Pre-Congress Program

June 20-23, 2026

Pre-congress LAPS Medical Mission in Alfenas

Organized by Carlos Marcelo De Barros, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)

June 24, 2026, Wednesday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Workshops

1. **Cadaver Workshop** (MARC Institution)
   Directors: Carlos Guerrero, MD, FIPP (Colombia), Ricardo Plancarte Sanchez MD, PhD, FIPP (Mexico)
2. **Ultrasound Workshop** (Clínica Actuali)
   Directors: Estheal Avelar, MD (Brazil), Camila Lobo Ferreira, MD, CIPS (Brazil)
3. **Regenerative Medicine Workshop** (Clínica Day)
   Directors: Jesus Medina, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Mexico), Sudhir Diwan, MD, FIPP (USA)
4. **Headache and Facial Pain Workshop** (Torre Marble)
   Directors: Tiago Freitas, MD, FIPP (Brazil), André Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)
5. **Cannabinoids Workshop** (Grand Hyatt)
   Directors: Mariana Palladini, MD (Brazil); Alexandre Mio-Pos, MD (Brazil

1:00 – 2:00 PM **Lunch & Registration** |Sponsored lunch boxes

Preliminary Congress Program

June 24, 2026, Wednesday

Session 1a – Regenerative Medicine I. (2:00 – 3:05 PM)

Moderator: Jesus Medina, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Mexico)

2:00 – 2:15 PM **Current State of Regenerative Medicine in Latin America**
Daniel Jorge, MD, MSc, PhD (Brazil)

2:15 – 2:30 PM **Clinical Implications of Exosome Therapy**
Annu Navani, MD, FIPP (USA)

2:30 – 2:45 PM **Ozone Therapy for Musculoskeletal Pain: Current Evidence and Clinical Applications**
Giulia Haendchen Fornasari, MD (Brazil)

2:45 – 3:05 PM **Keynote: Timothy Davis, MD (USA)**
Automated Digital Registry Construction and Operation

Session 1b – Regenerative Medicine II. (3:05 – 4:05 PM)

Moderator: Esthael Avelar, MD (Brazil)

3:05 – 3:20 PM **α2-Macroglobulin: Chondroprotective Mechanisms in Osteoarthritis**
Iasmin Sindeaux, MD (Brazil)

3:20 – 3:35 PM **How to Integrate Regenerative Medicine in Your Practice?**
Esthael Avelar, MD (Brazil)

3:35 – 3:50 PM **Optimizing PRP Formulations for Best Clinical Outcomes**
Sandra Martinez, MD (Colombia)

3:50-4:05 PM **Neuroprotective Potential of Stromal Vascular Fraction**
Victor Pacheco, MD, FIPP (Brazil)

4:05– 4:30 PM **Coffee Break & Poster viewing**

Session 1c – Regenerative Medicine III. (4:30 – 5:30 PM)

Moderator: Olympio Chacon, MD (Brazil)

4:30 – 4:45 PM **Prolotherapy: Evidence and Limitations**
Camila Lobo Ferreira, MD, CIPS (Brazil)

4:45 – 5:00 PM **Endoscopic Discectomy Combined with BMAC for Annular Repair**
Sudhir Diwan, MD, FIPP (USA)

5:00 – 5:15 PM **Subchondral Biologics for Advanced DDD and Cartilage Endplates**
Ana Flávia Vieira Leite, MD, FIPP (Brazil)

5:15 – 5:35 PM **Keynote Lecture: Jesus Medina, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Mexico)**
What is More Important: Biologics or Site of Injection?

