

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting**  
**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023**  
**Venue: Western Gateway Building,**  
**University College Cork**

Theme	Integrated Pain Management
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Lecture Theatre WGB UCC</b>	
18.00	Arrival and registration
	Canapes and drinks – Foyer Trade exhibition and Poster presentations
18.30	Welcome - Dr Therese O'Connor / Dr John Browne / Dr Siobhain O'Mahony Opening Address – Dr Colm Henry
19.00 - 19.40	Guest lecture: Chair: Prof George Shorten <b>Prof Vania Apkarian</b> Insights into the nature of pain perception
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Lecture Theatre WGB UCC</b>	
7.45	Coffee – Foyer, Trade exhibition and Poster presentations
Session 1	Integrated multi-disciplinary Pain Medicine Current Topics 1 Chairperson: Dr Mary Jane O'Leary
8.00 - 9.30 (20 min each + 10 min Q&A)	Han Van Dijk – Recent Advances in Physiotherapy for chronic pain Mr Wail Mohammed - The Evidence for Surgery in Spinal Pain Dr Cormac Mullins – Recent Advances in Neuromodulation Dr Andrew Purcell – Update: Evidence base of Radio-Frequency Lesioning in Facet Joint Pain
09.30 – 10.00	Coffee break / Snacks Trade exhibition and Poster presentations
Session 2	Integrated multi-disciplinary Pain Medicine Current Topics 2 Chairperson: Prof Dominic Harmon
10.00 -11.30 (20 min each + 10 min Q&A)	Dr Rory McGuire – Update in Irish Paediatric Pain Services Dr Zoey Malpus – Update psychology and Pain Management Dr Margaret Dunham – Update in chronic pain in the Aging Patient Dr Arun Bhaskar – Cannabinoids and Pain Management – an Update
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee break / Snacks Trade exhibition and Poster presentations
Session 3	Integrated multi-disciplinary Pain Medicine Current Topics 3 Chair: Dr Hugh Gallagher
12.00 - 13.45	Dr Siobhain O'Mahony – Diet, Microbiomes, and pain perception

<b>(30 min each + 15 min Q&amp;A)</b>	<b>Dr Franziska Denk</b> – A neuro-immunological perspective on chronic pain: What if nerves are not to blame? <b>Prof Vania Apkarian</b> – New insights into processing of pain in the brain and spinal cord			
<b>13.45 - 14.15</b>	<b>Lunch – Trade exhibition and Poster presentations</b>			
<b>14.15 - 15.30</b>	<b>Early Career Investigators Short Oral Presentations.</b> - <b>Hosted by Irish Pain Research Network (SIG of IPS)</b> Clinical Adjudicator: Dr Hugh Gallagher Basic Science Adjudicator: Dr Franziska Denk Chair: Dr Michelle Roche			
<b>15.30 - 16.30</b>	<b>Room 1 (Lecture Theatre)</b> <b>Irish Pain Nurses Education Meeting</b>	<b>Room 2 Irish Pain Physiotherapy Group</b> Inaugural Meeting	<b>Room 3 Irish Pain Psychologist Group</b> Inaugural meeting	<b>Room 4 IPRN/Irish Basic Science Group: Education Meeting</b>
<b>15.30 – 16.30</b>	<b>Room 5 Workshops</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Pain Medicine Procedures Neuromodulation</b> (Dr Cormac Mullins)</li> <li><b>2. Radio-frequency Lesioning of Facet Joint</b> (Dr Andrew Purcell)</li> <li><b>3. Ultrasound-guided Sympathetic Block</b> (Prof Dominic Harmon)</li> <li><b>4. Ultrasound-guided PRP of Knee joint</b> (Dr Tadhg Lynch)</li> </ol>			
	<b>Prize-giving ceremony: Lecture Theatre</b> Chairperson: Dr Damien Murphy			
<b>16.30 - 16.50</b>	<b>Best Basic Science oral presentation</b> <b>Best Clinical oral presentation</b> <b>Dr Hugh Raftery NCHD Prize</b> <b>Best Basic Science Poster</b> <b>Best Clinical Poster</b>			
<b>16.50 - 17.00</b>	<b>Closing remarks – Dr Therese O’Connor</b>			

**8 CPD awarded by CAI**

**9CPD points awarded by NMBI (2 for Friday, 7 for Saturday)**

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