



Carl Koller Award

The Carl Koller Award is the **recognition of ESRA for the outstanding lifetime contribution** to the field of Regional Anaesthesia and/or Pain Medicine.

RECIPIENTS 1984-2025

1984 Albert Lee, UK
1985 John Bonica, USA
1986 Thorsten Gordth, Sweden
1987 Luc Lecron, France
1988 Robert McIntosh, UK
1989 Phillip Bromage, USA
1990 Bruce Scott, UK
1991 Ben Covino, USA
1992 Nicolas Greene, USA
1993 James Moore, Ireland
1994 Fidel Pages, Spain
1995 Daniel Moore, USA
1996 Bertil Löfstrom, Sweden
1997 Alon Winnie, USA
1998 Hans Nolte, Germany
1999 Albert Van Steenberge, Belgium
2000 Prithvi Raj, USA
2001 Paul Buckhøj, Sweden
2002 Michael J Cousins, Australia
2003 Henrik Kehlet, Denmark
2004 John AW. Wildsmith, UK
2005 Mathieu Gielen, The Netherlands
2006 Paolo Busoni, Italy
2007 Felicity Reynolds, UK
2008 Dag Selander, Sweden
2009 Barry Fischer, UK
2010 Narinder Rawal, Sweden
2011 Joseph Neal, USA
2012 Per Rosenberg, Finland
2013 Stephan Kapral, Austria
2014 Bernard Dalens, Canada
2015 Marcel Vercauteren, Belgium
2016 Vincent Chan, Canada
2017 William Harrop Griffiths, UK
2018 Barry Nicholls, UK
2019 Guy Weinberg, USA
2020 Marc Van de Velde, Belgium
2022 José de Andrés, Spain
2023 Manoj Karmakar, Hong Kong
2024 Admir Hadzic, USA
2025 André Van Zundert, Australia



Recognition of Education in Regional Anaesthesia Award

ESRA undertakes to support outstanding innovative activities or developments in the field of Regional Anaesthesia by annually awarding the Regional Anaesthesia Award.

This award is a **reflection on excellence in teaching & clinical education in the field of regional anaesthesia.**

RECIPIENTS 2005-2025

2005 Alain Delbos, France
2006 Martin Jöhr, Switzerland
2007 Stephan Kapral, Austria
2008 Barry Nicholls, UK.
2009 Hans Hinrich Mehrkens, Germany
2010 Slobodan Gligoijevich, Switzerland
2011 Miguel Angel Reina, Spain
2012 Admir Hadzic
2013 Alain Borgeat & EDRA Board
2014 José De Andrés, Spain
2015 Xavier Capdevila, France
2016 Xavier Sala-Blanch, Spain
2017 Paul Kessler, Germany
2018 Øivind Klaastad, Norway
2019 Manoj Karmakar, Hong Kong
2020 Luc Mercadal, France
2022 José Aguirre, Switzerland
2023 Clara Lobo, UAE & Morné Wolmarans, UK
2024 Vincent Chan, Canada
2025 Nuala Lucas, UK & Peter Merjavy, UK

Recognition of Education in Pain Medicine Award

ESRA undertakes to support outstanding innovative activities or developments in the field of Pain by annually awarding the Pain Medicine Award.

This award is a **reflection on excellence in teaching & clinical education in the field of pain medicine.**

RECIPIENTS 2023-2025

2023 Philip Peng, Canada
2024 Athmaja Thottungal, UK
2025 Samer Narouze, USA

Albert Van Steenberg Award

The ESRA Albert Van Steenberg Award was created in 2010 in the memory of Albert Van Steenberg, one of the society's founding members.

Recipients of this award are recognized based on the following:

- The recipient must be of European nationality
- The award will recognise a scientific article considered most relevant, in its contribution to the practice of regional anaesthesia and published in the year preceding the Annual Congress.

RECIPIENTS 2011-2025

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Best Chronic Pain Paper Award

The ESRA Best Chronic Pain Paper Award was created in 2020 to recognise chronic pain articles as it is the case with Regional Anaesthesia papers, with the Albert Van Steenberge award.

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RECIPIENTS 2021-2025

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