Session 2 – Longevity & Wellness (5:35-6:30 PM)

Moderator: Thalita Marqueze, MD (Brazil)

5:35 – 5:45 PM **Clinical Implications of GLP-1, Drugs and Hormones on Longevity**
Vivian Campos, MD (Brazil)

5:45 – 5:55 PM **The Male Extinction: Modern Habits, Hormonal Production and Quality of Life**
Fernando Borges, MD (Brazil)

5:55 – 6:05 PM **The Biology of Chronic Pain and Aging: Modifying the Trajectory**
Diana Alvarez, MD (Colombia)

6:05 – 6:15 PM **Science behind Wellness Medicine: Sleep, Exercise, and Nutrition**
Fernanda Catena, MD (Brazil)

6:15 – 6:30 PM **Panel Discussion: Longevity and Wellness Protocols**
Moderator: Thalita Marqueze, MD (Brazil)
Panelists: Vivian Campos, MD (Brazil), Diana Alvarez, MD (Colombia), Fernando Borges, MD (Brazil), Fernanda Catena, MD (Brazil)

6:30-7:30 PM **Welcome Reception and World Cup Watching**

June 25, 2026, Thursday

07:00 – 07:50 AM **Breakfast Symposium** (Sponsored by Inomed)
Cryoneurolysis: Clinical Cases and Expert Discussion
Speakers: Jose Luiz Campos, MD, FIPP (brazil) and Alexandre Mio Pos, MD (Brazil)

Session 3a – Contemporary Clinical Pain Practice (8:00-9:00 AM)

Moderator: Paulo Renato Fonseca, MD, FIPP, MBA (Brazil)

07:50-07:55 AM **Welcome Remarks & Opening Ceremony**
LAPS Executive Board

07:55 – 08:10 AM **The Burden of Chronic Pain in Latin America: Clinical and Economic Perspectives**
Cesar Carcamo, MD (Chile)

08:10 – 8:25 AM **Redefining Pain Diagnosis: From Anatomy to Mechanisms**
Paulo Renato Fonseca, MD, FIPP, MBA (Brazil)

08:25 – 08:40 AM **Clinical Pearls for Efficient Pain Assessment in Daily Practice**
Flor Montenegro, MD, FIPP (Peru)

08:40 - 09:00 AM **Keynote Lecture: Marshall Bedder, MD (USA)**
Advancing Outcomes with Magnetic PNS?

Session 3b – Evolving Standard of Care (9:00-10:05 AM)

Moderator: Patrick Ogeerally, MD, FIPP (Venezuela)

09:00 – 09:15 AM **Standards of care in Neuromodulation: Patient Selection and Guidelines**
Tiago Freitas, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)

09:15 – 09:30 AM **When to Consider Advanced Therapies in the Pain Care Continuum**
Juan Pablo Paladino, MD, FIPP (Argentina)

9:30-9:45 AM **Optimizing Neuromodulation Outcomes: Programming Strategies**
Carlos Guerrero, MD, FIPP (Colombia)

09:45 – 10:05 AM **Keynote Lecture: Gurtej Singh, MD (USA)**
Restoring function: the intersection of Regenerative Medicine, Neuromodulation, and MIS procedures

10:05 – 10:30 AM **Coffee Break & Poster viewing**

Session 4a – Targeting Axial Spinal Pain (10:30 – 11:30 AM)

Moderator: Leandro Braun, MD, FIPP (Brazil)

10:30 – 10:45 AM **Lumbar Discogenic Pain: Therapeutic Options**
Manuel Herrero, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Spain)

10:45 – 11:00 AM **Facet and SIJ mediated pain: Cryo vs. RF Neurolysis**
Guillermo Lopez, MD (Ecuador)

11:00 – 11:15 AM **Knee and Hip Joint Neurolysis: RFA vs. Pulsed RFA**
Carlos Monroy, MD, CIPS (Mexico)

11:15 – 11:30 AM **Panel Discussion: Clinical Controversies in Low Back Pain Diagnosis**
Moderator: Leandro Braun, MD, FIPP (Brazil)
Panelists: Manuel Herrero, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Spain); Guillermo Lopez, MD (Ecuador); Carlos Monroy, MD, CIPS (Mexico), Annie Pinto, MD (Venezuela)

Session 4b – Endoscopic Spine (11:30 AM– 12:30 PM)

Moderator: Maria Constanza Bedoya, MD (Colombia)

11:30-11:40 AM **Endoscopic Discectomy Approaches**
Diego Gomez, MD (Colombia)

11:40-11 :50 PM **Endoscopic Rhizotomy : Facet vs. SI Joint**
Didier Demesmin, MD, MBA (USA)

