



International Society of Pain and Neuroscience (ISPN)

ISPN 2026: The Global Spine & Pain Revolution

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Thursday, October 22, 2026	
12:00-4:00P	Exhibitor Set Up Room Name: Zurich
8:00A-12:00P	Ultrasound Lab Course Directors: Giuliano Lo Bianco and Ali Valimahomed 8:00-8:10A - Welcome & Course Overview Giuliano Lo Bianco and Ali Valimahomed 8:10-8:25A - Ultrasound Fundamentals & Sonoanatomy Essentials Ali Valimahomed (USA) 8:25-8:35A - Patient Selection & Procedure Strategy Giuliano Lo Bianco (Italy) 8:35-11:35A - Hands-On Ultrasound Lab – 5 Rotating Stations, 35-minutes per rotation - MSK & Peripheral Nerve Entrapments (Upper Limb) - David Dickerson (USA), Reda Tolba (UAE) - MSK & Peripheral Nerve Entrapments (Lower Limb) - Adnan Al-Kaisy (UK), Robert Moghim (USA) - Lumbar Spine & Sacrum - Anuj Bhatia (Canada), David Brinkman (NL) - Trunk (Thoracic Spine and Abdomen) - Megan Linehan (USA), Remco Liebrechts (Netherlands) - Cervical Spine & Head Pain - Michael Gofeld (Canada), Hesham Elsharkawy (USA) 11:35-11:50A - Advanced Applications & Future Directions (regenerative, PNS, hybrid imaging) - Massimo Allegri 11:50A-12:00P - Wrap-Up, Key Takeaways & Q&A Additional Faculty: Nasir Khatri
12:00-1:00P	Lunch - Sponsored by Globus <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
1:00-2:30P	ISPN Board of Directors Meeting Room Name: Geneva

1:00-5:00P	Regenerative Medicine Lab Course Director: Christopher Robinson, Ansar Mahmood BMAC - Sudhir Diwan, Aaron K. Calodney mFAT - Timothy T. Davis, Adnan Al-Kaisy PRP/Protein Concentrate - Ricardo Ruiz Lopez, Jordan Lee Tate Business of Regenerative Medicine - Ansar Mahmood Additional Faculty: Nasir Khatri
2:30-4:30P	Young Innovator Pre-Conference Sessions Course Directors: Harry Soar and David van Vemde Young Innovators Committee Chair: Martina Rekatsina ● From Fellow to Force: Building a High-Impact Career in Pain Medicine Faculty: Vinny Francio, Anuj Shah, Benjamin Gill, Sheila Black, Timothy Deer This session is aimed at providing practical, real-world guidance for engaged and motivated early-career pain physicians. Topics will include making the most of training and the early consultant/attending years, personal and professional development, skills acquisition, research involvement, and building meaningful professional networks. ● Inventing Impact: Turning Pain Innovation into Clinical Reality Faculty: Jason Hannon, Ben Goss, Christopher Gilligan, Ganesan Baranidharan, Kavita Poply This session will focus on how an idea becomes a real-world clinical solution. We plan to cover the full journey- from idea generation and IP protection, through prototyping, regulatory pathways and early clinical trials, to commercialization and widespread clinical adoption. Speakers will include industry representatives, regulators, and clinician-researchers. <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
4:30-5:00P	Young Innovator Reception Sponsored by Reactiv8 Hosted by: Harry Soar, David van Vemde and Jan-Willem Kallewaard
5:00P	Welcome Reception with Exhibits Sponsored By Gold Sponsor BIOTRONIK Neuro Hosted by Dawood Sayed, Timothy R. Deer Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>

Friday, October 23, 2026		
7:45A	Registration Opens	
Time (GMT)	Topic	Speakers
Day 1 - Innovative Options for Pain Management		
Regenerative and Restorative Medicine Room Name: Matterhorn		
8:15-8:20A	Welcome to ISPN 2026: The Global Spine & Pain Revolution	Harold Nijhuis, Jan-Willem Kallewaard
8:20-8:30A	Advancements in Regenerative Medicine	Kasra Amirdelfan

