

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:
9.15 – 10.00	Prof. Ralf Baron: World-leading expert in neuropathic pain, sensory phenotyping and precision medicine. Advances in Neuropathic Pain: From Mechanisms to Clinical Practice
10.00-10.45	Prof Daniel Ciampi de Andrade: International authority on neuromodulation, CRPS and advanced pain therapeutics. 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:
11.15-12.00	Prof Line Caes: Leading health psychologist studying communication, empathy and chronic pain Paediatric Pain Management Beyond the Patient: Family, Emotion and Cognition
12.00-12.45	Prof Michelle Briggs: International expert in pain management, implementation science and patient-centred care. Neuropathic Pain: From Nerves to Narratives—Recognising the Social Experience of Pain.
12.45-13.45	Lunch break Trade exhibition and Poster presentations

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Session 3	Translating Pain Science into Clinical Practice Chairperson:
13.45-14.00	Professor Jessica Van Oosterwijck (tbc) Rewiring Pain: Advances in Pain-Stress and Pain-Motor Interactions
Session 4	Women's Health, Pain and Patients Perspective Chairperson:
14.00-14.45	Prof Andrew Horne: World leading clinician-scientist advancing diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis. Endometriosis: New Insight into Pain Mechanisms and Future Therapeutic Opportunities.
14.50-15.30	Fireside Chat: Women's health and Chronic Pain Moderator: TBC Panel: Prof Andrew Horne, Dr Sinead Hussey, Dr Louise Collins Topics include endometriosis, chronic pelvic pain, menopause, migraine, sex differences in pain, the microbiome and future priorities for women's pain research.
15.30-16.00	Coffee break Trade exhibition and Poster presentations
Session 5	The Next generation Chairperson:
16.00-16.35	Young Investigator Data Blitz Rapid 3-5 min 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 Medicine Chairperson:
16.35-17.10	Panel Discussion Moderator: Panel: The Future of Personalised Pain Medicine: Biomarkers, AI, Microbiome Science, Digital Therapeutics, Precision Medicine and Next Generation Clinical Trials.
17.10-17.15	Closing remarks