

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Congress Venue & Official Hotel

Hilton Boston Park Plaza  
50 Park Plaza  
Boston, MA 02116, USA

The ICRS has secured a substantial block of quality hotel rooms at competitive rates at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza. The booking link is available on the event website: [www.cartilage.org/icrs2025](http://www.cartilage.org/icrs2025).

### Call for Abstracts

Abstract submission will be open from February 15 to April 15, 2025 (no deadline extension will be granted).

### Scientific Hot Topics (Basic & Clinical Research)

Joint Preservation (Knee, Patellofemoral, Hip), Cartilage Regeneration, Artificial Intelligence in Cartilage Repair, Animal Models, Osteotomies, Biomarkers, Biomaterials & ECM-Derived Scaffolds, Biomechanics, Cell-derived Biologics, Cartilage Development, Chondrocytes, Early Osteoarthritis and the Gap Patient, Immunology-Cytokines-Regenokine, Imaging (Protocols/Modelling/Machine Learning), Joint-Specific Cartilage Repair, Lessons from Failed Repair, Minimally Invasive Technology, Molecular Regulation of Repair, Medication and Cartilage, Meniscus Repair/Scaffolds/Transplants, Adhesion and Fixation Strategies, Innovation and Translation, Interfaces and Cross Talk, Synovial Membrane, Biophysical Therapies, Prehabilitation, Rehabilitation & Outcome, Microbiome and Lifestyle, Stem Cells & Growth Factors, Subchondral Bone, Understanding Cartilage-Related Pain and much more...

For more information, scan this QR code:



### Awards & Honours ICRS 2025

Awards for the best abstracts and posters, as well as for other achievements, will be given during the ICRS Opening & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 11, 2025.

### Scholar- and Fellowship Opportunities at ICRS 2025

Empowering the next generation of researchers and clinicians, ICRS 2025 will offer exciting scholarship and fellowship opportunities to support participation in the World Congress. Stay tuned for updates on how to apply.

### CME Credits

The ICRS 2025 Congress intends to be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Information on accreditation and the number of awarded CME credits will be available mid-2025 on the event website.

### Course Language

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

## REGISTRATION & FEES

You can only register online at [www.cartilage.org/icrs2025](http://www.cartilage.org/icrs2025). Sign up by **May 31, 2025**, to take advantage of our significantly reduced registration fees!

(ALL FEES IN EURO)	Early Bird until May 31	Normal Fee Jun 1 – Sep 30	Late Fee from Oct 1
Junior Members, Residents, Students & Physiotherapists*	€ 390*	€ 490*	€ 520*
ICRS Members	€ 540	€ 640	€ 740
Non-ICRS Members	€ 690	€ 790	€ 890
Industry Associates	€ 790	€ 890	€ 990

The registration fees include access to all sessions and industry exhibitions, a welcome reception, refreshments, registration material, a programme overview, an app & a certificate of attendance.

**Registration Cancellation & Name Change:** Written notification is required for all congress cancellations and name changes. Notifications should be sent to the Cartilage Executive Office [office@cartilage.org](mailto:office@cartilage.org). Refunds for cancellations are as follows: 50% refund for cancellations before May 31, 2025. No refund thereafter. Name changes will be charged with a fee of € 100.  
**Payment:** Fees are in Euro and are accepted as follows: Bank Transfer, Credit cards (VISA, AMEX, Mastercard).

### ICRS Membership Benefits

Attendees who apply for ICRS membership right before registration will immediately benefit from the highly reduced members' fee. Membership applications should be made online before course registration. Please note that ICRS Members not in good standing with their membership dues for 2025 will be charged the non-member fee.

### Important Dates

Deadline Course Registration Early Fee	May 31, 2025
Deadline Cancellation of Registration (refund 50%)	May 31, 2025
Hotel Reservation Deadline	August 31, 2025
Deadline Course Registration Normal Fee	September 30, 2025
Increased Late Fee as from	October 1, 2025

### Disclaimer

ICRS and the course organizers cannot accept any liability for the acts of any suppliers to this meeting nor of the safety of any attendee while in transit to or from, or at the event. All participants are strongly advised to carry proper travel- & health insurance.

