



PROGRAM

**DECEMBER 4 – 5, 2026
MONTREUX MUSIC AND CONVENTION CENTRE – 2M2C
MONTREUX**

SPECIAL SESSION FOR NURSES, DECEMBER 4, 2026

WELCOME MESSAGE

Chers collègues, chers amis,

Notre spécialité évolue vite. A partir de modèles anciens, souvent réducteurs, nous avons développé des concepts et des compétences interdisciplinaires et multidimensionnels, plus proches de la réalité clinique, plus proches des besoins réels des patients. Nous espérons que ces changements, validés au cours des précédents congrès sont acquis pour la plupart et le temps est venu de nous atteler à de nouveaux challenges.

Notre proche futur sera d'intégrer et de valider les thérapies développées récemment.

Certaines s'inscrivent dans la continuité, comme les ablations par cryoneurolyse et par ultrasons focalisés de haute intensité (HIFU); d'autres encore en développement scientifique nous orientent vers la réparation tissulaire et, pour les enthousiastes, vers la régénération. Ce sont nos nouveaux sujets de réflexion et de travail.

À ces challenges scientifiques se joignent les problèmes administratifs: faire reconnaître, toujours et encore, la valeur de notre travail et de ces nouvelles approches auprès de nos partenaires payeurs.

Durant ce congrès, nous allons échanger sur tous ces sujets.

Bon congrès !

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen, liebe Freunde

Unser Fachgebiet entwickelt sich rasant weiter. Ausgehend von alten, oft simplifizierenden Modellen, haben wir interdisziplinäre und mehrdimensionale Konzepte sowie Kompetenzen entwickelt, die näher an der klinischen Realität und näher an den tatsächlichen Bedürfnissen der Patienten liegen. Wir hoffen, dass diese Veränderungen, die auf den vergangenen Kongressen validiert wurden, für die meisten von uns inzwischen selbstverständlich sind. Nun ist es an der Zeit, neue Herausforderungen anzunehmen.

Unsere unmittelbare Zukunft wird darin bestehen, kürzlich entwickelte Therapien zu integrieren und zu validieren. Einige davon stehen in der Kontinuität bestehender Verfahren, wie die Ablation durch Kryoneurolyse und durch hochintensiven fokussierten Ultraschall (HIFU). Andere befinden sich noch in der wissenschaftlichen Entwicklung und weisen uns den Weg in Richtung Gewebeheilung sowie – für die Enthusiasten unter uns – in Richtung Regeneration. Dies sind unsere neuen Denk- und Arbeitsfelder.

Zu diesen wissenschaftlichen Herausforderungen gesellen sich administrative Aufgaben. Es gilt, den Wert unserer Arbeit und dieser neuen Ansätze immer und immer wieder gegenüber unseren Kostenträgern geltend zu machen und anerkennen zu lassen.

Im Rahmen dieses Kongresses werden wir uns zu all diesen Themen austauschen.

Ich wünsche Ihnen einen erfolgreichen Kongress!



Philippe Mavrocordatos



Thomas Mietzsch



Christophe Perruchoud

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INFORMATION

Congress date

The meeting will start on Friday, December 4, at 09:15 AM, and will finish on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at 12:00 AM.

Congress venue and location

MONTREUX MUSIC AND CONVENTION CENTRE – 2M2C

5, avenue Claude Nobs

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www.2m2c.ch

How to get there:

by car: highway, exit at **Montreux** (from north-ouest) and at **Villeneuve** (from south-east)

by train: Geneva to Lausanne/Montreux; Zurich to Bern/Lausanne, change in Lausanne to Montreux.

Congress organizer

CP Consulting has been selected as the official Congress organizer to process registrations, exhibition and sponsorship. All correspondence should be sent to:

CP Consulting

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Congress documents and badges

Congress documents should be collected on location at the welcome desk at the MONTREUX MUSIC AND CONVENTION CENTRE (2M2C). Name badges must be worn visibly at all time during the congress and in the exhibition area.

Certificate of attendance

A certificate of attendance will be distributed at the congress from Friday afternoon onwards. This certificate will also facilitate to claim CME credits in your country.

Continuing medical education (CME) credits

The Swiss Pain Congress has CME approval for the official scientific program. The number of credits will be confirmed on the certificate of attendance.

