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**May 29 - 30** / Complesso Monumentale del Santo Spirito

## PROGRAM

Friday, May 29

### 7:30 to 8:30 h. Registration.

- 8:30 to 8:45 h. **Welcome remarks.** Alfonso Di Giorno MD (Italy), Maria Chiara Vulpiani MD (Italy) Luigi Gatta MD (Italy)
- 8:45 to 9:05 h. **Keynote Lecture: Transformative Perspectives on ESWT: From Evidence to Future Practice.**  
*Moderators:* Daniel Moya MD (Argentina), Alfonso Di Giorno MD (Italy) - *Lecturer:* Sun Wei, MD (China)  
*Questions (5 minutes)*
- 9:10 to 9:50 h. **Biological effects.**  
*Moderators:* Cesare Faldini MD (Italy) – Claudio Simplicio MD (Brazil), Gabriele Panegrossi MD (Italy)
- 9:10 to 9:22 h. **Cell/Molecules Transduction & Communication Therapies in Rehabilitation**  
Kenneth Craig DPM (Australia)
- 9:22 to 9:34 h. **Effect of shock waves on macrophages: A possible role in tissue regeneration and remodeling.**  
M. Cristina D'Agostino MD (Italy)
- 9:34 to 9:46 h. **Diamagnetism in biologic systems.**  
Pietro Romeo MD (Italy) - *Questions (4 minutes)*
- 9:50 to 10:42 h. **Symposium: Treatment protocols and devices**  
*Moderators:* André Krüel MD (Brazil) - Gualtiero Cipparrone MD (Italy) - Azael Flores Salinas MD (Mexico)
- 9:50 to 10:02 h. **Shock Waves and Radial Pressure Waves: Time to Put a Clear Nomenclature into Practice.**  
Daniel Moya MD (Argentina)
- 10:02 to 10:14 h. **New Treatment parameters using ESWT.**  
Kenneth Craig DPM (Australia)
- 10:14 to 10:26 h. **What happened when I changed the device I use? My experience with electrohydraulic and electromagnetic SW devices.**  
Dan Zin MD (Israel)
- 10:26 to 10:38 h. **Diamagnetic shock wave, a different way of mechano transduction.**  
Pietro Romeo MD (Italy) - *Questions (4 minutes)*

### 10:42 to 11:10 h. Coffee break.

- 11:10 to 11:30 h. **Keynote Lecture: Tending tender tendons: if everything fails, here comes the surgeon!**  
*Moderators:* Lisa Berti MD (Italy), Angelo Cacchio MD (Italy), Calogero Foti MD (Italy)  
*Lecturer:* Nicola Maffulli (Italy) - *Questions (5 minutes)*
- 11:35 to 12:30 h. **Case discussion.**  
*Moderators:* Daniel Moya M.D. (Argentina) Sun Wei MD (China)  
*Panel:* Jan D. Rompe MD (Germany), Azael Flores Salinas MD (Mexico), Josep Pous MD (Spain),  
Francesco Franceschi MD (Italy), Gian Mário Spadoni MD (Italy), Gianluca Vadalà MD (Italy)

### 12:30 to 14:00 h. Lunch.

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### 14:00 to 15:00 h. Sports medicine.

*Moderators:* Angelo De Carli MD (Italy), Jaime Vasquez MD (Perù), Nino Avventuriera MD (Italy)

#### 14:00 to 14:12 h. Use of shock waves in athletes.

Gustave Dutra MD (Brasil)

#### 14:12 to 14:24 h. Use of ESWT in the competitive/in-season athlete. (video)

Mani Singh MD (USA)

#### 14:24 to 14:36 h Focused shock wave treatment in sports injuries.

Sergio Gigliotti MD (Italy)

#### 14:36 to 14:48 h. Shockwave therapy for muscle injuries.

Natalia Mourão MD (Brazil)

#### 14:48 to 15:00 h Impact of Shockwave Therapy on the Treatment of Stress Fractures in Athletes.

Martín Turco MD (Argentina)

