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Comprendere e curare il dolore
Understanding and caring pain

Pain Medicine

A long journey



50th anniversary of the First IASP Congress

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12-13 September 2025 - Firenze (IT)



PRESENTATION

The fiftieth anniversary of the first world congress on Pain Medicine (IASP congress) offers a significant opportunity to increase awareness among doctors and patients about this critical issue. The ‘Fondazione Paolo Procacci’ sought to participate in this occasion, requesting support from the ‘Fondazione Menarini’ - a key institution dedicated to advancing various scientific aspects of medicine - for organizing a commemorative event. The proposal was swiftly accepted due to the topic’s critical importance. We then reached out to potential speakers interested in contributing to this important congress from both scientific and social perspectives. Initially, we contacted the President of the IASP to recognize the significance of that first groundbreaking event. The enthusiastic response from the faculty marked the first undeniable success of our proposal.



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE STUDY OF PAIN

First World Congress



The scientific program, designed from a “meet the expert” perspective, allocates each speaker 30 minutes to discuss the key aspects that have guided their research careers from both historical and scientific viewpoints. We ensured the participation of speakers covering the historical evolution of Pain Medicine. We are especially grateful to those who accepted our invitation, notably John Loeser, for sharing pioneering insights into the scientific foundations of pain study. Only by fully appreciating the roots of this field can we understand how the pathophysiology and therapy of pain have evolved. Many of us have witnessed the rapid scientific advancements in this branch of medicine, which Descartes initially approached rudimentarily, but which has experienced fantastic growth over the last five decades, allowing for a significantly improved understanding and treatment of patients suffering from pain.

Through this commemorative event, we aim to summarize the essential aspects of scientific evolution, leaving an important legacy for new generations and encouraging them to pursue a path of cultural advancement that will, we hope, one day lead to the eradication of one of humanity’s greatest challenges: PAIN.

Giustino Varrassi and Pierangelo Geppetti

ENDORSEMENTS



**AISD - Associazione Italiana
per lo Studio del Dolore**



**ASEAPS - Association
of Southeast Asian Pain
Societies**



**EFIC - European
Pain Federation**



**FEDELAT - Federación
Latinoamericana de
Asociaciones para
el estudio del Dolor**



**FPP - Fondazione
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**IASP - International
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of Pain**



**PAS - The Pain
Association
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FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER - MORNING

- 08.00 - 08.30 Registrations
08.30 - 10.00 Opening Ceremony

SESSION I - NAVIGATING PAIN MEDICINE

Chairpersons: **P. Geppetti** (Florence, IT), **G. Varrassi** (L'Aquila, IT)

- 10.00 - 10.30 Pionering Pain Medicine
J.D. Loeser (Seattle, WA, USA)
10.30 - 11.00 Impact of IASP in the evolution of Pain Medicine
F. Cervero (Montreal, CA)

SESSION II - NEW HORIZONS IN UNDERSTANDING PAIN

Chairpersons: **G. Carli** (Siena, IT), **D. Fornasari** (Milan, IT)

- 11.00 - 11.30 What the brain tells the spinal cord: 50 years of translation
A. Dickenson (London, UK)
11.30 - 12.00 Lost in translation: New methods for pre-clinical evidence to address translational failure in pain research
A. Rice (London, UK)
12.00 - 12.30 The insula and its pain: 50 years trying to understand
L. Garcia-Larrea (Lyon, FR)
12.30 - 13.00 How intracellular trafficking controls pain
N.W. Bunnett (New York, NY, USA)
13.00 - 13.30 The role of peripheral glial cells in migraine pain
P. Geppetti (Florence, IT)
13.30 - 14.30 *Lunch*

FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER - AFTERNOON

SESSION III - NEW HORIZONS IN UNDERSTANDING PAIN

Chairperson:

- 14.30 - 15.00 Sexual dimorphism in pain: implications for therapy
F. Porreca (Tucson, AZ, USA)
- 15.00 - 15.30 Immune cells and pain
M. Malcangio (London, UK)
- 15.30 - 16.00 Dysfunction of the innate immune response as a cause for pain in arthritis
P. Ernfors (Stockholm, SE)
- 16.00 - 16.30 Can we phenotype low-back pain?
B. Morlion (Leuven, BE)
- 16.30 - 17.00 Virtual reality: Mechanisms and applications
L. Colloca (Baltimore, USA)
- 17.00 - 17.30 Metabolomics in chronic pain
M. Curatolo (Seattle, WA, USA)
- 17.30 - 18.00 Evolution of Pain Medicine as a specialty
C. Gharibo (New York, NY, USA)
- 18.00 Closing remarks for the day

