

IrishPainSociety

26th Annual Scientific Meeting

Saturday 10th October 2026

George Moore Auditorium

O'Brien Centre, UCD

Theme: Neuropathic Pain – From Mechanisms to Personalised Care

This programme is designed around the patient journey, bringing together world-leading scientists, clinicians, psychologists and people with lived experience to explore the latest advances in neuropathic pain and future directions in personalised care.

Programme

8.30-9.00am	Registration & Coffee Trade exhibition
9.00-9.15am	Prof. Siobhain O'Mahony (President, Irish Pain Society) Opening remarks and overview
Session 1	Understanding Neuropathic Pain Chairperson: Prof David Finn
9.15 – 10.00	Pain Medicine Prof. Ralf Baron, <i>Professor of Neurology and Head, Section for Neurological Pain Research and Therapy, University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein, Campus Kiel, Christian-Albrechts University of Kiel, Germany.</i> Advances in Neuropathic Pain: From Mechanisms to Clinical Practice
10.00-10.45	Pain Science Prof Daniel Ciampi de Andrade, <i>Professor and Clinical Neurologist, Center for Neuroplasticity and Pain, Faculty of Medicine, Aalborg University, Denmark.</i> How experimental and clinical pain affect cortical connectivity measured by TMS-EEG and how this could be used to inform therapy for neuropathic pain
10.45-11.15	Coffee break Trade exhibition and Poster presentations
Session 2	Living with Pain Chairperson: Dr Patrick Finan
11.15-12.00	Psychology Dr Line Caes, <i>Associate Professor in Psychology, University of Stirling, Scotland, specialising in paediatric pain and the social and developmental influences on young people's pain.</i> Paediatric Pain Management Beyond the Patient: Family, Emotion and Cognition

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12.00-12.45	Nursing Prof Michelle Briggs, <i>Clinical Professor of Nursing, University of Liverpool, and Director of Nursing (Research and Academic Development), Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK.</i> Neuropathic Pain: From Nerves to Narratives—Recognising the Social Experience of Pain
12.45-13.45	Lunch break Trade exhibition and Poster presentations
Session 3	Women's Health, Pain and Patients Perspective Chairperson: Dr Joanne O'Brien
13.45-14.30	Medicine Prof Andrew Horne, <i>Professor of Gynaecology and Reproductive Sciences and Director, Centre for Reproductive Health, University of Edinburgh; Honorary Consultant Gynaecologist, NHS Lothian, Scotland.</i> The Future of Endometriosis Pain Research: From ENDO1000 to Personalised Care
14.30-15.15	General Practice Dr Sinead Hussey, <i>GP; Clinical Director, Women's Health Hub; Clinical Lead in Women's Health at Centric Health Ireland</i> Building the Future of Endometriosis Care in Ireland: An Integrated, Multidisciplinary Model for Women's Health
Session 4	Fireside Chat: Women's health and Chronic Pain Moderator: Dr Conor Hearty
15.15-16.00	Panel: Prof Andrew Horne, Dr Sinead Hussey, Dr Louise Collins, <i>Senior Lecturer and Principal Investigator, Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, School of Medicine, University College Cork, Ireland.</i> Topics include endometriosis, chronic pelvic pain, menopause, migraine, sex differences in pain, the microbiome and future priorities for women's pain research.
16.00-16.15	Coffee break Trade exhibition and Poster presentations
Session 5	The Next generation Chairperson: Dr Michelle Roche
16.15-16.45	Young Investigator Data Blitz Rapid presentations showcasing innovative pain research from early career investigators, followed by audience voting for the Best Data Blitz Award
Session 6	The Future of Pain Research and Pain Management Chairperson: Prof Siobhain O'Mahony & David Moore
16.45-17.30	Panel Discussion Panel: Prof Ralf Baron, Prof Daniel Ciampi de Andrade, Prof Kieran O'Sullivan, Prof Line Caes, Prof Michelle Briggs, Dr Olga Baron Biomarkers, AI, Microbiome Science, Digital Therapeutics, Precision Medicine and Next Generation Clinical Trials.
17.30-18.00	Closing remarks