

2nd Chronic Pain Workshop 2011: “Pain and Depression” 8th – 9th March 2011

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2nd Chronic Pain Workshop 2011 was successfully held on 8th to 9th March 2011 at the International Islamic University of Malaysia, Indera Mahkota Campus, Kuantan, Pahang with the theme of “Pain and Depression”. This workshop was organized by Anaesthesiology Department, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in collaboration with Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital (HTAA) and Malaysian Association for the Study of Pain (MASP).

The respond for the workshop was very encouraging where. 140 participants came from all around the country comprising of doctors and paramedics and from government and private hospitals. We tried to cover all aspects of pain and depression through lectures and practical sessions and provide opportunities to the participants to interact with the speakers and change ideas among them.



The programme began with opening and officiating ceremony by the Dean of IIUM, Prof Dr Mohammed Fauzi Abdul Rani. Among others, he emphasized on the importance of team work in managing the patients. The opening ceremony was followed by a talk from Dr Mary Suma Cardosa on pain mechanisms which turned out to be an eye opener to the delegates especially those who just joined the group. This was followed by lectures and practicals by outstanding and well-known figures in pain management in the country. They were very energetic and stimulating in delivering their talks that covered psychological view, palliative, neurology, psychiatric, pain intervention topics.

The feedbacks from participants were also encouraging. They even asked for more similar workshops to be carried out in the future and made it an annual event.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we would like to thank all the faculty members for their great effort to make this event a success and fruitful one. We also thanked the sponsors who were kind enough to support us.

