Editorial

A new generation of scientists emerges:

Abstracts from the Scandinavian Association for the Study of Pain (SASP) annual conference 3-5 April 2019

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The 2019 SASP conference was held April $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ in Oslo, Norway. The conference featured lectures by 23 speakers from six countries, covering aspects of pain ranging from molecular to societal levels. The conference also included two novel elements: The *World Café* – a hands-on workshop in user participation in research, bringing scientists and user representatives together; and the *Resource market* – a special poster format where positions, methods, cohorts, research groups and other non-commercial resources could be marketed.

This year's conference featured high attendance by young scientists, as reflected by the 25 posters presented at the conference, of which 23 are published in abstract form in this supplement issue of the Scandinavian Journal of Pain. These abstracts span a broad range of topics and methods including basic science, biomarkers and genetics, human experimental paradigms, clinical studies and epidemiology.

Each year SASP awards a travel award to the best abstract from each member country. This year's winners were Lea Tøttrup (Denmark), Terje Kirketeig (Sweden), Axel Vittersø (Norway) and Teemu Zetterman (Finland), who all held oral presentations of their work.

The Nordic countries have long held a strong position in pain research. Since its foundation in 1976, SASP has played a central role in fostering the Nordic pain research community. The emergence of new talent, as demonstrated by the abstracts herein, gives good reason believe that this legacy will be successfully carried forwards.