



## WELCOME IVAPM Faculty Advisors!

We are so excited that you have joined IVAPM in our missions to 1) prevent/alleviate animal pain and 2) educate students about pain and analgesia. We really appreciate your time and your expertise. Many of you were likely familiar with the IVAPM prior to joining, but if not, we would like to introduce ourselves: we are an organization of veterinarians, veterinary nurses/technicians, veterinary students, veterinary nurse/technician students, veterinary researchers and other animal advocates from all areas of veterinary medicine who have a strong interest in the identification and relief of animal pain.

As an IVAPM Member and Student Advisor you will have **free membership to IVAPM**. To activate the membership, please register at [ivapm.org](http://ivapm.org) and choose the faculty setting. We will ask you to renew your free membership every year so that we can keep a current data base. You have access to all of the resources on both the general Membership portal and the Student Membership portal at [ivapm.org](http://ivapm.org) and access to the IVAPM Facebook page and Student Facebook page. Two documents that may be helpful to you as an advisor are: 1) a welcome letter for students that lists the student resources and benefits and 2) a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding Student Membership/Chapters. Both are in the Student Member Portal, which requires log-in for access. Please look around the Member Portal and take advantage of all it has to offer.

The proposed role of the advisor is to guide and support the students in their quest to provide ultimate pain relief for their (future) patients. At your discretion, that support could come in the form of discussions, presentations, laboratory exercises, etc. We know that the advisor's enthusiasm for pain management will be contagious for the students! We also completely understand the time commitment to be an advisor and have provided educational materials within the Member Portal to help in the learning process when you don't have time to guide the students. In addition, we have provided a list of suggested activities for the advisors and students to consider. If you have any other educational material or suggested activities, please let us know. We want to expand the options!

In addition to guiding the students, the advisor should renew the IVAPM Student Chapter Membership each year. Chapters are not required but are encouraged. And please share (or have the students share) stories and pictures of IVAPM activities so we can highlight them in the IVAPM Newsletter and on Facebook. You are our portal to our future members so we may send IVAPM communications through you and ask that you forward the information to the students.

Our deepest thanks for your participation in the IVAPM Student Membership/Chapter program. We are really looking forward to working with you! Please contact at us at any time ([Info@IVAPM.org](mailto:Info@IVAPM.org)). We want to know how we can help you and want to hear your ideas on how we can improve the Student Membership program.

Sincerely,  
IVAPM Student Member/Chapter Committee