8:30-8:45A	Orthobiologics: Has the Time Arrived to Incorporate Regenerative Medicine into Your Practice?	Moderated by Kasra Amirdelfan, Douglas P. Beall Panelists: Jordan Lee Tate, Sudhir Diwan, Ricardo Ruiz Lopez, Aaron Calodney, Jose De Andres, Corey Hunter
8:45-9:00A	Cellular, Acellular or Synthetic: The Research, the Evidence and the Indications	Moderated by Douglas P. Beall, Sudhir Diwan Panelists: Jonathan Carlson, Stanley Golovac, Christopher Robinson, David Brinkman, Victor M Silva Ortiz, Ansar Mahmood
9:00-9:15A	Restorative Neuromodulation for Low Back Pain: Patient Selection, Evidence, and International Experience	Moderated by Vivek Mehta, Vinny Francio Panelists: Craig Montgomery, David Abejon, Simon Thomson, Harry Soar, Chris Gilligan, Kiran Patel, Megan Linehan
9:15-9:25A	Moderated Q&A	Moderated by Kasra Amirdeflan All Faculty
Intrathecal Therapies Room Name: Matterhorn		
9:25-9:35A	The Sea Inside the Spine: The Role of Ziconotide	Georgios Matis
9:35-9:50A	The Current and Future of Targeted Drug Delivery in Common Indications	Moderated by Amin Elyas, Sheila Black Panelists: Georgios Matis, Fabricio Assis, Sam Eldabe, Adam Williams, Salim Hayek, Konstantin Slavin
9:50-10:05A	Cancer Pain: Practical Implementation of Targeted Drug Delivery for Chronic Cancer Pain and Beyond	Moderated by Alaa Abd-Elseyed, Jason Pope Panelists: Ricardo Plancarte, Ashish Gulve, Maarten Moens, Aaron Calodney, Melissa Murphy, Jan Vesper
10:05-10:15A	Moderated Q&A	Jason Pope
10:15-10:45A	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Top Abstracts Part 1 Room Name: Matterhorn		
10:45-10:47A	ISPN Top Abstracts	Kasra Amirdelfan
10:47-10:53A	Top Abstract 1:	
10:53-10:59A	Top Abstract 2:	
10:59-11:05A	Top Abstract 3:	
11:05-11:11A	Top Abstract 4:	
Ablative Therapies Room Name: Matterhorn		
11:11-11:20A	New Frontiers in Ablative Therapy	Ganesan Baranidharan

11:20-11:35A	The Evolution & Innovation in Facet Disease Treatments: Is There a New Treatment of Choice?	Moderated by Nameer Haider, Ashley Bailey-Classen Panelists: Michael Gofeld, Leonardo Kapural, Fabricio Assis, Wout van Oosterwyck, Jan Vesper, Stephen Ward
11:35-11:50A	Basivertebral Nerve Ablation: Updates on Evidence, Technique, and Patient Selection	Moderated by Dawood Sayed, Kiran Patel Panelists: Ramo Naidu, Douglas P. Beall, Nomen Azeem, Richard Ibrahim, Vinny Francio, Jad Khalil
11:50-12:00P	Moderated Q&A	Ganesan Baranidharan
12:00-12:10P	Transition to Lunch	
12:10-1:00P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Abbott How Can Innovation and Evidence Together Deliver Better Outcomes? Steven Falowski, MD, Naoufel Ouerchefani, MD, Timothy Deer, MD, Pankaj Mehta, MD Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit	
1:00-1:10P	Transition to Sessions	
Industry Panels Room Name: Matterhorn <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>		
1:10-1:25P	Challenges in Global Expansion of New Technologies	Moderated by Timothy Deer, Dawood Sayed
1:25-1:40P	Industry TBD	Moderated by Jason Pope, Kasra Amirdelfan
1:40-1:55P	Industry TBD	Moderated by Steven M. Falowski, Reda Tolba
Artificial Intelligence Room Name: Matterhorn		
1:55-2:10P	Artificial Intelligence and How It Will Impact Global Spine and Pain Care (Title TBD by the lecturer)	Robert Moghim
2:10-2:25P	The Modernization of Pain Practices with AI Tools: The Current Available Options	Moderated by Robert Moghim, Usman Latif Panelists: Lisa Goudman, Anuj Bhatia, Derron Wilson, John Prunskis, Melissa Murphy, Giuliano Lo Bianco
2:25-2:40P	How Will Artificial Intelligence Change Patient Selection, Technique and Surgical Outcomes around the World?	Moderated by Melissa Murphy, Krishnan Chakravarthy Panelists: Lisa Goudman, Usman Latif, Christopher Robinson, Giuliano Lo Bianco, Pankaj Mehta, Giustino Varrassi
2:40-2:50P	Moderated Q&A	Robert Moghim
2:50-3:20P	Break with Exhibits Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	

