



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

**October 2023**

On June 29, 2023, CANoP held its third bi-annual research meeting at the University of Fribourg. The event was supported by the SPS SIG annual support as well as by the Fonds d'Action Facultaire at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences the University Fribourg as well as by The SENSE (Research Center by HES-SO Valais-Wallis, the University of Lausanne (UNIL) and the Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV)). 59 people attended the event, of which 26 were students and PhD trainees. The program encompassed talks by two international speakers, eleven talks of CANoP PIs and affiliated, poster viewing over lunch as well as three trainee presentations of selected posters. The international speakers were Dr. Leonie Koban from the Center for Neuroscience Research in Lyon and Professor Ipek Yalcin from the University of Strasbourg. Dr Koban gave a fascinating talk on social influences on pain and affect and Professor Yalcin nicely extended the mostly human oriented research by CANoP members by providing a preclinical perspective with her talk 'Reaching circuitry level of understanding of the comorbidity between chronic pain and mood disorders'.

We received 14 abstracts that were presented as posters. Three of those were selected for oral presentations and two prizes of CHF 100.- were awarded to Lara De Schonemacker (jury prize) and to Florin Allmendiger (public prize) for their presentations entitled "Two Sides of the Same Coin? Experimental Pain Habituation and Conditioned Pain Modulation" resp. "The impact of negative expectation on autonomic responses in a state of experimentally induced sensitization". The official program ended with social games and an apero organized by CANoP trainee members, which provided more excellent networking opportunities.

On November 10, 2023, we will have an executive CAnoP meeting to which anyone interested is invited.