

Daniel L. Kirsch, PhD, DAAPM, FAIS Selected as Recipient of the 2008 Richard S. Weiner Pain Education Award



We are pleased to announce that our esteemed colleague and friend, Dr. Daniel L. Kirsch, has been selected by the American Academy of Pain Management's Education Advisory Committee to receive the 2008 Richard S. Weiner Pain Education Award. This award is given to an individual who has contributed to the advancement of the field of interdisciplinary pain management through the training of pain management professionals. This award was created in 2002 to honor the memory of the Academy's co-founder and first executive director, Richard S. Weiner.

Dr. Kirsch's contributions will be recognized at the upcoming AAPM 19th Annual Clinical Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee (September 8-11, 2008). Dr. Kirsch has over three decades of experience in the electromedical field, including extensive clinical practice experience. Throughout his career, Dr. Kirsch has designed medical instrumentation and selected their applications; developed clinical systems for implementing pain and stress control technologies; and educated pain professionals in their clinical use.

Dr. Kirsch earned a bachelor of science in biology from Southern California University of Health Sciences in 1979, and a doctorate in neurobiology from City University Los Angeles in 1981. In 1981, he founded what is now Electromedical Products International, Inc. in Hawthorne, California and subsequently relocated to Texas in 1994. In 1990, Dr. Kirsch was board certified as a Diplomate in pain management by the American Academy of Pain Management. In 1997 he was recognized as a Fellow of the American Institute of Stress. In 1999, he became the only American ever awarded an Honorary Membership in Inter-Pain (the Germany-Swiss pain organization for physicians). In 2005 he was appointed a Member of the President's Council at the University of North Texas. He is also a member of the International Society for Neurotherapy and Research and the Biofeedback Society of California.

Dr. Kirsch has been on the faculty of several medical specialty boards annual re-licensing conferences including the American Academy of Pain Management, American Academy of Orthopedic Medicine, Inter-Pain, American Institute of Stress, International Society for Neuronal Regulation, American Association for Sensory Medicine, American Society for Pain Management Nursing, American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. In 2003, he organized—and was moderator for—a full day track on electromedicine at the American Academy of Pain Management's annual meeting. And we are proud that he is a member of the *Practical Pain Management* Advisory Board and the editor of our Electromedicine Department.

He is an expert research consultant at the Houston VAMC, Brooke Army Medical Center and the US Army Institute for Surgical Research. In 2005, he was the first speaker at the 3rd Annual Complementary and Integrative Medicine Conference at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Ft. Bliss. In

2006, he lectured at the VA Employee Education System's 2nd Annual Pain Management Symposium. In 2007, he presented at the 13th Annual San Antonio Trauma Symposium in COL Gaylord's mental health track, at the 10th Annual Force Health Protection Conference with COL Platoni and he conducted Grand Rounds at US Army, VAMC and civilian medical institutions nationwide. In 2008, he presented at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and will be co-moderator with neurosurgeon Pierre LeRoy, MD of a military reintegration track at the American Academy of Pain Management's annual meeting. Dr. Kirsch was awarded two US Army Coins in 2006, and a Navy Coin in 2007.

Dr. Kirsch is listed in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America*, *Two Thousand Notable Americans*, *The International Directory of Distinguished Leadership* (U.K.), *Men of Achievement* and other biographical reference books. He was recognized as the 2007 International Health Professional of the Year in Stress Medicine by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England. The author of four books and several scientific articles, he is frequently interviewed on television, newspapers and magazines and has been a guest on hundreds of radio programs.

Some notable highlights in Dr. Kirsch's career include:

- Director of Education and Research for Biomedical Affiliated Services/Biomedical Design Instruments in Burbank where he contributed to the design an electromedical device and introduced it to the market (1978 to 1980).
- Clinical Director of Electro-Acupuncture Medical Group in Laguna Beach in association with F. P. Meyer, MD (1979 to 1980).
- Vice President of McCall's Research Laboratories in Reseda, California where he wrote all of the marketing support materials and consulted with engineers on the development of a specialized electromedical device (1980 to 1981).
- Clinical Director of Electro-Acupuncture Pain Center in Palm Springs (1980 to 1981).
- Clinical Director at the Center and Laboratory for Pain and Stress Related Disorders at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York in association with Kenneth Greenspan, MD (1985 to 1986)
- Dean of the Graduate School of Electromedical Sciences at City University Los Angeles where he was instrumental in developing M.S. and Ph.D. programs for licensed health care professionals. (1985 to 1993)
- Professor of electromedical sciences at City University Los Angeles (1985 to 1994)

- Clinical Director at the Sports Medicine Group in Santa Monica, California in association with Karlis Ullis, M.D. (1988 to 1989)
- Guest of the Minister of Public Health, Dr. A. Wahab Al-Fawzan of Kuwait, where he presented a three day post-traumatic stress and pain management program titled, "Electromedicine: The Other Side of Physiology" to 400 physicians. While in Kuwait, Dr. Kirsch also gave multiple grand rounds at eight hospitals over a month-long period (1992).
- Recipient of the American Institute of Stress (AIS) 2007 Distinction and Innovation Award. Awarded for products (such as Alpha-Stim) that support claims with valid scientific studies, show potential based on known mechanisms of action, or provide benefits that are cost effective.

Dr. Kirsch was the first editor of the *American Journal of Electromedicine*, and has been on the Board of Directors of two non-profit organizations in the field: the National Institute of Electromedical Information in New York City and the International Society of Bioelectricity in Shreveport. He was also a Patron Member of the National Chronic Pain Outreach Association and

served on the Advisory Boards of *The Canadian Journal of Clinical Medicine* and *Practical Pain Management*; and served as guest editor for the journal *NeuroRehabilitation*, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2002. He is currently on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Neurotherapy* and is the Electromedical Department Editor of *Practical Pain Management*.

He is author of the chapters "Electromedicine: The Other Side of Physiology," and "A Practical Protocol for Electromedical Treatment of Pain" in the American Academy of Pain Management's textbook, *Pain Management: A Practical Guide for Clinicians* (CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, 2002); and the chapter "Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation for Anxiety, Depression, Insomnia, Cognitive Dysfunction, and Pain" in the textbook, *Bioelectromagnetic Medicine* (Marcel Dekker, 2004). The most recent books by Dr. Kirsch are *The Science Behind Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation* (Medical Scope Publishing, Edmonton, Alberta, 2nd Ed. 2002), and *Schmerzen lindern ohne Chemie CES, die Revolution in der Schmerztherapie* (Internationale Ärztengesellschaft für Energiemedizin, Austria. 2000. In German). And, of course, our readers have seen his articles in the pages of this journal.