**Chair`s Report**

**AGM October 2015, Liverpool**

For the larger part of a decade it has been my pleasure and privilege to be part of the PPA Executive Committee, initially as Honorary Secretary and then Chair. I have been fortunate to follow in the footsteps of some truly inspirational and influential professionals in the field of pain and rehabilitation and to work alongside many talented, enthusiastic, innovative and passionate colleagues, interested in furthering the aims and ambitions of the organisation.

Over the years there have been challenges, some quite significant and unique. Some have required a rather public position to be taken. I hope and believe we have collectively risen to such difficulties professionally, effectively, compassionately and cohesively and have become a stronger, better organisation for it.

A substantial change witnessed, particularly over the last two or three years has been the development of a much improved and efficient, mutually beneficial relationship with the CSP, through Steve Tolan and his team. I trust this will continue.

Other highlights have been the progression of the Journal, The Framework Document, Happy Friday Links and the website, the WCPT PTP Network and the increasing influence the PPA has as a body rather than as notable individuals.

I know I hand over the reins to a very able, competent and committed Executive to be lead, skilfully, by Sarah Wilson and I have no doubt that the PPA will continue to go from strength to strength.

I would finally encourage all those that share our professional interests to both consider becoming actively involved in either the Committee or working groups and to be mindful and appreciative of the often unseen and largely unsung work that a small number of dedicated people undertake, willingly, voluntarily in addition to their paid employment and on top of life’s full and diverse commitments.

I wish you all well for the future and thank you for your hard work, support and invaluable words of guidance and wisdom along the way.

Martin Hey

Outgoing Chair of PPA