

The 7th International Congress on

Controversies in Fibromyalgia





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Monday, March 3 08:00-17:00 Tuesday, March 4 08:30-17:00

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Coffee and lunch will be served in the Foyer at the times indicated in the Congress Program.

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Congress Abstracts

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Monday, 3 March 2025

08:00-17:00	Registration
08:50-09:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks Jacob Ablin, Israel and Piercarlo Sarzi-Puttini, Italy
09:00-09:30	Opening Lecture: Fibromyalgia Year in Review 2025 Cristina Iannuccelli, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Session 1: C	entral Sensitization and Nociplastic Pain and Cognition
09:30-09:50	The Molecular Patterns in Blood, Saliva and Muscle and their Correlation with Objective CNS Alterations and Clinical Characteristics Bijar Ghafouri, Linköping University, Sweden
09:50-10:10	Pathogenetic Mechanism of Fibromyalgia: 1, 100 or 1000 Mechanisms Jacob Ablin, Tel-Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, Israel Piercarlo Sarzi-Puttini, IRCCS Ospedale Galeazzi – Sant'Ambrogio, Italy
10:10-10:30	Nociplastic Pain: The Real Epidemiology Gary Macfarlane, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, UK
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break, Poster Viewing & Visit the Exhibition
Session 2: N in Fibromya	leuroinflammation and Neuroimmune Mechanisms algia
11:00-11:20	Neuroinflammation in Chronic Pain: Implications for Fibromyalgia Flaminia Coluzzi, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
11:20-11:40	Neuroimmune Interactions: A New Frontier in Fibromyalgia Research Heike Rittner, University Hospital Würzburg, Germany
11:40-12:00	Mechanisms of Neutrophil-Mediated Pain in Fibromyalgia Shafaq Sikandar, Queen Mary University of London, UK

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12:00-12:10	Fibromyalgia and the Painful Self: A Meta-Analysis of Resting-State fMRI Data Marco Cavicchioli, Andrea Scalabrini, Filippo Nimbi, Alessandro Torelli, Sara Bottiroli, Anna Pichiecchio, Elena Prodi, Cristina Trentini, Piercarlo Sarzi-Puttini, Federica Galli, Italy
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12:20-12:30	Associations Between Fibromyalgia Symptoms, Psychopathology, Resilience, and Posttraumatic Stress in Psychiatric Outpatients Natalia Kascakova, Jozef Hasto, Slovakia
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break, Poster Viewing & Visit the Exhibition
	sychosocial Approaches and Behavioral ont in Fibromyalgia
13:30-13:50	Emotion Regulation and the Salience Network: A Hypothetical Integrative Model of Fibromyalgia José António P. Da Silva, University Hospital of Coimbra, Portugal
13:50-14:10	Psychotherapy in Fibromyalgia: State of the Art and New Directions Fiammetta Cosci, University of Florence, Italy
14:10-14:30	Loneliness: Between Chronic Pain and Depression in Fibromyalgia Riccardo Torta, University of Turin, Italy
Oral Presen	tations of Selected Abstracts II
14:30-14:40	Health Inequities and Societal Costs for Patients with Fibromyalgia and their Spouses: A Danish Cohort Study Judi Olsen, Denmark

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14:40-14:50	Use of Cannabis Liquid Plant Extract 10 mg/ml Δ9- Tetrahydrocannabinol and 10 mg/ml Cannabidiol in Patients with Fibromyalgia Syndrome: Preliminary Data Greta Pellegrino, Alessandro Lucia, Daniele Cirillo, Laura Bazzichi, Enrico Cumbo, Silvia Sirotti, Georgios Filippou, Rodolfo Fabbri, Marta Arese, Piercarlo Sarzi Puttini, Italy
14:50-15:00	Effect and Experiences with the Digital Self-Management Program EPIO Elin B Strand, Elin Børøsund, Norway
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Tuesday, 4 March 2025

