

June 2026



Your Monthly News & Updates



## **Words from the President!**

The ECTS 2026 meeting brought together leading experts in calcified tissues for dynamic and insightful discussions spanning both clinical practice and research in bone diseases. The pre-congress programme highlighted the Society's action groups and strategic partnerships, while the scientific sessions fostered exchange through debates, state-of-the-art updates, translational insights, and meet-the-expert formats. Young researchers and clinicians presented their work through oral and poster sessions, further demonstrating ECTS's strong commitment to supporting both established professionals and the next generation of talent across research and clinical care.

After three years of dedicated leadership, Peter concluded his presidency, handing over to Martine. A clinician with a strong background in basic research, Martine has devoted her career to improving the understanding and management of bone diseases. She commented: *“Integrating clinical and scientific approaches is essential to advancing our understanding of bone and mineral disorders and improving patient care. My priorities are to accelerate the translation of research into clinical practice, strengthen ECTS's global partnerships, and foster an inclusive environment. I also remain deeply committed to supporting mentorship and career development for emerging clinicians and researchers.”*

ECTS continues to be a dynamic and forward-looking society, fostering innovation, collaboration, and excellence across both bone research and clinical practice.

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# COMMITTEE



## **ECTS: A Member-Driven Society Advancing the Calcified Tissue Field**



By Martina Rauner

ECTS is driven by the dedication and active involvement of its members, with invaluable coordination and support provided by the ECTS staff. The current activities of ECTS are conducted within nine overarching committees with over 100 ECTS members involved. The Society's scientific and educational activities thrive because of the voluntary contributions of its members, including training programmes, the annual congress, clinical and basic science guidelines, and the dissemination of knowledge.

This strong culture of engagement makes ECTS a vibrant, collaborative, and productive community. Over the years, many members have built lasting

professional relationships and collaborations through their involvement in the Society.

ECTS operates a rotational committee system, providing an opportunity to all members, including early career professionals to apply for positions through the [online application](#) form. This ensures regular renewal of committee membership, encourages fresh ideas and diverse perspectives, and promotes active community participation to shape the future direction of the ECTS.

Serving on an ECTS committee provides an excellent opportunity to expand professional networks, gain leadership experience, and contribute to initiatives that advance the field of calcified tissues. The dedication and expertise of committee members are fundamental to the Society's ability to provide a community and resource for researchers and clinicians across Europe and beyond.

Thank you to all past and current committee members for your dedication to the ECTS!

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## *News from the world*

### **AI: Real Revolution, Real Concerns**



By François Robin

AI is becoming increasingly prevalent in our daily lives, and the medical and scientific fields are no exception: diagnostic support, treatment decisions, scientific guidance... the applications seem endless and are constantly improving.

Some recent editorials and studies highlight the need for caution. For example, the recent widespread use of AI, particularly in scientific publications, has led to a significant rise in the number of false citations, increasing from around four per 10,000 to 57 per 10,000 in 18 months. If this ability of LLMs to hallucinate was known, it is also the plausibility of the form and content of the generated quotes that raises questions.

More generally, scientific practice is, by nature, full of uncertainty, and doctors, regardless of their experience, use this uncertainty as a driving force behind their work. The fact that LLMs find it impossible or extremely difficult to admit their lack of knowledge represents a significant risk of standardisation of practices in the years to come, potentially limiting advances in medicine and the sciences more broadly.

The potential is enormous, but caution is required.



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### **Paper of the Month:**

#### **A Dive into the Molecular Features of the Human Growth Plate**



By Marco Angelozzi

Growth plates are the drivers of longitudinal bone elongation. However, their molecular regulation in humans remains cryptic. The Chagin lab at the University of Gothenburg uncovers this issue through a transcriptomic atlas of the postnatal

human growth plate, providing an invaluable look into the mechanisms governing skeletal growth, including the description of human growth plate stem cells and the identification of growth hormone actions. This study serves as a precious resource for the future development and optimization of treatments for growth disorders.

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### **Call for Open Fora and Workshop Suggestions for ECTS 2027 Congress in Bruges!**

The Open Fora are a great way to educate the ECTS community on important topics to you, gain international visibility and broaden your outreach by being part of the ECTS Annual Congress Pre-Congress day.

Individuals, societies, institutions, groups, are invited to submit programme suggestions for the organisation of an Open Forum, to be held on Friday, 21 May

2027, during ECTS 2027 Congress in Bruges. Deadline for programme suggestions is 5 September 2026.

