

**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>
<b>18.00</b>	<b>Arrival and registration</b>
	<b>Canapes and drinks – Foyer</b> <b>Trade exhibition and Poster presentations</b>
<b>18.30</b>	<b>Welcome - Dr Therese O'Connor / Dr John Browne / Dr Siobhain O'Mahony</b> <b>Opening Address – Dr Colm Henry</b>
<b>19.00 - 19.40</b>	<b>Guest lecture:</b> Chair: Prof George Shorten <b>Prof Vania Apkarian</b> Insights into the nature of pain perception
<b>20.00</b>	<b>Speakers' Dinner</b>
	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Lecture Theatre WGB UCC</b>
<b>7.45</b>	<b>Coffee – Foyer, Trade exhibition and Poster presentations</b>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Integrated multi-disciplinary Pain Medicine Current Topics 1</b> Chairperson: Dr Mary Jane O'Leary
<b>8.00 - 9.30</b> <b>(20 min each</b> <b>+ 10 min</b> <b>Q&amp;A)</b>	<b>Han Van Dijk</b> – Recent Advances in Physiotherapy for chronic pain <b>Mr Wail Mohammed</b> - The Evidence for Surgery in Spinal Pain <b>Dr Cormac Mullins</b> – Recent Advances in Neuromodulation <b>Dr Andrew Purcell</b> – Update: Evidence base of Radio-Frequency Lesioning in Facet Joint Pain
<b>09.30 – 10.00</b>	<b>Coffee break / Snacks</b> <b>Trade exhibition and Poster presentations</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Integrated multi-disciplinary Pain Medicine Current Topics 2</b> Chairperson: Prof Dominic Harmon
<b>10.00 -11.30</b> <b>(20 min each</b> <b>+ 10 min</b> <b>Q&amp;A)</b>	<b>Dr Rory McGuire</b> – Update in Irish Paediatric Pain Services <b>Dr Zoey Malpus</b> – Update psychology and Pain Management <b>Dr Margaret Dunham</b> – Update in chronic pain in the Aging Patient <b>Dr Arun Bhaskar</b> – Cannabinoids and Pain Management – an Update
<b>11.30 - 12.00</b>	<b>Coffee break / Snacks</b> <b>Trade exhibition and Poster presentations</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Integrated multi-disciplinary Pain Medicine Current Topics 3</b> Chair: Dr Hugh Gallagher

<b>12.00 - 13.45 (30 min each + 15 min Q&amp;A)</b>	<b>Dr Siobhain O'Mahony</b> – Diet, Microbiomes, and pain perception <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> - Hosted by <b>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</b> Education Meeting	<b>Room 2</b> <b>Irish Pain</b> <b>Physiotherapy</b> <b>Group</b> Inaugural Meeting	<b>Room 3</b> <b>Irish Pain</b> <b>Psychologist</b> <b>Group</b> Inaugural meeting	<b>Room 4</b> <b>IPRN/Irish Basic</b> <b>Science Group:</b> Education Meeting
<b>15.30 – 16.30</b>	<b>Room 5 Workshops</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pain Medicine Procedures Neuromodulation</b> (Dr Cormac Mullins)</li> <li><b>Radio-frequency Lesioning of Facet Joint</b> (Dr Andrew Purcell)</li> <li><b>Ultrasound-guided Sympathetic Block</b> (Prof Dominic Harmon)</li> <li><b>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 points confirmed with CAI / ICGP**  
**9CPD points awarded by NMBI (2 for Friday, 7 for Saturday)**

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