### Event Cancellation

ICRS may elect to cancel the World Congress due to circumstances beyond our control, such as disaster, severe weather, pandemic disease, civil commotion or government laws or regulations. In the event of such cancellation, all World Congress registrants will be notified by email at the address provided in the ICRS database and registration fees will be partially refunded. Other costs incurred by the registrant, such as airline or hotel penalties, are the responsibility of the registrant.

## JOIN THE CARTILAGE REVOLUTION

### ICRS returns to its Boston roots in 2025!

*Relive the legacy, meet the legends and the luminaries,  
Feel the revolutionary spirit of the past, present, and future,  
Be at the center of it all in the world's most vibrant healthcare hub!*

Our new, immersive session format puts you in the middle of the action – bring your questions, bring your skills, bring your ENERGY! Personalized medicine takes center stage, with patient AND physician-specific strategies delivering individualized state-of-the-art solutions that apply to you and your patients, in your own local practice and regulatory environment. We invite cross-talk: Not just between cells and tissues, but between people and across specialties, stakeholders and sociodemographic strata, to make your conference truly inclusive and interdisciplinary. Watch the masters perform live surgery and learn the pearls and the principles of joint preservation across the spectrum of resource availability in your country, from established techniques to emerging technologies. Our field is changing rapidly, with tools like Artificial Intelligence being both a catalyst to change and an opportunity to level the playing field – don't be left behind, stay at the cutting edge of the revolution – attend ICRS in Boston 2025!

- Innovative, immersive format
- Comprehensive, cutting-edge topics
- Relevant, revolutionary approaches
- Scientific & surgical breakthroughs!

## SPONSORING OPPORTUNITIES

We are thrilled to announce the return of this premium educational event and extend this special invitation to innovative companies specializing in cutting-edge technologies for diagnosing, regenerating, repairing, protecting, or rehabilitating joint cartilage surfaces. Whether your expertise lies in stem cells, growth factors, PRP, bioactive composites, synthetics, scaffolds, allografts, their combinations, or new approaches, this is a prime opportunity for you to showcase your advancements. All sponsorship opportunities can be found here:



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& Joint Preservation Society

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### Congress Organizing Office:

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# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Saturday, October 11, 2025

<b>10:00 - 18:00</b> REGISTRATION		
<b>13:00 - 14:30</b> Free Paper Session OPEN & ARTHRO- SCOPIC HIP PRESERVATION	<b>13:00 - 14:30</b> Free Paper Session CELL DERIVED BIOLOGICS	<b>13:00 - 14:30</b> Free Paper Session "MIX UP" HETERO - VS ORTOTOPIC & ALLOGEN VS AUTOLOGOUS
<b>14:30 - 15:15</b> COFFEE BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTER VIEWING ICRS MENTORING – SUSTAINABLE MINI ARENA		
<b>15:15 - 16:30</b> Special Session IMAGING 3 + 1	<b>15:15 - 16:30</b> Special Session PT(OA)	<b>15:15 - 16:30</b> Special Session TISSUE CHAT & ACROSS THE BORDERS
<b>16:45 - 18:15</b> OPENING CEREMONY & AWARDS SESSION HONORARY LECTURES		
<b>18:30 - 20:00</b> WELCOME RECEPTION		

## Organization

### Programme Co-Chairs

Sylvia **Nürnberg**er, Vienna, Austria  
Simon **Goertz**, Boston, USA

### Programme Committee Members

Jakob **Ackermann**, Zurich, Switzerland  
Iris **Gerner**, Vienna, Austria  
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### ICRS 2025 Congress Chair

