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ECTS Congress 2026 – Executive Overview



The 53rd European Calcified Tissue Society (ECTS) Congress will take place 24–27 April 2026 in Girona, Spain, bringing together global experts in bone, mineral, and musculoskeletal science. The event serves as a leading European platform for presenting breakthroughs across basic, translational, and clinical research.

The programme features plenary lectures, specialised symposia, workshops, and poster sessions, covering a broad spectrum of musculoskeletal topics – from molecular mechanisms and mineral metabolism to clinical innovations and emerging therapies.

Participants can expect strong networking opportunities, engagement with industry partners, and exposure to state-of-the-art science shaping the future of bone and mineral research.

BROAD SCIENTIFIC SCOPE

ECTS 2026 covers an extensive range of topics:

- Bone biology and mineral metabolism
- Osteoporosis and related metabolic bone diseases
- Musculoskeletal diseases
- Endocrinology, oncology, nephrology, neurology, rheumatology, gastroenterology, and more

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

1. Plenary Sessions With Global Thought Leaders

High-level talks from internationally recognised experts covering major advances in bone metabolism, musculoskeletal disease mechanisms, and innovative therapeutic approaches.

2. Symposia & Workshops on Cutting Edge Science

A broad range of sessions

3. Poster Sessions Showcasing Innovative Research

Interactive poster presentations provide opportunities for researchers at all career stages to present new data and discuss emerging ideas with peers and experts.

CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION BY REGISTERING TODAY



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Academy Events at the Congress.

The ECTS Congress is approaching, and the ECTS Academy is preparing a series of events designed specifically for new investigators, clinicians, and researchers in skeletal biology.



Whether you are attending the ECTS Congress for the first time or are a regular participant and looking for mentorship, networking opportunities, scientific discussion, or simply a place to connect with peers, the Academy programme offers several engaging activities throughout the congress.

[See the Events](#)



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ADVANCING BONE RESEARCH - TOGETHER

ECTS Academy Activities at the ECTS Conference 2026

Friday, April 24th

13:00–15:00, Sala 1: Open Forum – Experimental Approaches in Rare Bone Diseases

Saturday, April 25th

18:05–19:05, Sala Petita: NI Mentoring Session

Saturday, April 25th

19:10–20:00, Sala Petita: Poster Forum Basic

Saturday, April 25th

19:10–20:00, Sala d’Assaig: Poster Forum Clinical

Saturday, April 25th

21:00 - 22:00, Sala d’Assaig: Charity Event - Use your brain for FOP
Fun and interactive quiz night covering Spain, ECTS, history, and more.
Please scan the QR code to register.



Sunday, April 26th

11:50–12:50, Sala d’Assaig: Meet the ECTS Academy

Monday, April 27th

11:40–12:40, Sala Cambra: NI Seminar and Gathering

• **Join us at the ECTS Academy Lounge throughout the conference!**

Stop by, connect with colleagues, and learn more about Academy activities

Online Competition – Test Your Knowledge!

Join our online Q&A online competition and put your knowledge to the test! The quiz includes fun and engaging questions about:

ECTS

ECTS Academy!

Scan the QR code and complete the questionnaire online.

The winner will be announced at the networking dinner and can look forward to a fantastic prize that’s definitely worth showing off! 🏆 ✨



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News from the world

News from the World: AI, more computation than intelligence? By Antonio Maurizi

In a review published in *Nature*, David Adam discusses Luc Julia's new book, *The AI Illusion: Why Machines Aren't Creative*, which challenges the idea that artificial intelligence is approaching truly human-like abilities. The central argument is that today's models, however impressive, do not "think" or "create" as humans do: they process and recombine data in highly sophisticated ways, but remain far from genuine understanding, autonomous reasoning, and authentic creativity. The message is clear: rather than fearing an imminent superintelligence, we should look more critically at the gap between AI marketing and its actual capabilities.

[Read the review](#)

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