### 15:00 to 15:20 h Keynote Lecture: Overload Pathology of the Hip, Knee and Foot

*Moderators:* Massimo Candela MD (Italy) - Michele S. Boccanera MD (Italy) - Elizaveta Kon MD (Italy) - Valerio Ponti PO (Italy) Sandro Luziatelli MD (Italy) *Lecturer:* Fabio Catani MD (Italy) - *Questions (5 minutes)*

#### 15:25 to 15:55 h. Treatment protocol: Location of the area to be treated.

*Moderators:* Eric Tortosa MD (Panama) - Fabricio Bergese MD (Argentina) - Natalia Mourão MD (Brasil)

#### 15:25 to 15:37 h. Ultrasound-Guided External Shock Wave Therapy: Enhancing Precision and Depth Control in Musculoskeletal Treatment.

Dan Zin MD (Israel) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 15:40 to 15:52 h. Proposal for a standardized positioning for rotator cuff treatment with shock waves and radial pressure waves: an anatomical- imaging correlation.

Laura Tutte MD (Uruguay) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 15:55 to 16:07 h. Ultrasound, an indispensable complement to ESWT.

Roland Hamisultane MD (France) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

### 16:10 to 16:40 h. Coffee break.

#### 16:40 to 17:55 h. Less frequent indications.

*Moderators:* Giorgio De Santis MD (Italy) - Alfredo Dell' Uomo MD (Italy) - Carlo Impallomeni MD (Italy)

#### 16:40 to 16:52 h. Radial pressure waves in carpal tunnel syndrome: a bridge between evidence and clinical practice.

Tonatiuh Ávila MD (Mexico) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 16:55 to 17:07 h. Secondary Knee Osteonecrosis Treatment Option.

Zmerly Hassam MD (Lebanon) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 17:10 to 17:22 h. ESWT and neck pain. Systematic review.

André Kruel MD (Brazil) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 17:25 to 17:37 h. ESWT and low back pain.

Claudio Simplicio MD (Brazil) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 17:40 to 17:52 h. Preliminary experience with dental lesions.

Daniel Moya MD (Argentina) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

### 17:55 to 18:15 h. Keynote lecture: Why extracorporeal shock wave therapy can fail to treat heel pain?

*Moderators:* Fabio Catani MD (Italy) - Josep Pous Barral MD (Spain) - Emanuela Castiello MD (Italy)

*Lecturer:* Osvaldo Valle MD (Chile) - Bruna Maccaferri MD (Italy) - Massimo Misiti MD (Italy) - *Questions (5 minutes)*

#### 18:20 to 19:00 h. Case discussion.

*Moderators:* Naik Rajeev MD (India), Ricardo Kobayashi MD (Brazil), Raffaele De Caro MD (Italy), Gabriele Panegrossi MD (Italy), Dario Perugia MD (Italy), Gianluca Fedeli MD (Italy), Emanuela Castiello MD (Italy), Gianluca Falcone MD (Italy), Anna Maria Colao MD (Italy),

### 19:30 h. Dinner party

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Saturday, May 30

### 8:30 to 9:00 h. **Miofascial Pain Syndrome**

*Moderators:* Domenico Tigani MD (Italy) - Filippo La Cava MD (Italy) Massimiliano De Paolis MD (Italy)

#### 8:30 to 8:42 h. **Shockwave therapy and myofascial pain syndrome.**

Ricardo Kobayashi MD (Brasil) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 8:45 to 8:57 h. **Myofascial pain: advantages and limitations of each technology.**

Azael Flores Salinas MD (Mexico) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

### 9:00 to 9:30 h. **Shockwaves and Spasticity**

*Moderators:* Lisa Berti MD (Italy) - Angelo Cacchio MD (Italy) - Calogero Foti MD (Italy)

Giuseppe Bonavina, MD (Italy) - Salvatore Fiore MD (Italy)

#### 9:00 to 9:12 h. **Shock waves are integrated into the multimodal treatment of spastic hypertonicity.**

Bruno Corrado MD (Italy) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 9:15 to 9:27 h. **Myofascial trigger points: failure of muscle self-regulation and response to radial pressure wave therapy.**

