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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, *Professor of Neurology and Head, Section for Neurological Pain Research and Therapy, University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein, Campus Kiel, Christian-Albrechts University of Kiel, Germany.* **Advances in Neuropathic Pain: From Mechanisms to Clinical Practice**
10.00-10.45	**Pain Science** Prof Daniel Ciampi de Andrade, *Professor and Clinical Neurologist, Centre for Neuroplasticity and Pain, Faculty of Medicine, Aalborg University, Denmark.* **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: Patrick Finan
11.15-12.00	**Psychology** Dr Line Caes, *Associate Professor in Psychology, University of Stirling, Scotland, specialising in paediatric pain and the social and developmental influences on young people's pain.* **Paediatric Pain Management Beyond the Patient: Family, Emotion and Cognition**

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12.00-12.45	**Nursing** Prof Michelle Briggs, *Clinical Professor of Nursing, University of Liverpool, and Director of Nursing (Research and Academic Development), Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK.* **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, *Professor of Gynaecology and Reproductive Sciences and Director, Centre for Reproductive Health, University of Edinburgh; Honorary Consultant Gynaecologist, NHS Lothian, Scotland.* **The Future of Endometriosis Pain Research: From ENDO1000 to Personalised Care**
14.30-15.15	**General Practice** Dr Sinead Hussey, *GP; Clinical Director, Women's Health Hub; Clinical Lead in Women's Health at Centric Health Ireland* **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, *Senior Lecturer and Principal Investigator, Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, School of Medicine, University College Cork, Ireland.* 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
16.15-17.00	**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
17.00-17.30	**Panel Discussion** **Panel:** Prof James Shannon, 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	**Prize Giving - Pain Research Awards and Closing Remarks**
18.00	**AGM**