



29th Annual Gabor Racz
Advanced Interventional
Pain Conference and Workshop
Budapest, Hungary August 24-26, 2026

**PROGRAM
BOOK**



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WELCOME TO THE 29TH ANNUAL GABOR RACZ ADVANCED INTERVENTIONAL PAIN CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS!

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Budapest, Hungary, for this landmark event, taking place Monday through Wednesday, August 24–26, 2026, with the FIPP/ CIPS examinations offered on Thursday, August 27, 2026. Over the past 28 years, this conference has become a cornerstone of excellence in interventional pain education, and this year's program promises to be truly unmatched.

Our primary objective remains to deliver the most up-to-date, evidence-based, and advanced knowledge in interventional pain management while continuously elevating the standard of patient care. Guided by valuable feedback from previous programs, we have designed an educational experience that integrates comprehensive lectures with multiple hands-on interventional procedure workshops, offering both clinicians and basic scientists meaningful insight into the evolving field of chronic pain treatment.

Emerging trends in interventional pain management continue to shape clinical practice worldwide. This year's program will explore advancements across a broad spectrum of therapies, including neuromodulation, regenerative medicine, cryoanalgesia, radiofrequency techniques, ultrasound-guided interventions, and AI.

The success of this conference is made possible by the exceptional dedication of our international faculty, who generously contribute their time and expertise, and by the continued support of our sponsors, without whom this program would not be possible. Their commitment allows us to deliver an educational experience of the highest quality year after year.

As we gather for the 29th Annual Gabor Racz International Interventional Pain Conference, the Racz family is honored to continue the mission and international educational community that Dr. Gabor B. Racz spent nearly three decades building. His dedication to innovation, hands-on physician education, and improving patient care remains at the heart of this meeting and continues to influence the future of interventional pain medicine worldwide.

We are thrilled that you have joined colleagues and faculty from around the world in Budapest for an educational experience unlike any other — one that will enhance your practice, deepen your understanding of interventional pain medicine, and continue the spirit of innovation and excellence that Dr. Racz championed throughout his career.

Welcome to Budapest, and enjoy the sessions and workshops ahead!

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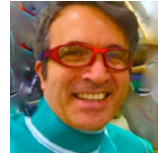
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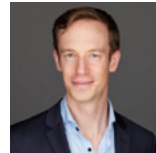
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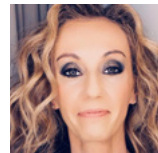
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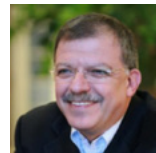
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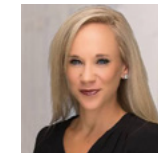
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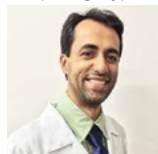
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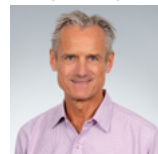
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GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE DATES AND SITE

August 24-26, 2026 · Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest
H-1051 Budapest, Erzsébet tér 7-8.

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP DATES AND SITE

August 24-26, 2026 · Semmelweis University Labs
H-1096 Budapest, Üllői út 93.

FIPP AND CIPS EXAM DATES AND SITE

August 27, 2026 · Semmelweis University Labs
H-1096 Budapest, Üllői út 93.

BUS TRANSFER

Daily bus transfers are provided within the venues
(Kempinski – Semmelweis University).

REGISTRATION DESK OPENING HOURS AT HOTEL KEMPINSKI

Sunday, August 23	14.00-18.00
Monday, August 24	07.00-13.30
Tuesday, August 25	07.30-13.30
Wednesday, August 26	07.30-13.30

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English.

INTERNET ACCESS

A free of charge Wi-Fi service is available at the venue.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

The exhibition will be open on the first floor of the Hotel Kempinski from Monday, August 24, until Wednesday, August 26. Delegates can meet representatives of pharmaceutical and diagnostic equipment companies at their stands to discuss new developments and receive up-to-date product information.



REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEE

REGISTRATION TYPE	Onsite fees
Conference and Practical Workshop (MEMBER)	2800 Euro
Conference and Practical Workshop (NON-MEMBER)	3100 Euro
Conference and Practical Workshop (RESIDENT/MEDICAL STUDENT) *	1600 Euro
Conference only (MEMBER)	1700 Euro
Conference only (NON-MEMBER)	1900 Euro
Visitor Industry Representative	1150 Euro
Accompanying person	800 Euro

Registration fees are indicated per person, in Euros, including 27% VAT and 930 Euro of subcontracted catering service.