11:50-12:00 PM **Spinal Endoscopy: Risk and Complications**
Jose Name Guerra, MD (Colombia)

12:00-12:10 PM **Controversies of Endoscopic Lumbar Spine Surgery in the Management of Lumbar Pathology**
Maria Constanza Bedoya, MD (Colombia)

12:10-12:20 PM **The Real Utility of Radiofrequency in Disc and Facet Interventions for Low Back Pain**
Fernando Medina, MD (Colombia)

12:20-12:35 PM **Panel Discussion: Endoscopic Spine Reduces FBSS**
Moderator: Maria Constanza Bedoya, MD (Colombia)
Panelists: Diego Gomez, MD (Colombia); Didier Demesmin, MD, MBA (USA); Jose Name Guerra, MD (Colombia)

12:35 – 1:30 PM **Lunch Symposium – Sponsored by Boston**
Comprehensive Interventional Pain Management with the Boston Scientific Portfolio
Speakers: Tiago Freitas, MD, PhD, FIPP and Carlos Guerrero, MD, FIPP

ISPN–LAPS Collaboration (1:30 – 6:00 PM)

Session 5a - MIS- Sacroiliac Joint Pain (1:30 – 2:35 PM)

Moderator: Dawood Sayed, MD (USA)

1:30-1:45 PM **Interventions for SI joint : Anatomy and Techniques**
Víctor Silva, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Mexico)

1:45-2:00 PM **Patient Selection for SI Fusions and Clinical Outcome**
Jonathan Carlson, MD (USA)

2:00-2:15 PM **Complications and Learning Curve**
Doug Beall, MD, FIPP (USA)

2:15-2:35 PM **Keynote: Dawood Sayed, MD (USA)**
Changing the Therapeutic Landscape of SI Joint Pain

Session 5b – MIS – SI Joint fusion Approaches (2:35 – 3:30 PM)

Moderator: Kasra Amirdelfan, MD (USA)

2:35-2:50 PM **Posterior and Posteriolateral Approach : Allograft vs Metal Implant (15 min)**

Pankaj Mehta, MD (USA)

2:50-3:05 PM **Lateral Fusion Strategies (15 min)**
Doug Beall, MD (USA)

3:05-3:20 PM **The Best Evidence for SI Joint Fusions (15 min)**
Kasra Amirdelfan, MD (USA)

3:20-3:40 PM **Keynote: Timothy Davis, MD (USA)**
Automated Digital Registry Construction and Operation

3:40 – 4:00 PM **Coffee Break & Poster viewing**

Session 6a – Spinal Instability & Axial Back Pain (4:00-5:00 PM)

Moderator: Pankaj Mehta, MD (USA)

4:00-4:15 PM **Facet Fusion**
Didier Demesmin, MD, MBA (USA)

4:15-4:30 PM **Interspinous "ZEEP" Fusion**
Pankaj Mehta, MD (USA)

4:30-4:45 PM **Posterolateral & Direct Arthrodesis Using MIS**
Ashley Bailey Classen, MD (USA)

4:45-5:05 PM **Keynote: Gregory Moore, MD (USA)**
Intracept for Vertebrogenic Pain

Session 6b - Current Evidence: Sacroiliac Joint Fusions and Lumbar MIS (5:00 – 6:00 PM)

Moderator: Timothy Deer, MD, FIPP (USA)

5:05-5:15 PM **Evidence for Sacroiliac Joint Fusions**
Dawood Sayed, MD (USA) and Doug Beall, MD, FIPP (USA)

5:15-5:30 PM **Panel Discussion: Review of the Evidence for SI Joint Fusions**

Moderator: Dawood Sayed, MD (USA)

5:30-5:40 PM **Evidence for Lumbar MIS**
Timothy Deer, MD, FIPP (USA) and Pankaj Mehta, MD (USA)

5:40-5:55 PM	**Panel Discussion: Review of the Evidence for MIS Lumbar Spine**
5:55-6:15 PM	**Keynote Lecture: Timothy Deer, MD, FIPP (USA)** **The Future: MIS or Neuromodulation**
6:15-7:00 PM	**Cocktail Reception** (Sponsored by ISPN)
7:00 PM	Faculty dinner (invitation only)

June 26, 2026, Friday

NO BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM!!!!