08:30-17:00	Registration	
Session 5: Fi	bromyalgia and Co-Morbidities	
09:00-09:30	Interaction of Fibromyalgia with Inflammatory Joint Disease Devy Zisman, Carmel Medical Center, Israel Victoria Furer, Tel Aviv Medical Center, Israel	
09:30-09:50	Residual Pain in Inflammatory Rheumatic and Autoimmune Diseases Piercarlo Sarzi-Puttini, IRCCS Ospedale Galeazzi – Sant'Ambrogio, Italy	
09:50-10:10	Metabolic Syndrome and Fibromyalgia Fabiola Atzeni, University of Messina, Italy	
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	mall Fiber Neuropathy and Fibromyalgia - vidence and Debate	
11:00-11:20	What Happens to Small Neurons in Fibromyalgia? Claudia Sommer, University Hospital Würzburg, Germany	
11:20-11:40	Latest Diagnostic Tools for Small Fiber Neuropathy Páll Karlsson, Aarhus University, Denmark	
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Session 7: Novel Aspects		
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12:30-12:50	The Effect of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on Pain Modulation Paradigms in Fibromyalgia Yara Agbaria, Tel Aviv University, Israel
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14:20-14:40	The Role of Psychedelics in the Management of Chronic Pain Danilo De Gregorio, San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Italy
14:40-15:00	Non-Invasive Transcutaneous Vagus Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Fibromyalgia Marco Di Carlo, Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy
15:00-15:20	What's on the Horizon? Update on Novel Approaches to Treating Nociplastic Pain Treatments as of 2025 Jacob Ablin, Tel-Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, Israel
15:20-15:40	Full Body Neuromodulation: Innovation in the Treatment of Pain Sponsored by Ottobock Marten Jakob, Ottobock, Germany
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16:00-16:10	The Role of Patients Associations Giuseppina Fabio, AISF ODV (Italian Association of Fibromyalgia Syndrome), Italy
16:10-16:20	FM Registry: Do We Need Them? Sonia Farah, Ospedale "Carlo Urbani", Università Politecnica delle Marche, Jesi (Ancona), Italy

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16:20-16:30	ENFA: The European Experience Gunilla Goran, ENFA President, Sweden
16:30-16:40	Fibromyalgia Patient Association ("ASAF") - The Israeli Experience Sharon Gur, Fibromyalgia patient association ("ASAF"), Israel
16:40-16:50	Discussion/Q&A
16:50-17:00	Congress Closing Remarks Jacob Ablin, Israel and Piercarlo Sarzi-Puttini, Italy
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P-11	Fibromyalgia: chronic pain due to a blood dysfunction? Anna Maria Aloisi, Ilenia Casini, Cristina Iannuccelli, Martina Favretti, Marina De Tommaso, Italy
P-12	Two Weeks of Home-Based Exercises Are Effective in Improving the Mental Health of Women with Fibromyalgia Alexandro Andrade, Rafaela dos Santos Cardozo, Loiane Cristina de Souza, Anderson D'Oliveira, Brazil
P-13	Immediate effect of auricular acupuncture on pain modulation in patients with fibromyalgia: findings from a real-life experience Benedetta Bianchi, Edoardo Cipolletta, Fausto Salaffi, Marco Di Carlo, Italy
P-14	Kinesiophobia: manifestation of disease or obstacle to treatment? Giulia Calabrese, Annunziata Capacci, Augusta Ortolan, Maria Antonietta D'Agostino, Italy
P-15	Nutrition and Eating Disorders in Fibromyalgia: A Topical Combination in Need of Integrated Therapies Annunziata Capacci, Giulia Calabrese, Massimo Nucci, Augusta Ortolan, Maria Antonietta D'Agostino, Italy
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P-28	Exploring The Impact Of Validation And Avoiding The Term "Pain" On Patient Well-Being And Symptom Perception In Chronic Pain Management Maximilian Philipp Kempel, Alexander Fischer, Germany
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P-30	The Interactive Effects of Systolic Extinction Training (SET) on Fibromyalgia Patients and Their Spouses Kati Thieme, Marc G. Mathys, Dennis C. Turk, Germany
P-31	Effects in sleep of NESA Neuromodulation Technique Application in patients with fibromyalgia: A case study of three patients Filip Królikowski, Justyna Frasuńska, Matylda Szlawska, Beata Tarnacka, Poland
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P-34	Antidepressant use in Fibromyalgia, Effect of Duloxetine and Analysis of C-Reactive Protein (CRP) Levels: A Retrospective Study Edwin Meresh, Adrian Loyola, Michelle Dela Rosa, Maria Matuska, Drishti Jain, Alejandra Laverde, Jade Bae, Sylwia Balata, USA
P-35	Chronic Pain Co-morbidity and Pain Medication Use in Fibromyalgia: A Retrospective Analysis Edwin Meresh, Adrian Loyola, Michelle Dela Rosa, Maria Matuska, Drishti Jain, Alejandra Laverde, Jade Bae, Sylwia Balata, USA
P-36	Emotional patterns along the fibromyalgia continuum: A cross-cultural study Ana M Pinto, Mariana A. Amaro, Sara G. Ferreira, Mariana Luís, Paula Castilho, Rinie Geenen, José A.P. da Silva, Portugal
P-37	Emotional recognition in fibromyalgia: a pilot study using emotional faces Ana M Pinto, Alexandra F. Santos, Francisca F. Costa, José A.P. da Silva, Portugal
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