



PAINtalks

4th edition

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Evaluation of candidates and speakers

Process and committees

1. Evaluation of members of the Quebec the Network of Junior Pain Investigators (QNJPI)
2. Evaluation of members of the Association quebecoise de douleur chronique (AQDC)
3. Evaluation of the Canadian Pain Society (CPS) trainees
4. Evaluation of members of the North American Pain School (NAPS)
5. Evaluation of QNJPI speakers eligible for the best presentation contest

1. Evaluation of members of the QNJPI

Five QNJPI-member were selected as PAINtalks 2019 speakers. We would like to congratulate Junie Carriere, Fannie Allen Demers, Matthieu Vincenot, Marie-Pierre Cyr and Don Daniel Ocaj for the excellence of their application.

In order to be eligible, candidates must comply with the conditions presented in the document available in the "Submission and Contest 2019" section of PAINtalks 2019 and submit the required material on the Fourwaves platform as indicated.

The applications were assembled and submitted to an evaluation committee. After a first individual assessment of all applications, the committee members consulted each other in order to reach a common agreement on the order of the applications.

The evaluation committee was made up of a total of eight members with different experiences and from different groups, including the organizers of the event, two QNJPI board members, a QNJPI member (external to the board), a member from the AQDC, and two members of the Association de soutien et d'information face à la douleur (ASID). This group represents the "Evaluation Committee" for the candidates' evaluation.

2. Evaluation of members of the AQDC

A member of the AQDC was selected as a PAINtalks 2019 speaker. We therefore congratulate Geneviève M. Filion for the excellence of her application.

In order to be eligible, candidates must comply with the conditions presented in the document available in the "Submission and Contest 2019" section of PAINtalks 2019 and submit the required material on the Fourwaves platform as indicated.

The candidates were assessed using the same process as the QNJPI candidates, evaluated by the Evaluation Committee.

3. Evaluation of the CPS trainees

This year, a new contest was opened to trainees of the Canadian Pain Society. A trainee has been selected as a PAINtalks 2019 Invited Speaker. We therefore congratulate Yvonne Brandelli for the excellence of her application.

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The candidacies were first evaluated by a CPS special committee in order to select the four best candidates. This committee included two members of the CPS executive committee, two anonymous members of the CPS, as well as two anonymous external members. A final assessment

of the candidates was carried out with the Evaluation Committee of the QNJPI and a representative of the executive committee of the CPS.

4. Evaluation of members of the NAPS

This year, a new contest was opened to members who took part of the North American Pain School. A member has been selected as a PAINtalks 2019 Invited Speaker. We therefore congratulate Jamie Katherine Moy for the excellence of her application.

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The candidates were assessed using the same process as the QNJPI candidates, evaluated by the Evaluation Committee.

5. Evaluation of QNJPI speakers eligible for the best presentation contest

This contest is exclusive to QNJPI members post-graduate full-time students in the pain research field, which are not implicated in the QNJPI executive committee. Speakers who do not respect these NAPS conditions will unfortunately not be eligible for the competition.

The speakers will be evaluated according to 3 methods to select the best presentation among the speakers from the QNJPI.

1. Public's choice (30 points)

At the end of the event, people from the public were invited to vote for their favorite speaker among the three eligible QNJPI speakers.

Each speaker received a score (number of student votes / total number of votes for all the speakers eligible for the contest) for the public choice portion of the assessment. This score was then reconverted to a total of 30 points. The speakers therefore accumulated a first score, which will be added to that of the other assessments.

2. Selection of the jury (30 points)

A neutral jury consisting of two researchers and one patient was present to evaluate the QNJPI speakers. An evaluation grid customized to the event was used. Evaluators were met in advance to discuss the evaluation criteria according to the vision of PAINtalks, which differs from the evaluation of scientific presentations.

The evaluation grid summed to a maximum of 30 points, added to the other assessments.

3. General public interest (30 points)

All the conferences were recorded and edited by a professional team, with subtitles in French and English. These videos were broadcasted on Youtube December 20th, 2019.

The purpose of this method is to give points to the speaker whose subject is of most interest to the general public. Speakers will have two months to accumulate as many views as possible on their Youtube video.

The number of Youtube-views of each video will represent a total number of points. This number of points, in reference to the total number of views among the students of the competition, will be converted to 30. This score will also be added to the other assessments.

Total

The cumulated total points from each assessment will give a final result over a total of 90 points. The speaker with the highest score will earn a place at the prestigious NAPS, valued at approximately \$500. The winner will also be an ambassador for NAPS 2020, and will participate in welcoming Quebec, national and international students.

The final result will be announced at the end of February 2020.



You can look at the speakers' videos, available on our Youtube channel, with this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0zof4oHWxeMAVzWHgUc-2A?view_as=subscriber