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Specialty or interest in pain: Chartered Physiotherapist. My interest is in the multidisciplinary assessment and rehabilitation of patients with chronic pain

Chapter: Irish Pain Society, member since 2001

IASP member: Yes, since 2002

Positions in Chapter, EFIC, other positions

Irish Pain Society

2000-2003 Committee member

2003-2005 Hon. Secretary

2005-2007 President-elect

2007-2009 President

Pain Federation EFIC Committee

2013 Irish representative

2014 Education sub-committee

University College Dublin

Director, UCD Centre for Translational Pain Research

Proposer: Professor Laserina O'Connor, President Irish Pain Society

Seconded: Ms Joanne O'Brien, Hon. Secretary Irish Pain Society

Short Bio

Dr Brona Fullen is a lecturer in the UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science, Dublin, Ireland. She holds a BSc Physiotherapy (UUJ), MSc Healthcare (Acupuncture, UCD), and PhD (UCD) degrees.

Brona initially worked clinically in Bangladesh, as well as in Pain services at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, St Vincent's University Hospital Dublin, and Tallaght Hospital Dublin (Ulysses programme). She is an expert in the clinical area of pain management. She then moved to University College Dublin, and is an academic member of staff in the School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science. Her main research interests include the assessment and rehabilitation of patients with chronic pain, with emphasis on physical and cognitive function, and sleep disturbance. She is well published, and has presented her research at national and international meetings.

Brona is an active member of the Irish Pain Society, and has held a number of officer positions including President (first Chartered Physiotherapist to do so). She has, for a long time, been involved at a national level in lobbying the Irish government for improvements in pain management services for patients. In 2014 she appeared before the Joint Committee on Health and Children Health in the Oireachtas (Irish Parliament), successfully lobbying to have pain management declared a medical specialty. In addition she has been involved in discussions with the Department of Health and Children on the need for a national strategy for pain management in Ireland.

Currently Brona is the Irish representative to the Pain Federation EFIC, and is also a member of the Education sub-committee.

Candidate's statement

I believe that I can contribute well to the role of Member-at-Large EFIC Website and Newsletter Committee. As I was involved in the initial development of the Irish Pain Society website, I have experience in copywriting. I also have strong organizational skills, work well within a team, and would enjoy this role. Many thanks for your consideration.