprehensive understanding of falls after SCI is needed. **Objectives:** To report the incidence proportion of falls and summarize the factors contributing to falls in individuals with SCI.

  
  **Objectives:** To investigate the effect of training intensity and -volume on improvements in respiratory muscle strength in individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI).

  
  **Objective:** The aim of this review was to determine the effectiveness of physiotherapy (PT) interventions for increasing voluntary muscle strength in people with spinal cord injuries (SCI).
If you have suggestions or interest in participating in this SCI Research Review, please contact us [here](#).

### Upcoming Conferences: 2019

**Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) 2019 Annual Summit**
August 15 - 17, 2019 - Orlando, FL ([Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld Hotel](#))

- [Click here](#) to register!
- Review the program [here](#)
- Check out the PVA Annual Summit [website](#) for more information!

**Academy of SCI Professionals (ASCIP) Conference and Expo 2019**
*Many Minds. One Vision.*
September 1-4, 2019 - Nashville, TN ([Omni Hotel & Resort](#))

- Discounted registration prices if registered by Friday, July 19, 2019! Register [here](#)
- The full schedule of events can be found [here](#)
- Check out the [ASCIP Meeting Website](#) for more information!

**58th International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) Meeting 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting**
November 5 - 7, 2019 - Nice, France ([Nice Acropolis Convention Centre](#))

- Register [here](#)
- Keynote speakers include Nancy Brackett, PhD, HCLD, Claes Hulting, MD, PhD, Lawrence Moon, and more. The full programme will be available [here](#)
- Check out the ISCoS [website](#) for more information!

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Annual Scientific Meeting
May 3-6, 2020 - New Orleans, LA (New Orleans Marriott)

Abstracts and Course Submissions are now being accepted! Click here to begin the submission process!
Submissions are due Tuesday, September 10.
Click here for more information!

APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) 2020
February 12 - 15, 2020 - Denver, CO

Research Posters and Platforms: due Friday July 12, 2019!
Registration will open September 18, 2019!
Housing and travel information will be posted on Wednesday July 24, 2019!
Click here for more information!

American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) 2020
Annual Scientific Meeting
May 3-6, 2020 - New Orleans, LA (New Orleans Marriott)

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Thank you!

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