* Proof of resident/student status is required. NOTE: THIS FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE WELCOME RECEPTION OR THE AWARD CEREMONY DINNER.

CONFERENCE & PRACTICAL WORKSHOP (MEMBER, NON-MEMBER) FEES INCLUDE

- Access to all conference sessions and commercial exhibition
- Access to FIPP or CIPS Workshop (two afternoons/participant)
- Final Program
- Welcome Reception
- Award Ceremony Dinner
- Coffee and Tea (during breaks), Lunches

CONFERENCE-ONLY (MEMBER, NON-MEMBER) FEES INCLUDE

- Access to all conference sessions and commercial exhibition
- Final Program
- Welcome Reception
- Award Ceremony Dinner
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CONFERENCE & PRACTICAL WORKSHOP (RESIDENT/MEDICAL STUDENT) FEE INCLUDES

- Access to all conference sessions and commercial exhibition
- Access to FIPP or CIPS Workshop (two afternoons/participant)
- Final Program
- Coffee and Tea (during breaks), Lunches
- PLEASE NOTE: resident/medical student fee DOES NOT include the Welcome Reception or the Award Ceremony Dinner. Tickets are available for purchase.

EXHIBITOR FEE INCLUDES

- Access to the commercial exhibition
- Final Program
- Coffee and Tea (during breaks), Lunches

ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S FEE INCLUDES

- Welcome Reception
- Award Ceremony Dinner
- Lunches on conference days



TRAIL BLAZER, FIPP, AND CIPS AWARDS CEREMONY

Master of Ceremonies

Miles Day, MD, FIPP

Opening Remarks

Miles Day, MD, FIPP, WIP President
Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS
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Presentation of

2026 Trail Blazer Award
Monique Steegers, MD, PhD, FIPP



presented by

Kris Vissers, MD, PhD, FIPP

Recognition of FIPP and CIPS honorees
from

Budapest 2025, Istanbul 2025
and Sao Paulo 2026

Monique Steegers, MD, PhD, FIPP,
Kris Vissers, MD, PhD, FIPP,
and Javier De Andres Ares, MD, PhD, FIPP

OFFICIAL SOCIAL EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION

Date & Time: Monday, August 24, 2026, 19.30-21.30

Venue: Hotel Kempinski Infinity Room (conference level)

Dress Code: Business casual

*This is included in Member, Non-Member, and Accompany registrations.
Additional tickets are available for purchase for students, residents, and
non-registered partners, priced at 80 EUR/person.*

TRAIL BLAZER, FIPP, AND CIPS AWARDS CEREMONY DINNER

Date & Time: Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 19.30-23.00

Venue: Eiffel Art Studios, Locomotive Hall

1146 Budapest, Kőbányai út 30.

Dress Code: Formal

Meeting point for bus transfer: Hotel Kempinski lobby at 19.00

*This is included in Member, Non-Member, and Accompany registrations.
Additional tickets are available for students/residents and non-registered
partners, priced at 200 EUR/person.*

Eiffel Art Studios



PROGRAM

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

7:45-8:00 **Opening Remarks** Room Two & Three
Miles Day, MD, FIPP

SECTION A

SESSION 1A - NEUROMODULATION

Room Two & Three

Moderator: Adnan Al-Kaisy, MD, FIPP (UK)

8:00-8:20 **Proactive Care in SCS: Real-World Experience**
Adnan Al-Kaisy, MD, FIPP (UK)

8:20-8:40 **The Art and Evidence of Choosing Between SCS and DRG**
Kenneth B. Chapman, MD, FIPP (USA)

8:40-9:00 **Neuromodulation: Expanding Indications for Early and Late Stage Chronic Pain**
Kenneth B. Chapman, MD, FIPP (USA)

9:00-9:20 **From Subjective Pain to Objective Control: Closed-Loop SCS**
Bolkar Sahinler, MD, FIPP (USA)

9:20-9:40 **Long Term Efficacy with Short Term Therapy with PNS**
Ali Valimahomed, MD (USA)

9:40-10:00 **SCS for Failed Neck Surgery Syndrome**
Adnan Al-Kaisy, MD, FIPP (UK)

10:00-10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

SECTION A

PLENARY SESSION 1

Room Two & Three

Moderator: Andrea Trescot, MD, FIPP, CIPS (USA)

10:30-11:00 **Keynote Lecture: Regenerative is the Future of Pain Medicine**
Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Hungary)

11:00-11:05 **Technical Break**

SESSION 2A - MISCELLANEOUS

Room Two & Three

Moderator: Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Türkiye)