Pharmacologics Room Name: Matterhorn		
3:20-3:35P	Novel Pharmacological Agents in Pain Management - (Title TBD by the lecturer)	Xander Zuidema
3:35-3:50P	Beyond Opioids: How a New Generation of Medications Will Change Pain Management	Moderated by Jan-Willem Kallewaard, David Dickerson Panelists: Jose De Andres, Xander Zuidema, Haggai Sharon, Vivek Mehta, Kavita Poply, Martina Rekatsina
3:50-4:05P	The Role of Nutraceuticals in Wellness and Chronic Pain	Moderated by Timothy Deer, Angel Boev Panelists: Massimo Allegri, Christopher Robinson, Kiran Patel, Jordan Tate, Timothy T. Davis, Victor M Silva Ortiz
4:05-4:15P	Moderated Q&A	Jan-Willem Kallewaard
Science Hour Room Name: Matterhorn		
4:15-4:30P	Basic Science in SCS for Pain: What Have We Learned After 40 Years?	Ilona Obara
4:30-4:45P	Waveforms in SCS: Do They Really Have Different Mechanisms of Action?	Moderated by Ilona Obara Panelists: Usman Latif, Jose de Andres, Cecile de Vos, Krishnan Chakravarthy, Dirk de Ridder, Mazhar Rasul
4:45-5:00P	Loss of Efficacy in SCS: What Does the Science Tell Us?	Moderated by Jan-Willem Kallewaard Panelists: Anuj Bhatia, Sam Eldabe, Lisa Goudman, Ilona Obara, Jason Pope, Salim Hayek
5:00P	Day 1 Closing Remarks	Jan-Willem Kallewaard, Harold Nijhuis, Krishnan Chakravarthy
5:00-6:00P	Reception with Exhibits Sponsored by Curonix Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	

Saturday, October 24, 2026		
Time (GMT)	Topic	Speakers
7:30A	Registration Opens	
Day 2 Neuromodulation		
Expanding Indications in Neuromodulation Room Name: Matterhorn		
8:00-8:05A	Welcome Day 2	Harold Nijhuis, Jan-Willem Kallewaard
8:05-8:20A	Expanding the Boundaries: Emerging Indications in Neuromodulation	Timothy Deer

8:20-8:35A	Restoring Perfusion: The Expanding Role of SCS in Ischemic Disease	Moderated by Harold Nijhuis, Jan-Willem Kallewaard Panelists: Naoufel Ouerchefani, Jarek Maciaczyk, Frank Wille, Wout van Oosterwyck, Martina Rekatsina, Mark Malinowski
8:35-8:50A	Neuromodulation in Painful Diabetic Neuropathy: Real-world Evidence and Patient Selection	Moderated by Steven Falowski, Krishnan Chakravarthy Panelists: Ashish Gulve, Aaron Calodney, Cecil de Vos, Kenneth B. Chapman, Tiago Freitas, Sean Li
8:50-9:00A	Moderated Q&A	Jason Pope
Spinal Cord Stimulation Room Name: Matterhorn		
9:00-9:15A	The Intelligent Era of Spinal Cord Stimulation: Innovation Across Platforms	Dawood Sayed
9:15-9:30A	The Neuromodulation Ecosystem: Closed Loop, Remote Monitoring, Personalized Multi-waveform & AI Driven SCS	Moderated by Kasra Amirdelfan, Timothy Deer Panelists: Harold Nijhuis, Usman Latif, Isaac Pena, Jan-Willem Kallewaard, Stephano Palmisani, Tiago Freitas
9:30-9:45A	Rethinking SCS Systems: Advancing the Neural Interface in SCS Hardware & Lead Design	Moderated by Steven Falowski, Jason Pope Panelists: Dirk De Ridder, Jarek Maciaczyk, Rob Levy, Leonardo Kapural, Konstantin Slavin, Ilona Obara
9:45-10:00A	Is DRG Stimulation Underutilized Worldwide? Barriers to Adoption Across Borders and a Global Perspective for Therapy Expansion	Moderated by Derron Wilson, Reda Tolba Panelists: Kenneth B. Chapman, Stefan Schu, Jan Vesper, Pankaj Mehta, Frank Huygen, Kiran Patel
10:00-10:30A	Break with Exhibits and Abstract Poster Viewing Sponsored by Saluda Medical Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Top Abstracts Part 2 Room Name: Matterhorn		
10:30-10:32A	ISPN Top Abstracts	Kasra Amirdelfan
10:32-10:39A	Top Abstract:	
10:39-10:46A	Top Abstract:	
10:46-10:53A	Top Abstract:	
10:53-11:00A	Top Abstract:	
11:00-11:20A	ISPN Awards: <i>Lifetime Achievement - Frank Huygen</i> <i>Excellence in Global Education Award - Kavita Poply; Vivek Mehta</i> <i>International Clinical Excellence Award 2026 - Victor M. Silva-Ortiz</i> <i>Young Innovator of the Year - Martina Rekatsina</i>	