About Montreux

Montreux is located between lake and mountains, called the Swiss Riviera. Montreux enjoys a particularly mild and pleasant climate thanks to its privileged location on the shores of Lake Geneva and at the foot of the Alps. There is always something happening on the Swiss Riviera, whether it be the international events punctuating the year: the Jazz Festival in July, the Septembre Musical in September, the Festival du Rire and the Christmas Market in winter. The fascinating landscape of the Swiss Riviera makes your stay unforgettable. The

beautiful terraced vineyards of Lavaux, diving into the crystal blue waters of Lake Geneva, offering a breathtaking view which leaves nobody untouched, are part of the UNESCO world heritage.

Montreux is an ideal place for meetings and starting point for excursions in Western Switzerland.

How to get to Montreux

Located in the centre of Europe, Montreux is easily accessible by air (Geneva/Zurich), car or train from all major European cities. Montreux is only 1 hour away from the international airport of Geneva, 2 hours from the international airport of Zurich. These airports have its own trains station linked to (Berne), Lausanne, Montreux.

Letter of invitation for visa purposes

A letter of invitation can be requested once the applicable fees have been paid. Letters of invitation do not imply a commitment from the congress to provide financial support.

Congress office

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Official language

The official meeting language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Registration desk opening hours

Friday, December 4, 2026:	08:00 – 17:00
Saturday, December 5, 2026:	08:00 – 10:00

Insurance

A personal travel insurance policy to cover theft, loss and medical problem is highly recommended. CP Consulting as organizer cannot accept to be held liable for any problem caused during the participant's travel and stay at the congress.

Visa

The entry formalities for Switzerland vary according to the country of origin. All visitors entering Switzerland must possess a valid passport (for EU-citizens, a valid Identity card). Please check the current visa requirements on www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home.thml.

Website

www.ssipm.ch

Registration

Registration can be done on-line: <https://SSIPM.ch/events/swiss-pain-congress-2026/>. Once registered and paid, you will get the final confirmation of your participation. **No refund would be provided after November 10, 2026. No shows without payment will be charged with CHF 200.00.**

Registration fees

Category	until	09.11.26	from	10.11.26
Members of SSIPM and SNS	CHF	350.00	CHF	400.00
Non members	CHF	450.00	CHF	500.00
Trainees and students	CHF	250.00	CHF	300.00
Health professionals (nurses)	CHF	250.00	CHF	300.00
Workshops (phantom/ultrasounds)	CHF	230.00	CHF	270.00
Social event (aperitif and dinner)	CHF	110.00	CHF	110.00

(For trainees and students, a letter of confirmation from the Head of Department or a student card has to be shown at the welcome desk.)

Take advantage of the early bird registration fee and register before November 10, 2026.

(Participant's registration fees include admission to the scientific sessions, congress documents, including badge and congress bag, programme, access to commercial exhibition, coffee breaks, lunches and certificate of attendance will be handle out at the welcome desk at the MONTREUX MUSIC AND CONVENTION CENTRE 2M2C.)

Methods of payment

Payment of registration and social event may be made by bank transfer to the following account:

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Payment on location may be made through **cash** only.

Accommodation

www.montreux-vevey.com

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026

09:15

(Miles Davis)

OPENING CEREMONY

Thomas Mietzsch (President SSIPM)

Philippe Mavrocordatos (Congress chairman SSIPM)

Christophe Perruchoud (Congress chairman SNS)

09:30 – 11:00

NEUROMODULATION

Chair: Christophe Perruchoud, Geneva

09:30

The placebo effect in spinal cord stimulation

Anuj Bhatia, Toronto (CA)

10:00

Neuromodulation for craniofacial pain

Antonios El Helou, Toronto (CA)

10:30

Complications and failures in SCS: what have we learned ?

Konstantin Slavin, Chicago (USA)

11:00

(Foyer)

COFFEE BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

11:30 - 13:00

REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

Chair: Philippe Mavrocordatos, Lausanne

11.30

Regenerative and longevity medicine: from research to real-world clinical impact

Annu Navani, San Jose (USA)

12:00

Stem cells or PRP for the spine

Aaron Calodney, Tyler (USA)

12:30 - 14:00

(Foyer)

LUNCH BREAK, INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

13:00 – 14:00

(Miles Davis)

SYMPOSIUM SALUDAMEDICAL

From ECAP sensing to sustained outcomes: advancing spinal cord stimulation with the Evoke® Closed-Loop therapy

Jarek Maciaczyk, Bonn (DE)

Dalibor Arapovic, Berlin (DE)

14:00-17:00

(Agora 3)

