



Annual Report SIG 'Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience of Pain' (CANoP)

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Following the inaugural meeting of the SIG 'Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience of Pain' (CANoP) in January 2019, six individuals signed up as new members of the SPS because they wanted to be part of CANoP.

At the inaugural meeting of CANoP, it was decided that scientific meetings should be held every two years. Nevertheless, CANoP was active in 2020 and organized an event, together with the Neuroscience Center Zurich, with an international speaker at the University of Zurich in February 2020. Dr. Bushnell, who is the scientific director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the U.S.A., was secured as a speaker. Dr. Bushnell is an eminent researcher in the field of supra-spinal non-pharmacological pain modulation and gave a fascinating talk entitled 'Neural effects of placebo analgesia' with approximately 50 attendees. The talk was followed by an apéro where lively discussions continued.

Planning of the 2021 CANoP Scientific Meeting has started. Most likely, there will be an integrated but separate trainee meeting, which will give young scientists even more opportunities for exchange and to showcase their research.