11:20-11:25A	Transition to Lunch	
11:25A-12:15P	Lunch Symposium Sponsored by Medtronic <i>Originator to Innovator: Shaping the Future of Pain Interventions</i> Dr. Jan Willem Kallewaard, Wesley van der Ven, Dr. Anu Kansal, Dr. Anjum Bux <i>Sponsored symposia will NOT be part of the CME program, nor eligible for CME credit</i>	
12:15-12:20P	Transition to Sessions	
Peripheral Nerve Stimulation Room Name: Matterhorn		
12:20-12:40P	ISPN Hall of Fame Lecture: Innovative Neuromodulation Therapies for Head and Facial Pain	Presented by 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
12:40-1:00P	Peripheral Nerve Stimulation: Foundations, Clinical Applications and Future Directions	Moderated by Ali Valimahomed, Reda Tolba Panelists: Morad Nasseri, Corey Hunter, Sheila Black, Naoufel Ouerchefani, Stefan Schu, Jan Vesper
1:00-1:15P	The Best Targets in PNS for Effective Therapy	Moderated by Harry Soar, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten Panelists: Jarek Maciaczyk, Simon Thomson, Eric Cornidez, Jordan Tate, David Dickerson, Sinan Barazi
1:15-1:30P	Peripheral Nerve Stimulation for Craniofacial Pain and Headache Disorders	Moderated by Alaa Abd-Elseyed, Salim Hayek Panelists: Sinan Barazi, Konstantin Slavin, Girish Vajramani, Eleni Maratos, Phillipe Rigoard, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
1:30-1:40P	Moderated Q&A	Ali Valimahomed
Advancements in Decompression of the Spine Room Name: Matterhorn		Advanced Practice Nurses Breakout Session Course Directors: Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini, Ashley Comer Room Name:
1:40-1:55P The Next Era of Minimally Invasive Spine: Global Innovation and Precision Techniques Timothy Deer		1:40-1:45P Welcome Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini
1:55-2:10P Lumbar Decompression Percutaneous vs. Open: Patient Selection from the Surgical and Interventional Perspective Moderated by Jan-Willem Kallewaard, Steven Falowski Panelists: Ganesan Baranidharan, Didier Demesmin, Jad Khalil, Soriaya Motivala, Robert Rapcan, Richard Ibrahim		1:45-2:05P Expanding SCS Indications: A Study on Chemo-induced Polyneuropathy Manon Jansen
2:10-2:25P The Evolution of Endoscopic Spine Surgery: Precision Access and Patient Selection Moderated by Gurtej Singh, Didier Demesmin Panelist: Manish Raj, Erkan Kurt, Eleni Maratos, Angel Boev, Nasir Khatri		2:05-2:25P Novel Analgesics and Opioid-Sparing Pain Care Ashley Comer