Session 7a – Complex Neuropathic Pain Syndromes (08:00-09:00 AM)

Moderator: Wendy Rojas, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Bolivia)

08:00-08:15 AM	**Thoracic Outlet Syndrome: Step Based Approach to Interventional Management** Karen Braghiroli, MD (Brazil)
08:15-08:30 AM	**Radiculopathy vs Peripheral Neuropathy: Clinical Differentiation and Peripheral Nerve Hydrodissection** Andre Mansano, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)
08:30 – 08:45 AM	**CRPS: Early Clinical Recognition and Interventional Approaches** Rodrigo Díez-Tafur, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Peru)
08:45 – 9:00 AM	**Stellate Ganglion Block for Non-pain Indications** Marcela Samano, MD (Mexico)

Session 7b – Postherpetic Neuralgia (09:00-10:00 AM)

Moderator: Marcela Torreblanca, MD (Mexico)

09:00 – 09:15 AM	**Neurolytic Interventions for Postherpetic Neuralgia** Juan De La Cruz Pineda, MD, FIPP (Mexico)

09:15-09:30 AM **Management of Acute Zoster**
Wendy Rojas, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Bolivia)

09:30-09:40 AM **PNS for PHN**
Tiago Freitas, MD, PhD (Brazil)

09:40 –10:00 AM **Keynote Lecture: Krishnan Chakravarthy, MD**
Revolutionizing the Pain Management Landscape: Remote Monitoring and Digital Health Platforms

10:00 – 10:30 AM **Coffee Break & Poster viewing**

Session 8a – Cancer Pain & Palliative Care (10:30-11:35 AM)

Moderator: Carlos Marcelo De Barros, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)

10:30 – 10:45 AM **Personalized Cancer Pain Approach**
Ale Ismael Gonzalez, MD, FIPP (Mexico)

10:45 – 11:00 AM **Breakthrough Pain: Practical Clinical Algorithms**
Maria Jose Quiroga, MD (Peru)

11:00 – 11:15 AM **Interventional Pain Management in Palliative Care**
Carolina Hernandez Porras, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Mexico)

11:15 – 11:35 AM **Keynote Lecture: Ricardo Plancarte Sanchez, MD, PhD, FIPP (Mexico)**
Osteocementoplasties in Cancer Osteogenic Pain

Session 8b – Advanced Neuromodulation in Cancer Pain (11:35 AM-12:35 PM)

Moderator: Manoel Jacobsen Teixeira, MD (Brazil)

11:35 – 11:50 PM **SCS for Cancer Related Neuropatic Pain**
Bilena Molina, MD, FIPP (Colombia)

11:50 – 12:05 PM **Intrathecal Pumps in Refractory Cancer Pain: When and How to Use Them**
Carlos Marcelo De Barros, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)

12:05 – 12:20 PM **Complications of Intrathecal Pumps and SCS in Cancer Patients**
Ana Gisse López Uribe, MD (Mexico)

12:20 – 12:35 PM **Panel Discussion: Challanges to Access Neuromodulation in LATAM**
Moderator: Manoel Jacobsen Teixeira, MD (Brazil)
Panelists: Bilena Molina, MD, FIPP (Colombia); Carlos Marcelo De Barros, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil); Ana Gisse López Uribe, MD (Mexico)

12:35 – 1:35 PM **Lunch Break – Sponsored by Adium**
Practical Tips on Buprenorphine: What Makes a Difference in Clinical Practice
Speakers: Paulo Renato Fonseca, MD, FIPP (Brazil)**,** Carlos Marcelo De Barros, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)

Session 9 – Visceral Pain: Pelvic vs. Abdominal Pain (1:45-3:15 PM)

Moderator: Angie Navarrate, MD (Nicaragua)

1:45 – 2:00 PM **Chronic Pelvic Pain: A Clinical Framework**
Thalita Marqueze, MD (Brazil)

2:00 – 2:15 PM **Abdominal Wall Pain Syndromes: Beyond ACNES**
Paola Diaz, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Colombia)