Blanca Piñeyro MD (Mexico) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

### 9:30 to 10:00 h. **Round table: Protocols and strategies for the management of myofascial pain and spasticity.**

*Moderators:* Lisa Berti MD (Italy) - Ismael Alaoui Mrani MD (Morocco) - Francesca Romana Maggiolini MD (Italy)

*Panel:* Sergio Azzolino DO (USA), Marco Arena MD (Italy), Blanca Piñeyro MD (Mexico), Guillermo García Félix Díaz MD (Mexico)

### 10:00 to 10:15 h. **Keynote lecture: Strategic study of AI-enhanced PRP and shockwave therapy in precision orthopedics.**

*Moderators:* Francesco Albo MD (Italy)- Gianluca Fedeli MD (Italy), Marco Arena MD (Italy),

*Lecturer:* Jike Lu, MD (China) - *Questions (5 minutes)*

## 10:20 to 10:50 h. **Coffee break**

### 10:50 to 11:20 h. **Urology-Andrology**

*Moderators:* Andrea Militello MD (Italy) - Stefano Astorino MD (Italy)

#### 10:50 to 11:02 h. **Erectile Dysfunction: Integrated Synergic Protocol**

César Eisner MD (Argentina) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 11:05 to 11:17 h. **Use of focused waves in urogenital syndromes**

Romina Tang Candiotti MD (Peru) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

### 11:20 to 11:40 h. **Keynote lecture: Achilles tendinopathy and shock wave therapy? Let's get some science into this field.**

*Moderators:* Alfonso Di Giomo MD (Italy) - Calogero Foti MD (Italy), Arturo Militerno MD (Italy), Francesca R. Maggiolini MD (Italy)

*Presenter:* Jan D. Rompe MD (Germany) - *Questions (5 minutes)*

### 11:45 to 12:30 h. **Chronic tendinopathies of the upper limb**

*Moderators:* Massimo Misiti MD (Italy) - Franco Russo PT (Italy) - Lisa Berti MD (Italy)

#### 11:45 to 11:57 h. **Therapeutic options in cases of lateral epicondylitis**

Stefano Gumina MD (Italy) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 12:00 to 12:12 h. **ESWT in lateral epicondilopathy**

Oyama Jr. Arruda MD (Brasil) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 12:15 to 12:27 h. **Shoulder tendinopathies with and without partial tears and calcifications**

Giuseppe Porcellini MD (Italy) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

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*Moderators:* Massimo Candela MD (Italy) - Michele Simone Boccanera MD (Italy), Elizaveta Kon MD (Italy)  
Valerio Ponti PO (Italy) - *Lecturer:* Fabio Catani MD (Italy) - *Questions (5 minutes)*

### 14:20 to 15:15 h. **Bone indications**

#### 14:20 to 14:32 h. **Shock wave therapy in traumatology: changing paradigms and treatments.**

Fernando Dobkin MD (Argentina) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 14:35 to 14:47 h. **Shock waves in delayed non-union: limits and surgery.**

Josep Pous MD (Spain) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

#### 15:00 to 15:12 h. **Bone marrow edema.**

M. Cristina D'Agostino MD (Italy) - *Questions (3 minutes)*

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### 15:15 to 15:45 h. **Coffee break**

#### 15:45 to 16:45 h. **Case discussion**

*Moderators:* André Krüel MD (Brazil), Fidel Gomez Planás MD (Paraguay) - *Panel:* Vincenzo Campagna MD (Italy), Ezequiel Palmanovich MD (Israel), Maurizio Draghetti MD (Italy), Gualtiero Cipparrone MD (Italy)

#### 16:45 to 17:00 h. **Muscle Tensive Cervicalgia, Bastrup, Sacroiliitis**

*Moderators:* Calogero Foti MD (Italy), Lisa Berti MD (Italy) - Alfonso Di Giorno MD (Italy), Fidel Gomez Planás MD (Paraguay) - *Lecturer:* Alessandro Gasbarrini MD (Italy) - *Questions (5 minutes)*