2:25-2:35P Moderated Q&A Steven Falowski		2:25-2:35P Q&A Ashley Comer, Manon Jansen
2:35-3:05P	Break with Exhibits Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>	
Minimally Invasive Techniques for Stabilization Room Name: Matterhorn		Advanced Practice Nurses Breakout Session Room Name:
3:05-3:20P Minimally Invasive SI Fusion: Indication, Techniques and Outcomes Moderated by Nomen Azeem, Ashley Bailey-Classen Panelists: Jonathan Carlson, Timothy T. Davis, Morad Nasseri, Robert Rapcan, Sudhir Diwan, Nasir Khatri		3:05-3:30P Beyond Eligibility: Pre-Screening, Exclusion Criteria, and Readiness Assessment for Advanced Procedures Caro Edelbroek
3:20-3:35P Redesigning Spine Surgery: Hardware Driven Advances in MIS Moderated by Melissa Murphy, Steven Falowski Panelists: Gurtej Singh, Jad Khalil, Manish Raj, Angel Boev, Nameer Haider, Eleni Maratos		3:30-3:50P Programming the Future: Closed-Loop SCS and the Next Era of Personalized Neuromodulation Zohra Hussaini
3:35-3:50P Rethinking Fusion: Emerging Strategies for Stabilization and Motion Preservation Moderated by Angel Boev, Robert Levy Panelists: Anuj Shah, Ramo Naidu, Ricardo Ruiz Lopez, Soriaya Motivala, Jad Khalil, Robert Rapcan		
3:50-4:00P Moderated Q&A Nomen Azeem		3:50-4:00P Q&A and Closing Remarks Caro Edelbroek, Zohra Hussaini
Best Practices and Guidelines Room Name: Matterhorn		
4:00-4:15P	Guidelines or Guardrails? The Role of Society Recommendations in Spine and Pain Care	Moderated by Jan-Willem Kallewaard, Sam Eldabe Panelists: Hemant Kalia, Mark Malinowski, Robert Levy, Stephen Ward, Johan van de Minkelis, Mazhar Rasul
4:15-4:30P	Best Practice Guidelines for Spine Injections and Radiofrequency Ablation: Evidence and Implementation	Moderated by Krishnan Chakravarthy, David Abejon Panelists: Eric Cornidez, Hemant Kalia, Salim Hayek, Stanley Golovac, Ricardo Plancarte, Sean Li, Guilherme Ferreira Dos Santos
4:30-4:45P	Defining Best Practices in Neuromodulation: Guidelines, Evidence and Clinical Reality	Moderated by Mark Malinowski Panelists Maarten Moens, Phillipe Rigoard, Frank Huygen, Georgios Matis, Johan van de Minkelis, Jean-Pierre Van Buyten
4:45-5:00P	Best Practices in Pharmacological Approaches for the Pain Patient	Moderated by David Dickerson, Xander Zuidema Panelists: Wout van Oosterwyck, Frank Wille, Sudhir Diwan, Haggai Sharon, Massimo Allegri, Ilona Obara
5:00P	Day 2 Closing Remarks	Jan-Willem Kallewaard and Harold Nijhuis

5:00-6:00P	Reception with Exhibits Room Name: Zurich <i>*Not part of the CME program</i>
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Sunday, October 25, 2026
Cadaver Lab - Offsite - Continue to the next page for the full agenda!

Please Use Public Transportation Instructions from Mövenpick Hotel Amsterdam City Centre to Amsterdam Skills Centre for Health Sciences	
7:10A	Recommended Departure Time from Movenpick
Public Transportation Directions: Mövenpick → Amsterdam Skills Centre (Please plan 40-50 minutes for travel) 1. From the Mövenpick, walk to the Muziekgebouw/Bimhuis tram stop directly outside the hotel. 2. Take Tram 26 toward Centraal Station – 1 stop. 3. At Amsterdam Centraal, follow signs for the Metro. 4. Take Metro 54 toward GEIN. 5. Exit at Station Holendrecht. 6. Walk to Amsterdam Skills Centre, Tafelbergweg 47, 1105 BD Amsterdam. Important: On Metro 54, make sure the destination shown is GEIN. That means you're traveling in the correct direction.	
8:00-8:40A	Check In at Lab – Coffee and Pastries
Lecture Series - Mumbai Room	
8:40-9:00A	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: DRG Sean Li
9:00-9:20A	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: Closed Loop Spinal Cord Stimulation Eric Cornidez
9:20-9:40A	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: Occipital Nerve Stimulation Frank Huygen
9:40-10:00A	Patient Selection, Pearls and Pitfalls: TBD
Hands-On Cadaver Workshop 1-Hour Rotation at Each Station	
10:00A-12:00P	DRG Sean Li

Groups will rotate through 2 of the 4 stations - 1 hour rotation per station	Closed Loop Spinal Cord Stimulation Eric Cornidez
	Occipital Nerve Stimulation Frank Huygen
	TBD
12:00-12:30P	Lunch <i>**not part of the CME program, not eligible for CME credits</i>
12:30-2:30P Groups to complete final 2 rotations - 1 hour rotation per station	DRG Harold Nijhuis
	Closed Loop Spinal Cord Stimulation Eric Cornidez
	Occipital Nerve Stimulation Frank Huygen
	TBD
2:30P	Departures