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER - MORNING

SESSION IV - SPECIAL PAINFUL CONDITIONS

Chairpersons: **E. Polati** (Verona, IT), **P. Scarsella** (Florence, IT), **M. Narváez Tamayo** (La Paz, BO)

- 08.00 - 08.30 Five decades evolution in rheumatic pain
P. Sarzi-Puttini (Milan, IT)
- 08.30 - 09.00 Fibromyalgia: A better known misunderstood health problem
J.N. Ablin (Tel Aviv, IL)
- 09.00 - 09.30 Small fibres pathology in fibromyalgia syndrome.
A. Truini (Roma, IT)
- 09.30 - 10.00 Pain in the gut
C. Scarpignato (Parma, IT)
- 10.00 - 10.30 Cancer patients in pain
M.R. Guillén-Núñez (Mexico City, MX)
- 10.30 - 11.00 Q&A

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER - AFTERNOON

SESSION V - EVOLUTIONS ON ACUTE PAIN RESEARCH

Chairpersons: **A. Paladini** (L'Aquila, IT), **A. Pasqualucci** (Perugia, IT), **G. Varrassi** (L'Aquila, IT)

- 11.00 - 11.30** Guidelines for the management of osteo-arthritis acute pain
O. De Leon Casasola (Buffalo, NY, USA)
- 11.30 - 12.00** Five decades of postoperative pain management: Lessons learnt
N. Rawal (Stockholm, SE)
- 12.00 - 12.30** Postoperative neuropathic pain
E. Pogatzki-Zahn (Münster, DE)
- 12.30 - 13.00** Multimodal analgesia and its evolution in postoperative pain management
M. Hanna (London, UK)
- 13.00 - 13.30** Multimodal analgesia in acute low-back pain patients
A. Montero (Lleida, ES)
- 13.30 - 14.00** Q&A
- 14.00 - 15.00** *Lunch*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

SECRETARIAT DURING THE MEETING

The Secretariat will be open at the following times:

Friday, 12 September, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 13 September, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the meeting is English.

REGISTRATION

Attendance at the meeting is free.

For more information and to register please visit the following website:

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TECHNICAL FACILITIES

Facilities will be available for computer presentations and overhead projections.

A Slide Center with PCs (Windows and Macintosh operating systems) will be available for

Speakers to preview and finalize their presentations. Speakers are kindly requested to submit their presentations to the Slide Center technicians at least one hour before their talks.

LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS

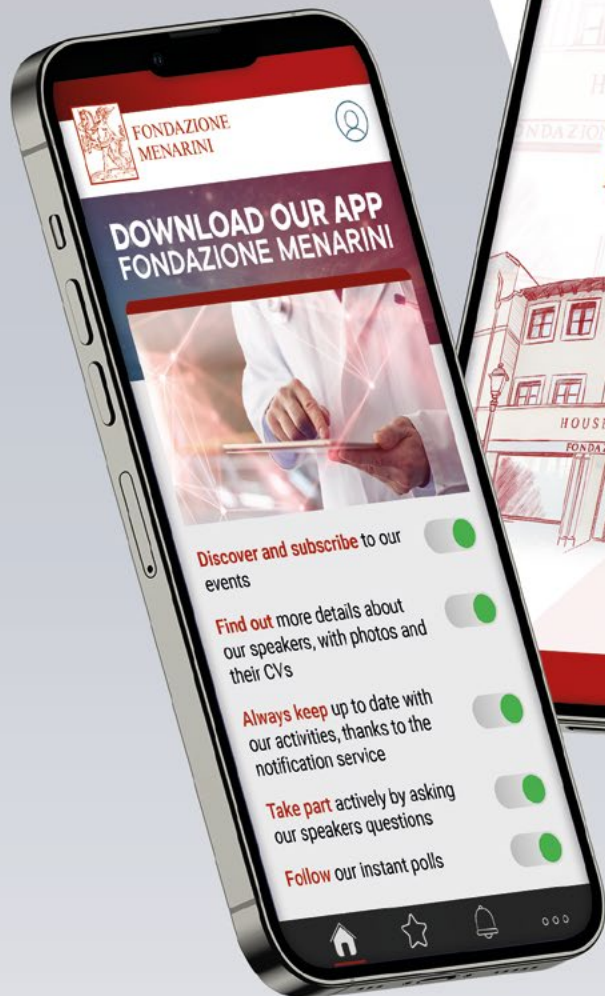
Lunch and coffee breaks will be served in the meeting area.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

The attendance certificate will be provided via email after the meeting, upon request.



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