11:05-11:25 **Minimal Invasive Pain Procedures vs. Surgery for Lumbar Spine Degenerative Disease, a Surgeon's Perspective**
Laszlo Entz, MD, PhD, FIPP (Hungary)

11:25-11:45 **Percutaneous Lumbar Decompression**
Ali Valimahomed, MD (USA)

11:45-12:05 **TBD**

12:05-12:25 **Challenges in Pain Management in War Zones**
Arun Bhaskar, MD, FIPP (UK)

12:25-12:45 **Interventional Pain Management for Trigeminal Neuralgia, Evidence, Indications and Outcomes**
Serdar Erdine, MD, FIPP (Türkiye)

12:45-13:30 **LUNCH**

13:30 Bus transfer to the lab for CIPS-3,4,5,6 groups and all FIPP groups
(please check your badge for your workshop schedule)

14:00-18:30 **FIPP & CIPS Cadaver Workshops** Semmelweis University
CIPS topics: LS Spine, Pelvis, CT Spine, Hip, Knee, Ankle, Abdomen, Shoulder, Elbow, Wrist
FIPP topics: Lumbar facet, SIJ RFA, Lumbar/Sacral SNRB, Thoracic Facet, SCS, Cervical Facet, Stellate

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

SESSION 3A - MINIMALLY INVASIVE SPINE SURGERY

Moderator: André Marques Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)

Room Two & Three

- 8:00-8:20 **Untangling Pelvic Pain: From Diagnosis to Management**
Tatiana Bravo, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)
- 8:20-8:40 **Minimally Invasive Neuromodulation for Facial Pain**
André Marques Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)
- 8:40-9:00 **Endoscopic Spinal Surgery: State of the Art**
Ovidiu Palea, MD, FIPP (Romania)
- 9:00-9:20 **HIFU for Facetogenic Pain Treatment**
Giuliano Lo Bianco, MD, PhD, FIPP (Italy)
- 9:20-9:40 **Emerging Concepts of Vertebral Augmentation**
Douglas Beall, MD, FIPP (USA)
- 9:40-10:00 **Basivertebral Nerve Ablation**
Sudhir Diwan, MD, FIPP (USA)

10:00-10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

PLENARY SESSION 2

Room Two & Three

Moderator: Miles Day, MD, FIPP (USA)

- 10:30-11:00 **Keynote Lecture: Less is More**
Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP (Belgium)
- 11:00-11:05 **Technical Break**

SECTION A

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

SESSION 4A – EDUCATION & AI IN PAIN MEDICINE

Moderator: Aaron Calodney, MD, FIPP (USA)

Room Two & Three

- 11:05-11:25 **Artificial Intelligence in Interventional Pain: From Prediction to Clinical Decision-Making**
Giuliano Lo Bianco, MD, PhD, FIPP (Italy)
- 11:25-11:45 **Training the Next Generation: Do We Still Need “Traditional” Fellowships?**
Monique Steegers, MD, PhD, FIPP (Netherlands)
- 11:45-12:05 **Training the Interventional Pain Physician of the Future: Ultrasound, Simulation, and AI-Assisted Learning**
Emanuele Piraccini, MD, CIPS (Italy)
- 12:05-12:25 **Pro-Con Debate: AI in Pain Medicine: Game Changer or Dangerous Illusion?**
Moderator: Miles Day, MD, FIPP (USA)
Pro: Jennifer Hah, MD, CIPS (USA)
Con: Emanuele Piraccini, MD, CIPS (Italy)
- 12:25-12:45 **Interactive Panel: Human vs AI: Who Should Make the Final Decision?**
Moderator: Giuliano Lo Bianco, MD, PhD, FIPP (Italy)
Panelists: Kenneth Chapman, MD, FIPP (USA), Emanuele Piraccini, MD, CIPS (Italy), Monique Steegers, MD, PhD, FIPP (The Netherlands), Jennifer Hah, MD, CIPS (USA)
- 12:45-13:30 **LUNCH**
- 13:30 Bus transfer to the lab for CIPS-1,2,5,6 groups and all FIPP “A” groups
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- 14:00-18:30 **FIPP & CIPS Cadaver Workshops** Semmelweis University
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FIPP topics: Sphenopalatine, Trigeminal, Lumbar Sym/Sup Hypogastric, Lumbar Disco/Caudal Neuroplasty, T2T3 Symp/Splanchnic, Cervical Epidural

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

SESSION 5A – FIPP PROCEDURES REVIEW I.

