Chronic pain is a major medical problem that is resistant to conventional medical intervention. It also causes emotional changes such as anxiety and fear. Anxiety or fear often enhances the suffering of pain. In this special meeting, we will focus on the discussions of recent progress made in the roles of supraspinal structures including cortical regions in pain and chronic pain. Furthermore, neuroscientists from synaptic plasticity and memory will provide novel knowledge of brain process of fear, anxiety. We hope that new concepts and ideas of our suffering mind will be produced during this exciting symposium.

Preliminary list of speakers:
Volker Neugebauer (USA); Jing Wang (USA); Gerald Zamponi (Canada); Ipek Yalcin (France); Fusao Kato (Japan); Rick Harris (USA); Vania Apkarian(USA); Junichi NabeKura (Japan); Tom Salt (UK); Joshua Johansen (Japan); Vanna Zachariou (USA); Yarimar Carrasquillo (USA); Graham L. Collingridge (Canada); Longjun Wu (USA); Philippe Seguela (Canada); Ann Wheeler (Canada); Feng Wei (USA); Oddslot Kida (Japan); Bong-Kiun Kaang (South Korea); Tsuyoshi Miyakawa (Japan); Kaoru Inokuchi (Japan); Bai Chuang Shyu (Taiwan); Thomas Nevian (Germany); Mike Salter (Canada); Min Zhuo (Canada)

Preliminary program
August 13:  Arrival, checking into hotel
Wine reception and dinner
August 14
8:00-9:00 Coffee and breakfast
9:00-10:00 Section I Chair (3 speakers: 20 min for each speaker, 15 min talk + 5 min Qs)
10:00-10:30 Coffee break
10:30-12:10 Section II Chair (5 speakers)
12:00-2:00 Lunch break
2:00-3:00 Section III Chair (3 speakers)
3:00-3:30 Coffee break
3:30-5:10 Section IV Chair (5 speakers)
5:10-6:30 Wine reception + posters
6:30- Banquet for speakers (Karaoke night)
August 15
8:00-9:00 Coffee time
9:00-10:00 Section V Chair (3 speakers)
10:00-10:30 Coffee break
10:30-12:10 Section VI Chair (5 speakers)
12:10-2:00 Lunch break
2:00-3:00 Section VI Chair (3 speakers)
3:00-3:30 Coffee break
3:30-5:10 General discussions; future plan for next meeting in Japan/China...
5:50-..... To be announced
The end of meeting, 2018 Japan