#### 17:05 to 17:20 h. **Shock waves: A Personal View**

*Moderators:* André Krüel MD (Brazil), Francesca Romana Maggiolini MD (Italy), Arturo Militerno MD (Italy)  
*Lecturer:* Giulio Maccauro MD (Italy) - *Questions (5 minutes)*

#### 17:25 to 17:35 h. **IFSWT and SICOT join forces to promote greater awareness and dissemination in the Orthopedic World**

Vikas Kanudja MD (UK)

#### 17:40 to 17:55 h. **Keynote Lecture: Rationale and objectives of the International Federation of Shockwave Therapy.**

Alfonso Di Giorno MD (Italy) - *Questions (5 minutes)*

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### 18:00 h. **Closing Ceremony**

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## SPEAKERS FACULTY LIST (provisionally)

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## PRESENTATION

What a great event! The IFSWT shall take place in the eternal city, Rome. Much has been said and written about SWT, and this is a unique to bring key opinion leaders in the field altogether, and exchange ideas to advance this field. Shockwave therapy now transcends the simple mechanical effect, and marriage mechanics with biology. The program is rich, the talks enticing, and the ambience conducive to developing new ideas and collaborations. Welcome!

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## PRESENTATION

### **Editorial: All roads lead to Rome** **Daniel Moya, MD**

The popular proverbial saying that all roads lead to Rome has a basis in reality. In 20 BC, Emperor Augustus built in the Roman forum a bronze monument covered in gold called “Milliarium Aureum”, which marked kilometer zero of the Roman roads. The reference point was considered the origin of some 400 roads that extended for approximately 80,000 kilometers, integrating the extent of the Roman Empire.

The first mention of this phrase is in the Middle Ages, in a text from 1175 that literally reads “Mille viae ducunt hominem per saecula Romam,” which translates to “A thousand roads lead a man to Rome forever.” This road network had administrative, military, and commercial implications, but it also allowed a flow of people from different backgrounds that made the “Eternal City” the capital of the world for many centuries.

Unlike other great imperial capitals, Rome has managed to withstand the ups and downs of history and remain one of the international points of reference from a cultural, political and economic point of view.

Therefore, it is no coincidence that Rome has been chosen as the venue for the next meeting of the International Federation of Shockwave Therapy.

On May 29 and 30, 2026, with the organization of the International Federation of Shock Wave Therapy, the Società Italiana di Terapia con Onde D’Urto and the Accademia di Medicina e Chirurgia Bioregenerativa, an international meeting on shockwave therapy and regenerative medicine will be held at the Ospedale Santo Spirito Monumental Complex. Located steps from the Vatican, the convention center stands in the oldest hospital in Europe, founded in Rome in the 8th century for Saxon pilgrims and rebuilt by Pope Innocent III in the 13th century.

The congress will have a very high academic level with the participation of world leaders from all corners of the planet.

Considering the scientific, tourist and cultural attractions of the proposal, it is clear that by 2026 all roads of shock waves and regenerative medicine lead to Rome.

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## PRESENTATION

**Dear Participant,**

On behalf the Executive Board of the IFSWT – International Federation of Shock Wave Treatment, we are pleased to invite you to attend the International Focal Shock Wave Congress, which will take place in Rome on May 29–30, 2026, at the prestigious Complesso Monumentale del Santo Spirito, in collaboration with SITOD and BIORI.

This event represents an important opportunity for experts, researchers, and professionals from around the world to meet and exchange insights in the field of bioregenerative medicine and regenerative medical treatments, with a special focus on the use of focal shock waves in conservative medicine and pre- and post-surgical applications.

The congress will feature scientific sessions, interactive workshops, and round tables dedicated to the latest innovations in the field, offering participants a unique opportunity for professional development and international networking.

The event will simultaneously host:

- The International Focal Shock Wave Congress ([www.ifswt.org](http://www.ifswt.org))
- The National BIORI Congress ([www.biori.it](http://www.biori.it))
- The SITOD Advanced Certification Course ([www.sitod.it](http://www.sitod.it))

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# IFSWT International Congress Rome

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**MAY 29-30, Rome Italy**

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