Moderator: Miles Day, MD, FIPP (USA)

Room Two & Three

- 9:20-9:40 **Intracranial Approaches to Pain Management**
Lorand Eross, MD, PhD, FIPP (Hungary)
- 8:20-8:40 **Cryoneurolysis in Pain Medicine**
Eleni Episkopou, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Greece)
- 8:40-9:00 **Pearls for Fluoroscopic Imaging Interpretation**
Javier De Andrés Ares, MD, PhD, FIPP (Spain)
- 9:00-9:20 **Treatment of Persistent Spinal Pain Syndrome 2: Repeat Surgery vs. Minimally Invasive Procedures**
Ludger Gerdesmeyer, MD, PhD, FIPP (Germany)
- 9:20-9:40 **How to Prevent Complications of Interventional Pain Procedures**
Miles Day, MD, FIPP (USA)
- 9:40-10:00 **Radiofrequency Ablation of the Lumbar Facet Joints: Still Young after more than 50 Years... Quo Vadis**
Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP (Belgium)

10:00-10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

PLENARY SESSION 3

Room Two & Three

Moderator: Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Hungary)

- 10:30-11:00 **Keynote Lecture: Inclusivity in Pain Medicine**
Miles Day, MD, FIPP (USA)
- 11:00-11:05 **Technical Break**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

SECTION A

SESSION 6A – FIPP PROCEDURES REVIEW II.

Moderator: Javier De Andrés Ares, MD, PhD, FIPP (Spain)

Room Two & Three

- 11:05-11:25 **Cervical ESI/ Cervical Facet**
Mert Akbas, MD, FIPP (Türkiye)
- 11:25-11:45 **T2T3 Sympathectomy/Thoracic SCS**
Bolkar Sahinler, MD, FIPP (USA)
- 11:45-12:05 **Discogram/SIJ RF**
Katherine Travnicek, MD, FIPP (USA)
- 12:05-12:25 **Leveraging Social Media to Enhance Patient Care**
Katherine Travnicek, MD, FIPP (USA)
- 12:25-12:45 **Caudal Neuroplasty/SIJ RF**
Miles Day, MD, FIPP (USA)

12:45-13:30 **LUNCH**

- 13:30 Bus transfer to the lab for CIPS-1,2,3,4 groups and all FIPP "B" groups
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- 14:00-18:30 **FIPP & CIPS Cadaver Workshops** Semmelweis University
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MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

7:45-8:00 **Opening Remarks** Room Two & Three
Miles Day, MD, FIPP

SECTION B

SESSION 1B - CIPS LIVE MODEL ULTRASOUND WORKSHOP

Moderator: Jennifer Hah, MD, CIPS (USA) Room One

8:00-10:00 **Live Model Scanning: hands-on scanning by delegates (4*30 min)**

- LS Spine, Pelvis
- CT Spine
- Hip, Knee, Ankle, Abdomen
- Shoulder, Elbow, Wrist

Faculty:

- Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Hungary)
- Andrea Trescot, MD, FIPP, CIPS (USA)
- André Marques Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)
- Balazs Bartos, MD, CIPS (Hungary)
- Christ Declerck, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Belgium)
- Eleni Episkopou, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Greece)
- Jennifer Hah, MD, CIPS (USA)
- Kristof Racz, MD, FIPP (Hungary)
- Leonardo Ferraro, MD, PhD, CIPS (Brazil)
- Matthieu Cachemaille, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Switzerland)

10:00-10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

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Moderator: Andrea Trescot, MD, FIPP, CIPS (USA) Room Two & Three

10:30-11:00 **Keynote Lecture: Regenerative is the Future of Pain Medicine**
Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Hungary)

11:00-11:05 **Technical Break**

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

SECTION B

SESSION 2B – CIPS PREP COURSE & WORKSHOP

Room One

Moderator: André Marques Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)

11:05-11:25 **Diagnostic Blocks: Are We Overestimating Their Value?**
André Marques Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)

11:25-11:45 **Technical Considerations for Glenohumeral Denervation**
Kristof Racz, MD, FIPP (Hungary)

11:45-12:05 **Pro-Con Debate: Selective Nerve Root Block vs Transforaminal Epidural in the Cervical Spine**
Pro: André Marques Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)
Con: Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Hungary)

12:05-12:25 **PBL & Case Discussion: Musculoskeletal Joint Disorders – Hip Joint & Greater Trochanteric Pain Syndrome**
Matthieu Cachemaille, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Switzerland)

12:25-12:45 **PBL & Case Discussion: Spine Degenerative Disorders – Cervical Spine Mechanical & Radicular Pain**
Leonardo Ferraro, MD, PhD, CIPS (Brazil)

12:45-13:30 **LUNCH**

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

SESSION 3B – REGENERATIVE MEDICINE I.