2:15 – 2:30 PM **Visceral Pain Syndromes: Evaluation and Management Strategies**
Adriana Sandoval, MD (Mexico)

2:30 – 2:45 PM **Neuromodulation for Pelvic Pain**
Sudhir Diwan, MD, FIPP (USA)

2:45 – 3:05 PM **Keynote Lecture: Mayank Gupta, MD (USA)**
Topic: Chronic Abdominal Discomfort Syndrome

3:05 – 3:35 PM **Coffee Break & Poster viewing**

Session 10 – Education and Research (3:40-5:00 PM)

Moderator: Cesar Carcamo, MD, FIPP (Chile)

3:40– 3:55 PM **Training the Next Generation of Pain Physicians**
Gabriella Lauretti, MD, MSc, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)

3:55 – 4:10 PM **Clinical Guidelines in Pain Medicine: How to Use Them**
José Luiz Campos, MD, FIPP (Brazil)

4:10-4:45 PM **Best Poster Presentations**
Carlos Guerrero, MD, FIPP (Colombia); Rodrigo Diez-Tafur, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Peru), Camila Lobo Ferreira MD, CIPS (Brazil)

6:00-7:00 PM **Cocktail Hour**

7:30 PM **Gala Dinner**

June 27, 2026, Saturday

NO BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM!!!!

Session 11a - Headache & Craniofacial Pain (08:00-09:00 AM)

Moderator: Francisco Morato Abreu, MD, FIPP (Brazil)

08:00 – 8:15 AM **Migraine: Clinical Stratification for Interventional Referral**
Mariana Palladini, MD (Brazil)

08:15 – 08:30 AM **Trigeminal Neuralgia: Clinical Red Flags**
Gustavo Aquino, MD, FIPP (Brazil)

08:30 – 08:45 AM **Occipital Neuralgia and Cervicogenic Headache**
Soraya Cruz Loor, MD, FIPP (Ecuador)

08:45 – 09:00 AM **Panel Discussion: Diagnostic Challanges for Craniofacial Pain**
Moderator: Francisco Morato Abreu, MD, FIPP (Brazil)
Panelists: Mariana Palladini, MD (Brazil); Gustavo Aquino, MD, FIPP (Brazil); Soraya Cruz Loor, MD, FIPP (Ecuador)

Session 11b – Neurolytic Procedures for Neuropathic Pain (09:00-10:00 AM)

Moderator: Alexandra Raffaini, MD (Brazil)

09:00-9:15 AM	**Multi Tined RF Ablation Approach for Neuralgenic Spine Pain** Alexander Mio-Pos, MD (Brazil)
9:15-9:30 AM	**Long Lasting Pain Relief Using Cooled RF 24-month Results** José Luiz Campos, MD, FIPP (Brazil)
9:30-9:45 AM	**Cryoneurolysis of Joints (Hip and Knee)** Charles Oliveira, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)
9:45-10:00 AM	**Panel Discussion: Neurolysis: Clinical Pearls and Controverses** Moderator: Alexandra Raffaini, MD (Brazil) Panelists: Alexander Mio-Pos, MD (Brazil), José Luiz Campos, MD, FIPP (Brazil), Charles Oliveira, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)
10:00 – 10:30 AM	**Coffee Break & Poster viewing**

Session 12a – Multidisciplinary Pain Care (10:15-11:30 AM)

Moderator: Andres Rocha-Romero, MD (Costa Rica)

10:15-10:30 AM	**Current Evidence in Neuromodulation: The Best Evidence** Adnan Al-Kaisy, MB ChB, FRCA, FFPMRCA, FIPP (United Kingdom)
10:30 – 10:45 AM	**Rehabilitation and Functional Restoration** Paulo Renato Fonseca, MD, FIPP (Brazil)
10:45 – 11:00 AM	**Suicide Risk in Chronic Pain Patients: Recognition and Prevention** Carlos Morales, MD (Colombia)
11:00 – 11:30 AM	**Panel Discussion: Building Effective Multidisciplinary Pain Units in LATAM** Moderator: Andres Rocha-Romero, MD (Costa Rica)

