

# Annual RIMS Conference

Crossing the Interface to  
Explore New Possibilities

20 – 22 June 2019  
Ljubljana

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## INVITATION

Dear colleagues,

It gives us the greatest pleasure to **invite you** to join us at the **Annual Conference of RIMS 'Crossing the Interface to Explore New Possibilities'**, to be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from **Thursday 20 June to Saturday 22 June 2019**. The Conference is organised in partnership with the **MS Centre Ljubljana**.

The RIMS Conference is **the main European event for Healthcare professionals, researchers and patient representatives** to share their knowledge and experiences, and collaborate on topics related to rehabilitation in Multiple Sclerosis. In 2019, the conference main theme is 'Crossing the Interface to Explore New Possibilities' and focuses on the following 5 areas:

- **Beyond Europe**
- **Integrated Care**
- **Technical Opportunities**
- **The Sociological Perspective**
- **Lessons from the Laboratory**

We look forward to welcoming rehabilitation physicians and neurologists, nurses and therapists (e.g. exercise physiologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists, neuropsychologists, social workers, speech and language therapists) and **all professionals involved or interested in MS rehabilitation research and practice**.

We hope to meet you in Ljubljana!

Yours sincerely,  
**Vincent de Groot, RIMS President**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**28 FEBRUARY 2019**  
Abstract Submission Deadline

**20 MARCH 2019**  
Early Bird Deadline

## LOCATION

The Conference takes place at the Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre.

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## PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2019

11:00 - 15:00	Nurse Training Programme	
11:00 - 15:00	Teaching Course (Upper Extremity & Modern Technology)	Teaching Course (Falls in MS)
12:30 - 15:30	PhD Student Session	
16:00 - 19:00	SIG - Patient Autonomy	SIG - Communication & Swallowing
	SIG - Psychology & Neuropsychology	SIG - Mobility
	SIG - Occupation	SIG - Bladder, Bowel & Sexuality

### FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019

09:00 - 10:55	<b>WELCOME, OPENING LECTURE and KEY NOTE I</b>	
09:00 - 09:25	<b>WELCOME</b> Speaker: Prof. Vincent de Groot (VUMC Amsterdam, The Netherlands) Prof. Uroš Rot (UMC Ljubljana, Slovenia)	
09:25 - 10:10	<b>OPENING LECTURE: Cognition and Consequences for Learning, Rehabilitation and Social Participation</b> Speaker: Prof. John DeLuca (Kessler Foundation, United States)	
10:10 - 10:55	<b>KEY NOTE I: Shift MS</b> Speaker: Prof. George Pepper (Shift MS, United Kingdom)	
10:55 - 11:10	Poster Express (15x1min)	
11:10 - 11:40	Coffee Break & Exhibition	
11:40 - 13:10	<b>SESSION I &amp; II</b> Session I: The Sociological Perspective	Session II: Lessons from the Laboratory
11:40 - 12:05	<b>Lecture:</b> Participation Has to Change: from Self-Sufficiency to Sense of Belonging Speaker: Dr Alice Schippers (Disability Studies in the Netherlands)	<b>Lecture:</b> Epidural Spinal Cord Stimulation to Enable Locomotion: Historical Approaches in Multiple Sclerosis and Current Studies in Spinal Cord Injury Speaker: Dr Karen Minassian (Medical University of Vienna, Austria)
12:05 - 12:30	<b>Lecture:</b> EBC Multiple Sclerosis Value of Treatment and Policy Narrative Speaker: Prof. Frédéric Destrebecq (European Brain Council, Belgium)	<b>Lecture:</b> Effects of Exercise in EAE Animal Models Speaker: Prof. Diego Centonze (Tor Vergata University, Italy)
12:30 - 13:10	Platform Presentations I (4x10min)	Platform Presentations II (4x10min)
13:10 - 13:40	Lunch & Exhibition	
13:40 - 14:20	Poster Viewing	
14:20 - 14:50	Satellite Symposium	
14:50 - 15:50	<b>SESSION III &amp; IV</b> Session III	Session IV
14:50 - 15:50	Platform Presentations III (6x10min)	Platform Presentations IV (6x10min)
15:50 - 16:20	Coffee Break & Exhibition	
16:20 - 16:35	Poster Express II (15x1min)	
16:35 - 18:05	RIMS General Assembly	
20:00 - 22:00	Scientific Networking Dinner	

### SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019

09:00 - 10:35	<b>WELCOME and KEY NOTE II &amp; III</b>	
09:00 - 09:05	<b>WELCOME</b> Speaker: Prof. Vincent de Groot (VUMC Amsterdam, The Netherlands)	
09:05 - 09:50	<b>KEY NOTE II: Rehabilitation In and Beyond Europe</b> Speaker: Prof. Peter Feys (University of Hasselt, Belgium)	
09:50 - 10:35	<b>KEY NOTE III: Let's Talk about Pelvic Problems</b> Speaker: Prof. David B. Vodusek (Clinical Neurophysiology, Ljubljana, Slovenia)	
10:35 - 10:50	Poster Express III (15x1min)	
10:50 - 11:20	Coffee Break & Exhibition	
11:20 - 13:00	<b>SESSION V &amp; VI</b> Session V: Integrated Care	Session VI: Technical Opportunities
11:20 - 11:45	<b>Lecture:</b> Economic Analysis of Chronic Care Model Speaker: Dr Melissa Desmedt (University of Hasselt, Belgium)	<b>Lecture:</b> The Internet of Things Speaker: Prof. Gerd Kortuem (TU Delft, The Netherlands)
11:45 - 12:10	<b>Lecture:</b> Co-design for Implementing Patient Participation in Hospital Services Speaker: Prof. Walter Sermeus (KU Leuven, Belgium)	<b>Lecture:</b> Brains in Action: Cortical Hemodynamic Activity during Movement Speaker: Prof. Marco Bove (University of Genoa, Italy)
12:10 - 13:00	Platform Presentations V (5x10min)	Platform Presentations VI (5x10min)
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch & Exhibition	
13:30 - 14:00	Poster Viewing	
14:00 - 14:40	<b>SESSION VII &amp; VIII</b> Session VII	Session VIII
14:00 - 14:40	Platform Presentations VII (4x10min)	Platform Presentations VIII (4x10min)
14:40 - 15:05	<b>RIMS Honorary Lecture: Together in a Multi-Stakeholder Approach: a Key to End MS</b> Speaker: Prof. Mario Battaglia (Italian MS Society, Italy)	
15:05 - 15:25	<b>AWARDS PRESIDENT ADDRESS PRESENTATION OF THE NEXT CONFERENCE</b>	

For the latest version of the programme, please visit the conference website:  
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(until 20 March 2019)  
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non-RIMS members: € 370 (€ 451,5 incl VAT)

##### REGULAR registration fee

(from 21 March until 16 June 2019)  
RIMS members: € 400 (€ 488 incl VAT)  
non-RIMS members: € 530 (€ 646,6 incl VAT)

##### ON-SITE registration fee

(as from 17 June 2019)  
RIMS members: € 450 (€ 549 incl VAT)  
non-RIMS members: € 600 (€ 732 incl VAT)

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(until 20 March 2019)  
Teaching Course\*  
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€ 60 (€ 73,2 incl VAT)

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(RIMS and non-RIMS Members)  
€ 70 (€ 85,40 incl VAT)

##### ON-SITE registration fee

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Teaching Course\*  
(RIMS and non-RIMS Members)  
€ 80 (€ 97,60 incl VAT)

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It is also possible to register for a Teaching Course only, without registering for the entire conference.

#### ACCREDITATION

An application for CME Credits (ECMEC) at the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) has been submitted.



Ljubljana is one of those surprising European cities you might not have heard much about, but upon visiting, you quickly realise it's a secret little gem. Ljubljana is also one of the smallest capitals of Europe. This is a big plus, as everything you want to see or do is within a reasonable distance, which makes it a great destination for a short stay!