Room One

Moderator: Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Hungary)

8:00-8:20 **Regenerative Approaches to Cervical Spinal Conditions. Where are we at?**

Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Hungary)

8:20-8:40 **Subchondral Biologics for Advanced DDD and Cartilage Endplates**

Sudhir Diwan, MD, FIPP (USA)

8:40-9:00 **Cervical Disc Orthobiologics**

Aaron Calodney, MD, FIPP (USA)

9:00-9:20 **Hydrodissection. Indications, Evidence, Tips and Tricks**

Christ Declerck, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Belgium)

9:20-9:40 **Regenerative Approaches to Hip Pain and GTPS**

Matthieu Cachemaille, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Switzerland)

9:40-10:00 **Regenerative Medicine: Evidence, Safety, and Clinical Pearls**

Aaron Calodney, MD, FIPP (USA)

10:00-10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

PLENARY SESSION 2

Room Two & Three

Moderator: Miles Day, MD, FIPP (USA)

10:30-11:00 **Keynote Lecture: Less is More**

Jan Van Zundert, MD, PhD, FIPP (Belgium)

11:00-11:05 **Technical Break**

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SECTION B

SESSION 4B – REGENERATIVE MEDICINE II.

Room One

Moderator: Douglas Beall, MD, FIPP (USA)

11:05-11:25 **Advanced Orthobiologic Treatment of Knee Pain, Treating the Joint as an Organ**

Luga Podesta, MD (USA)

11:25-11:45 **Adipose Tissue in Osteoarthritis: Emerging Evidence and Future Directions**

Leonardo Ferraro, MD, PhD, CIPS (Brazil)

11:45-12:05 **Intradiscal Biologics: Allogenic vs. Autologous**

Douglas Beall, MD, FIPP (USA)

12:05-12:25 **Mesenchymal Stem Cells for Annular Repair: Emerging Strategies and Clinical Potential**

Ovidiu Palea, MD, FIPP (Romania)

12:25-12:45 **Supplements to Enhance Regenerative Medicine: What Is Out There and What Do We Have Evidence For?**

Andrea Trescot, MD, FIPP, CIPS (USA)

12:45-13:30 **LUNCH**

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

SESSION 5B – ADVANCES IN CANCER TREATMENT I.

Moderator: Liong Liem, MD, FIPP (Netherlands)

Room One

- 8:00-8:20 **Cancer Pain in 2026: State of the Art and Future Directions**
Kris Vissers, MD, PhD, FIPP (The Netherlands)
- 8:20-8:40 **Neuropathic Pain in Cancer: What Are the Current Guidelines?**
Laura Demartini, MD, FIPP (Italy)
- 8:40-9:00 **Turning Off the Sympathetic Switch: Neurolytic Approaches for Cancer Pain**
Anna Server Salvá, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Spain)
- 9:00-9:20 **Complications and New Guidelines in Abdominal Cancer Pain**
Liong Liem, MD, FIPP (The Netherlands)
- 9:20-9:40 **Delving into Strategies to Optimize Intrathecal Drug Therapy: From Patient Selection to Long-term Management**
Anna Server Salvá, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Spain)
- 9:40-10:00 **Spinal Instability Associated with Metastatic Lesions: Current Management Approaches**
Vikram Patel, MD, FIPP (USA)

10:00-10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

SECTION B

PLENARY SESSION 3

Room Two & Three

Moderator: Agnes Stogicza, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Hungary)

10:30-11:00 **Keynote Lecture: Inclusivity in Pain Medicine**
Miles Day, MD, FIPP (USA)

11:00-11:05 **Technical Break**

SESSION 6B – ADVANCES IN CANCER TREATMENT II.

Moderator: Arun Bhaskar, MD, FIPP (UK)

Room One

- 11:05-11:25 **Women's Pain Paradox**
Monique Steegers, MD, PhD, FIPP (Netherlands)
- 11:25-11:45 **Targeted Approach to Post-Mastectomy Pain and Persistent Pain Following Breast Cancer Treatment**
Anna Server Salvá, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Spain)
- 11:45-12:05 **Treatment of Persistent Pain among Head and Neck Cancer Survivors**
André Marques Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)
- 12:05-12:25 **Peripheral Nerve Entrapments in Cancer Pain**
Andrea Trescot, MD, FIPP, CIPS (USA)
- 12:25-12:45 **Neurolytic Blocks in Cancer**
Arun Bhaskar, MD, FIPP (UK)

12:45-13:30 **LUNCH**

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