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Biography/History
Ronald Dubner is a professor in the Department of Neural and Pain Sciences at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry where he chaired the Department of Biomedical Science from 1995-2008. Prior to joining University of Maryland, Dr. Dubner directed a multidisciplinary intramural Branch at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) investigating pain mechanisms and pain control. He holds a DDS degree from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in Physiology from University of Michigan. Dr. Dubner served on the Board of Directors for the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), the American Pain Society (APS) and the International Pain Foundation (IPF). He was Editor in Chief of the IASP journal, PAIN, President of the APS and has authored over 275 articles in journals and books. Dr. Dubner conducts research on changes in the peripheral and central nervous system following tissue and nerve injury and the development of new pharmacological strategies for acute and chronic pain. The Ronald Dubner Research Prize, an award for trainees, has been presented at the biennial World Congress on Pain since 1993. This award honors the best clinical or basic science research paper, series of papers, or doctoral thesis in the field of pain.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of materials related to Dr. Ronald Dubner’s service on the Board of Directors for the International Association for the Study of Pain, the American Pain Society, and the International Pain Foundation. The papers include correspondence, minutes, annual reports, newsletters, bulletins, brochures, financial statements, committee reports, membership directories, memoranda, notes, meeting programs and abstracts.
Organization and Arrangement
This collection has been arranged in the following series:
Series 1: International Association for the Study of Pain records, 1977-1993

Scope and Content
The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) was founded in May 1973 at the first International Symposium on Pain held in Issaquah, Washington and organized by University of Washington anesthesiology professor John J. Bonica. IASP was incorporated in May 1974 as a non-profit international organization and professional forum for science, practice and education in the field of pain. The organization holds a biennial World Congress on Pain and publishes the research journal, PAIN. Dubner served the IASP as a member and leader on its Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Scientific Program Committee.


Box 2: Financial statements, annual reports, newsletters, brochures, Council meeting minutes, World Congress correspondence, PAIN journal correspondence and marketing reports, International Data Base Outline, membership lists, The Management of Acute Pain: A Practical Manual and notes.

Box 3: General correspondence, Executive Committee minutes, Council meeting minutes, annual budgets and financial statements, newsletters, Executive Committee memoranda, newsletter manuscripts, Dubner and Dr. P.D. Wall's 1992 Report on the journal, PAIN, Young Investigator Award correspondence, Fifth World Conference on Pain invitations and a copy of Dubner and Kenneth L. Casey's "Animal Models of Chronic Pain: Scientific and Ethical Issues" submission to the journal, PAIN.

Box 4: IASP Eastern USA Regional Chapter Final Program First Annual Scientific Meeting.


Scope and Content
The American Pain Society (APS) was incorporated on August 8, 1978 in Washington D.C., as a non-profit educational and scientific organization. The Eastern and Western USA chapters of the IASP joined to form the first two chapters of this national society. The APS is a national chapter of the IASP and works to increase the knowledge of pain and transform public policy and clinical practice to reduce pain-related suffering. Dubner served on the APS Board of Directors as President, Liaison Secretary to IASP and as a member of the Scientific Program Committee.

Box 1: Bulletins, newsletters, brochures, correspondence, memoranda, action logs, registration lists, expense reports, Executive Committee minutes, membership applications, membership reports, financial statements, organizational charts, Division/Committee reports, Board of Directors minutes and Policies and Procedures Manual.

Box 2: Annual meeting program drafts, committee reports, newsletters, memoranda, notes, financial statements and correspondence.

Box 3: Membership directories and Annual Scientific Meeting programs, registration lists and abstracts.

Box 4: Brochure, General Meeting Programs and Abstracts.
Scope and Content

The International Pain Foundation (IPF) began in November 1985 when the Council of the IASP recommended its formation to address the need for additional, non-membership related funding to help inform patients and health professionals of advances in pain research and therapy. The IPF was incorporated in Washington, D.C. on August 15, 1986 with the following objectives: providing training fellowships, funding visiting professorships, preparation of educational materials and sponsorship of research and conferences on pain. Dubner served on the IPF Board of Directors and as the Chairman of the Program Committee.

Box 1: Board of Directors minutes, annual reports, newsletters, correspondence, financial statements, mission and vision statements, brochures, contracts, reports, clippings, memoranda and notes.

Box 2: Department of Health & Human Services correspondence, newsletter manuscript, financial statement, general correspondence, budget status report and Board of Directors ballot.

Box 3: Board of Directors correspondence, brochure, Dubner’s annotated “The Role of the Program Committee” draft, annual reports, Board of Directors minutes and About Living With Chronic Pain booklet.