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### **Registration is still open for the ECTS PhD Training Course in Manchester!**

This prestigious PhD Training Course, aimed at promoting general knowledge of bone research to young investigators, is now in its 19th year and has been hailed as one of the most innovative and successful courses in the bone field.

The course programme incorporates interactive teaching sessions on a variety of topics with a primary focus on basic science, but with additional clinical context. An example of the topics likely to be included in the programme is provided below. Another important aspect of the course is the opportunity for students to network and obtain feedback on their project. Student will present and discuss their work with peers and Faculty members through poster and short oral presentations of their PhD project. Networking and mentoring sessions with Faculty members also

provide opportunities for career development. The course has been of immense value to previous participants, and the networks that form during these events will help to sustain the musculoskeletal field in Europe into the future.

[Register Today!](#)



The banner features a light blue background with orange borders. On the left, the text reads "IFMRS HERBERT FLEISCH WORKSHOP: EUROPE" in large, bold, black letters, with "PRESENTED BY DDEA" in smaller blue text below. To the right, a circular graphic contains the dates "14-16 SEP 2026". Further right, a scenic image of a lake at sunset is shown, with "FREDERIKSDAL, DENMARK" written in white on a blue circular background. At the bottom right, logos for IFMRS, ECTS, and the Danish Diabetes and Endocrine Academy are displayed.

**Bringing the Herbert Fleisch Workshop to Europe:**

**A Community-Driven Initiative.**



By Alexander Rauch

The Herbert Fleisch Workshop (HFW) is a long-standing and highly regarded format in musculoskeletal research, combining scientific excellence with interdisciplinary exchange and dedicated mentoring of early-career researchers.

Established in honor of Herbert Fleisch (1933–2007), the workshop has its roots in the Davos meetings (1985–2007) and was revived in 2014 under the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS). It was subsequently held four times in Belgium (2014, 2016, 2019, 2022) through the efforts of Roger Bouillon and Christa Maes, before evolving into a rotating model among member societies, with the first edition outside Europe organized by ANZBMS in 2025.

Follow the link to find additional information about the [workshop](#) and how to register for the [event](#).

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**13 - 14  
NOVEMBER**

## **ONLINE CLINICAL TRAINING COURSE**

Enhance your clinical expertise from anywhere in the world through our flexible online course. Designed for healthcare professionals, this program covers essential topics in bone and mineral disorders, combining expert-led lectures with interactive case discussions.



**You can now register for the ECTS Clinical Training Course!**

This two-day training course is specifically designed for clinicians in training with an interest in mineral metabolism and metabolic bone diseases, including osteoporosis. The programme will provide participants with the fundamental and advanced knowledge in clinical skills for the evaluation and management of patients with a metabolic bone disease. Delegates will gain a comprehensive understanding of diagnostic tools and treatment options.

The training course will combine state-of-the-art lectures with discussion of instances and cases.

[Read more here](#)



**You are invited to the 5th edition of OIFE Investigator Meeting on 13 November 2026!**

The umbrella association Osteogenesis Imperfecta Federation Europe (OIFE), together with members from Advisory Board, invite you to register for the 5th virtual European Investigator Meeting for osteogenesis imperfecta (OI).

[Learn more here](#)

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## Announcements and Events

### Education and Events:

- Boost your learning with ECTS eCampus! Join our live webinars, explore expert-led lectures, and discover more exciting resources. [Start today!](#)
- IHN Core Educational Curriculum Slide Toolkit. [Check it out.](#)

### Society's life:

- ECTS membership renewal for 2026 is now open: Be part of ECTS in 2026: become member of a dynamic community in the musculoskeletal field and take advantage from a wide range of benefits. [Join or renew your membership now – View the membership benefits](#)
- Let us know if you would like to be actively involved in ECTS activities and you may be called to be part in one of our committees or action groups. [Complete an online form here.](#)
- Are you following us on social media? You can stay connected with the ECTS outside of this newsletter. We are regularly sharing updates, important deadlines and it is a great way to connect with your fellows too! [LinkedIn](#) and [new Bluesky.](#)
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### Job Opportunity:

- Do you have an exciting job opportunity that you would like to share with the ECTS Community? [Submit your job posting here.](#)

#### **Suggested Reading:**

- Could targeting GREM1 be the key to reducing peri-implant fibrosis and improving osseointegration? [Read the article](#)

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#### **Announcements and Events from our Partner Societies**

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