

7th FFN Global Congress 2018, Dublin

On the 5th July the 7th Fragility Fracture Network (FFN) Congress took place in the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland. Chaired by Dr. Emer Ahern and Mr. Conor Hurson, this global congress saw 401 delegates from forty countries attend a three day conference focused on the care of patients with fragility fractures. The main congress was preceded on the 4th July by two workshops, one for nurses and one for physiotherapists. At the nursing workshop, the launch of a book entitled *Fragility Fracture Nursing* published by Springer and available to download freely due to a grant from UCB was the main focus for the nurses attending.

→ **Springer: Fragility Fracture Nursing**

The unique multidisciplinary nature of the FFN is reflected by the delegates who attended including 23% orthopaedic surgeons, 27% non-surgical MD, 16% nurses, 7% physiotherapists, 6% allied healthcare professionals, 5% scientists, 2% industry members and 14% other. The three days saw 54 oral presentations and 127 poster presentations as well as many symposiums, workshops and special interest group meetings take place. Prizes were given for the top six oral presentations to Antony Johansen, Rasmus Kreipke, Antony Johansen, Lauren Beaupre, Paulo Ferreira and Boris Sobolev and the top six posters to Bjarke Viberg, Anne

Marie Nyholm, Antony Johansen, Koji Fujita, Arti Bhimjiyani and Antony Johansen.

The great success of the conference was attributed to our sponsors AMGEN, UCB Pharma, DePuy Synthes, our industry supporters Tekno Surgical, PEI, Smith & Nephew, HYPREVENTION, and local exhibitors Consilient Health Ltd, IITOS and the fantastic conference venue, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin.

Most importantly was the passion and commitment of attendees towards the global issue of fragility fractures.

Global Call to Action

In 2017 the FFN initiated the development of a global call to action for fragility fractures and at the recent Dublin congress it was announced that the global community of leading organisations had answered with over eighty of the most influential organisations responding to support this call toward:

- The surgical and medical care provided to a person hospitalised with a hip fracture, a painful fracture of the spine and other major fragility fractures.
- Prevention of second and subsequent fractures for people who have sustained their first fragility fracture.
- Rehabilitation of people whose ability to function is impaired by hip fractures and other major fragility fractures, to restore their mobility and independence.

For more details about the global call to action click on the link below: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.injury.2018.06.032>



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Article of Interest

Check out the editorial in the recent special issue on fragility fractures of the Journal of Injury:

Rising to the Challenge of Fragility Fractures Edited by *David Marsh, Henrik Palm*
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/injury/special-issue/1003T2WM0CX>

NICE impact falls and fragility fractures
<https://www.nice.org.uk/media/default/about/what-we-do/into-practice/measuring-uptake/nice-impact-falls-and-fragility-fractures.pdf>

8th FFN Global Congress

Oxford, United Kingdom,
27–31 August 2019



Dates to Remember

Abstract Submission:	9 April 2019
Early Bird Registration:	19 June 2019
Get Together/ Registration:	27 August 2019, evening
Congress Opening:	28 August 2019

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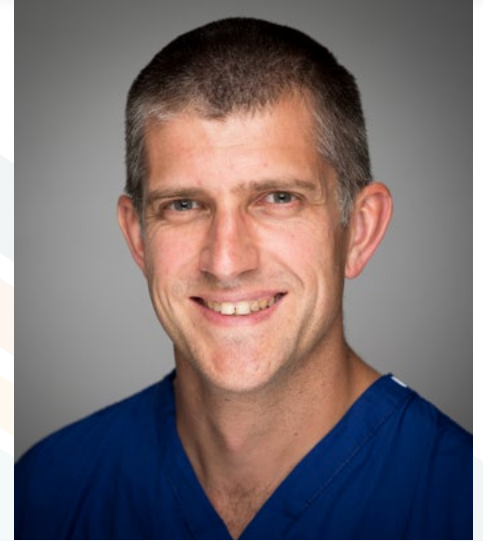


Meet the FFN President Professor Matthew Costa

Professor of Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery at the University of Oxford and Honorary Consultant Trauma Surgeon at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

Matt's research interest is in clinical and cost effectiveness of musculoskeletal trauma interventions. He is Chief Investigator for a series of randomised trials and associated studies supported by grants from the UK NIHR, Musculoskeletal Charities and the Trauma Industry. His work has been cited widely, and informs many guidelines from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.

Matt is Chair of the NIHR Clinical Research Network Injuries and Emergencies Specialty Group and the NIHR Musculoskeletal Trauma Trials Network. He is also a member of the NIHR HTA Research Board. He Chairs the British Orthopaedic Association Research



Committee and is the Specialty Lead in Orthopaedic Trauma for the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He is Associate Editor for Trauma and Research Methods at the Bone and Joint Journal.



Upcoming conference: ICON Conference 2019 Orthopaedic nursing

Denmark 23–24 May 2019

Call for abstracts open until 1 October 2018. Visit www.fsos.dk or email ICON2019DK@gmail.com for more details.