SPECIAL SESSION FOR NURSES

- 14:00 **PANSER LA DOULEUR AUTREMENT**
Mettre des mots sur les maux: comprendre et évaluer
Sylvie Klopfenstein, Lausanne
- 15:00 **NUTRITION**
De l'assiette au soulagement: quelle place pour la nutrition dans la douleur chronique
Sophi de Felice, Geneva
- 16:00 **MEDECINE INTÉGRATIVE**
Douleur chronique: quelle place pour la médecine intégrative dans le parcours de soins?
Thomas-Thi Pluess, Vevey
- 14:00**
(Miles Davis) **SPECIAL LECTURE (REGENERATIVE MEDICINE)**
Why some PRP work and some don't
Giuliano Lo Bianco, Palermo (IT)
- 14:00 – 15.30** **SPINE**
Chair: Blaise Rutschmann, Geneva
- 14:00 Basivertebral nerve ablation
Robert J. Kinne, Decatur (USA)
- 14:30 Surgical effectiveness: perception versus reality?
Ian Harris, Sydney (AU)
- 15:00 Practical tips, 20 years' experience
Aaron Calodney, Tyler (USA)
- 15:30 – 16:30** **INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TECHNIQS**
Chair: Matthieu Cachemaille, Geneva
- 15:30 Digital tools for pain assessment and follow-up
Anuj Bhatia, Toronto (CA)
- 16:00 Optogenetic and precision medicine: the future of pain therapy
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- 16:30 *COFFEE BREAK*
- 17:00 – 18:30** **GENERAL SSIPM ASSEMBLY**
(Miles Davis)
- 20:00** **GALA DINNER - Chaplin's World**
(Meeting point: 2M2C, Miles Davis entrance at 7:15 PM)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

**09:00 - 11:00 CLINICAL DECISION MAKING IN INTERVENTIONAL PAIN
MEDICINE: THREE PERSPECTIVES**

Chair: Angela Hähnsen, Zurich

09:00 *NEUROSURGERY*

Indication for surgery: clinical decision making from a neurosurgical
perspective

Daniel Coluccia, Zurich

09:30 *INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MEDICINE*

Clinical decision making in CRPS: indication for interventional pain
procedures

Michael Harnik, Bern

10:00 *RHEUMATOLOGY*

Clinical decision making and interventional pain procedures in a
rheumatological clinic

Stephan Gadola, Basel

10:30 *INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE: ONE PATIENT – THREE
PERSPECTIVES – ONE DECISION ?*

Chair: Cédric Luyet, Bern

Case-based interdisciplinary discussion: two real clinical cases including
imaging

Daniel Coluccia, Michael Harnik, Stephan Gadola

11:00 – 12:00 TARDOC

Chair: Thomas Mietzsch, Wetzikon

11:00 Newest changes as well as limitations

Emmanuel Coradi, Zurich

12:00 *GOOD BYE DRINKS WITH SANDWICHES*

12:30 – 14:45 GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF WIRM, WIP AND SNS

(Miles Davis)

12:30 WIRM (World Institute of Regenerative Medicine)

Philippe Mavrocordatos, Lausanne

13:15 WIP (World Institute of Pain)

Matthieu Cachemaille, Geneva

14:00 SNS (Swiss Neuromodulation Society)

Eva Koestner, Mendrisio

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Aaron Calodney, Tyler (USA)
Daniel Coluccia, Zurich (CH)
Emmanuel Coradi, Zurich (CH)
Stephan Gadola, Basel (CH)
Michael Harnik, Bern (CH)
Ian Harris, Sydney (AU)
Antonios El Helou, Torondto (CA)
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Christophe Perruchoud, Geneva
Blaise Rutschmann, Geneva

US WORKSHOP

(Agora 1-2)

PAIN PROCEDURE UNDER US

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026 (10:00 – 12:00)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026 (10:00 – 12:00)

10:00 - 12:00

WORKSHOP: Ultrasound guided interventional pain treatment
(Sponsor: SAMSUNG MEDITRON)

Teachers: **David Lorenzana**, Zurich
Eric Deman, Basel
Mariluz Padilla del Rey, Geneva

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COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

During the meeting, an attractive commercial exhibition will take place, open to all participants and accompanying persons. All coffee breaks and catering will be served in the exhibition area.

Exhibition opening hours: Friday, December 4, 2026, from 9 AM to Saturday December 5, 2026, till 12 AM.

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