Panelists: Adnan Al-Kaisy, MB ChB, FRCA, FFPMRCA, FIPP (United Kingdom), Paulo Renato Fonseca, MD, FIPP (Brazil); Carlos Morales, MD (Colombia)

Session 12b: Partnership with Industries and Healthcare Leaders (11:30-12:30 PM)

Roundtable Panel Discussion with Technology Industries and Pharmaceuticals (11:30-12:00 PM)
Topic: How to Build a Collaborative Partnership with Industries?
Moderator: Douglas Beall, MD, FIPP (USA)

- Boston Scientific – TBD
- Medtronic – Sergio Bras
- Avanos – Rogerio Gomes da Silva
- Metrum – Andres Aragon
- Epimed – Vincent Lopez
- CMO Neuralace Medical - Marshall Bedder, MD

Roundtable Panel Discussion with Healthcare Leaders (12:00-12:30 PM)
Topic: How to Make Pain Therapist Affordable and Accessible?
Moderator: José Luiz Campos, MD, FIPP (Brazil)

- Scientific Director of SBED, Charles Oliveira, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Brazil)
- Healthcare Policy Maker, Carlos Marcelo De Barros, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)
- President of Sobramid - Jose Oswaldo de Oliviera Jr. (Brazil)
- Cristina Batista - MD, Brasilia, President of Anesthesiolgy Society in Brasilia (Brazil)

12:30 – 1:30 PM **Lunch Break**

Session 13 – Therapeutic Debate: Pros and Cons Panel Discussions (1:30-2:30 PM)

Moderator: Carlos Guerrero, MD, FIPP (Colombia)

1:30–1:50 PM **SCS: To Trial or Not to Trial? Is a Trial Still Necessary in SCS? Pros & Cons of Mandatory Trialing Before Permanent Implant**
Rodrigo Diez-Tafur, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Peru) and Carlos Guerrero, MD, FIPP (Colombia)

1:50-2:10 PM **Phenol Neurolysis in Non-Cancer Pain: A Forgotten Tool or an Unacceptable Risk?**
Pros & Cons of Phenol Use Beyond Cancer Pain
Andres Rocha-Romero, MD (Costa Rica) and Carlos Marcelo De Barros, MD, PhD, FIPP (Brazil)

2:10-2:30 PM **Psychological Screening in Interventional Pain**
Gatekeeper or Care Enhancer?
Pros & Cons of Mandatory Psychological Evaluation Before Advanced Pain Therapies
Michael Schatman, DO (USA) and Carlos Morales, MD (Colombia)

Session 14a – Advanced Neuromodulation 1 (2:30-3:30 PM)

Moderator: Rodrigo Díez-Tafur, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Peru)

2:30-2:45 PM **Psychological Comorbidities: Clinical Screening Tools**
Michael Schatman, PhD, CPE (USA)

2:45-3:00 PM **DRG vs. PNS: Criteria to Decide the Best Option**
Jonathan Carlson, MD (USA)

3:00-3:15 PM **Extraforaminal Spinal Nerve Stimulation**
Danielle Kohr, MD (Germany)

3:15-3:30 PM **Panel Discussion: Closed Loop vs. Open Loop SCS**
Moderator: Rodrigo Díez-Tafur, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Peru)
Panelists: Jonathan Carlson, MD (USA); Danielle Kohr, MD (Germany), Michael Schatman, PhD, CPE (USA)

3:30-4:00 PM **Coffee break**

Session 14b – Advanced Neuromodulation 2 (4:00-4:50 PM)

Moderator: Víctor Silva, MD, FIPP, CIPS (Mexico)

4:00-4:15 PM	**SCS: Technique and Complications** Carlos Guerrero, MD, FIPP (Colombia)
4:15-4:30 PM	**SCS: How to Select the Best Option?** Sean Li, MD (USA)
4:30-4:50 PM	**Keynote Lecture: Kenneth Chapman, MD, FIPP (USA)** DRG vs. SCS for Axial Low Back Pain: What works best?
4:50-5:00 PM	**Group Photo**
5:00-5:30 PM	**LAPS Committees Meetings**