

# **EPA Founder's Award: *B. Berthold Wolff, PhD***



**Co-Founder:  
New York Pain Group 1964  
Eastern Pain Association 1974  
American Pain Society 1977-1978**

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Eastern Pain Association Annual Meeting, October 17, 2015

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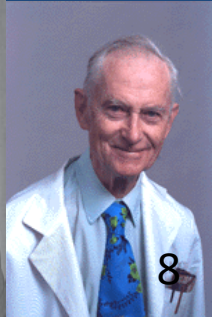
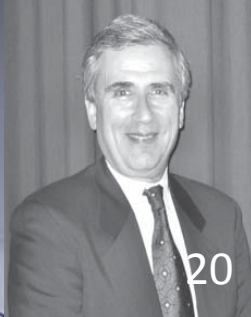
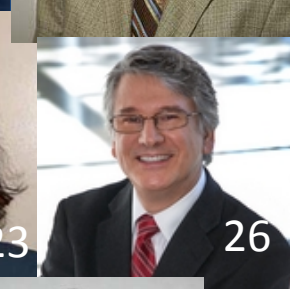
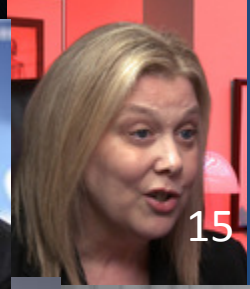
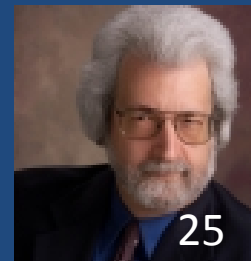
- Born in Berlin, 1926
- Emigrated to Scotland, age 12
- Entered Univ. Edinburgh at age 16
  - “too young to be admitted to medical school”
  - Studied physiology and clinical psychology
  - Developed interest in pain medicine
- Joined faculty at Columbia University, 1955
- Director, Comprehensive Pain Center, NYU, 1958; first truly comprehensive pain center

# History of the Eastern Pain Association

In 1964 Dr. B. Berthold Wolff and Dr. Thomas G. Kantor started an informal New York Pain Group, which met monthly at the NYU Medical Center. About 30 pain clinicians and researchers from the Greater New York Metropolitan area began to meet to discuss various pain-related research projects and clinical topics. Following the formation of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) in 1973, Dr. John J. Bonica recommended to Dr. Wolff that the group be enlarged to include the New England States, with the additional participation of the Middle Atlantic and Southern States. Dr. Wolff formed the Eastern Pain Association in 1974, which included all states east of the Rockies. In 1975, the Eastern Pain Association (EPA) became one of the first chapters of the IASP.

# ***B. Berthold Wolff, PhD***

- Founding President, Eastern Pain Association
- President, American Pain Society
- Fellow, American Psychological Association
- British Psychological Society
- John J. Bonica Award, EPA, 1991
- Honorary Member, EPA, 2008
- Founder's Award, EPA, 2015



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*50 years of history in  
 Pain management*