Alan **Grodzinsky**, Cambridge, USA

### ICRS 2025 Local Hosts

Eric **Berkson**, Boston, USA  
Myron **Spector**, Boston, USA

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Sunday, October 12, 2025

<b>07:15 - 08:30</b> INDUSTRY BREAKFAST SYMPOSIA			
<b>08:30 - 09:45</b> Special Session MENISCUS MANIA DISCOVERY SERIES	<b>08:30 - 09:45</b> Special Session CELL YOUR SOUL TO SCIENCE	<b>08:30 - 09:45</b> Special Session INNOVATION TANK I	
<b>10:00 - 10:45</b> INVITED LECTURES			
<b>10:45 - 11:15</b> COFFEE BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTER VIEWING MINI ARENA			
<b>11:15 - 12:30</b> Special Session OUR LITTLE GUESTS LIFESTYLE, ENDO, MICROBIOME	<b>11:15 - 12:30</b> Special Session LOST IN TRANSLATION	<b>11:15 - 12:30</b> Special Session OWN THE BONE	
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b> INDUSTRY SPONSORED SATELLITE LUNCH SYMPOSIA			
<b>13:45 - 14:45</b> INVITED LECTURES			
<b>14:45 - 15:45</b> COFFEE BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTER VIEWING POSTER PITCHES MINI ARENA			
<b>15:45 - 17:00</b> Free Paper Session OMICS	<b>15:45 - 17:00</b> Free Paper Session BIO- MECHANICS	<b>15:45 - 17:00</b> Special Session TBD	<b>15:45 - 17:00</b> Free Paper Session BIOLOGICS / VISCOSUPPLE- MENTATION
<b>17:15 - 18:30</b> Free Paper Session MENISCUS & ACL	<b>17:15 - 18:30</b> Free Paper Session STEM CELLS, DERIVATES AND GENE THERAPY	<b>17:15 - 18:30</b> Special Session TBD	<b>17:15 - 18:30</b> Free Paper Session PRP PROFILING
<b>19:00 - 22:30</b> PRESIDENT'S DINNER			

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday, October 13, 2025

<b>07:15 - 08:30</b> INDUSTRY BREAKFAST SYMPOSIA			
<b>08:30 - 09:30</b> INVITED LECTURES			
<b>09:45 - 11:00</b> Special Session LIVE SURGERY DEMO	<b>09:45 - 11:00</b> Special Session OARSI UPDATE EARLY- STAGE SYMPTOMATIC KNEE OA CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA INITIATIVE	<b>09:45 - 11:00</b> Special Session FROM LAB RATS TO LIFE HACKS	
<b>11:00 - 11:45</b> COFFEE BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTER VIEWING MINI ARENA			
<b>11:45 - 12:45</b> Free Paper Session TBD	<b>11:45 - 12:45</b> Free Paper Session TBD	<b>11:45 - 12:45</b> Special Session INNOVATION TANK II	<b>11:45 - 12:45</b> Free Paper Session TBD
<b>12:45 - 13:45</b> INDUSTRY SPONSORED SATELLITE LUNCH SYMPOSIA			
<b>14:00 - 15:15</b> Special Session IMMUNOLOGY/ INFECTION	<b>14:00 - 15:15</b> Special Session COMPOUNDS	<b>14:00 - 15:15</b> Special Session MANY WAYS TO ROME	
<b>15:15 - 15:45</b> COFFEE BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTER VIEWING MINI ARENA			
<b>15:45 - 17:00</b> Free Paper Session SPORTS/PT	<b>15:45 - 17:00</b> Free Paper Session ORTHOBIOLGICS (COMBINED WITH BA)	<b>15:45 - 17:00</b> Free Paper Session VETS & CO: IN- VIVO MODELS & PATIENT ANIMALS	
<b>17:00 - 18:30</b> ICRS GENERAL ASSEMBLY – MEMBERS ONLY			
<b>19:30 - 23:00</b> CONGRESS DINNER			

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

<b>08:00 - 09:45</b> MINI BATTLES / JOINT-TALKS		
<b>09:45 - 10:15</b> COFFEE BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTER VIEWING MINI ARENA		
<b>10:15 - 11:30</b> Special Session WITH PAIN NO GAIN	<b>10:15 - 11:30</b> Special Session PATELLOFEMORAL	<b>10:15 - 11:30</b> Special Session NOT HOODOO VOODOO
<b>11:45 - 13:00</b> Free Paper Session SYNOVIAL MEMBRANE	<b>11:45 - 13:00</b> Free Paper Session FUTURE DIRECTIONS – OTHER JOINTS	<b>11:45 - 13:00</b> Free Paper Session FIXATION STRATEGIES – GLUING, SCREWING, SEWING
<b>13:00</b> WORLD CONGRESS ADJOURNMENT		

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