

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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**ICRS 2025 Congress Chair**  
Alan **Grodzinsky**, Cambridge, USA

**ICRS 2025 Local Hosts**  
Eric **Berkson**, Boston, USA  
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**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).



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

# REGISTRATION & FEES

Register online at [www.cartilage.org/icrs2025](http://www.cartilage.org/icrs2025).

(ALL FEES IN EURO)	Early Bird until Jun 15	Normal Fee Jun 1 – Sep 30	Late Fee from Oct 1
Junior Members, Residents, Students, Physician Assistants & 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:



# 2025

## BOSTON | USA

OCTOBER 11-14, 2025



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# 18<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS JOINT REVOLUTION

## Congress Organizing Office:

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Saturday, October 11, 2025

10:00 - 18:00 REGISTRATION			
Grand Ballroom 13:00 - 14:30 Free Paper Session 1.1 ELEVATE YOUR GAME	Georgian 13:00 - 14:30 Free Paper Session 1.4 LONG TERM OUTCOMES - "PLAYING THE LONG GAME"	Studio 1 13:00 - 14:30 Free Paper Session 1.3 PROGRESS ON FOUR LEGS	Studio 2 13:00 - 14:30 Free Paper Session 1.2 THE HIP - NOT JUST WAITING TO BE REPLACED ANYMORE!
14:30 - 15:15 BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTERS MINI ARENA			
Grand Ballroom 15:15 - 16:30 Special Session 2.2 MENISCUS MANIA	Georgian 15:15 - 16:30 Special Session 2.1 PAINT A CLEARER PICTURE	Studio 1 15:15 - 16:30 Special Session 2.3 CROSS TALK	Studio 2 15:15 - 16:30 Free Paper Session 2.4 "MIX UP" HETERO – VS ORTOTOPIC & ALLOGEN VS AUTOLOGOUS
Grand Ballroom 16:45 - 19:00 3.0 OPENING CEREMONY & AWARDS SESSION 3.1 HONORARY LECTURES			
19:00 - 20:15 WELCOME RECEPTION			
19:30 - 23:00 PRESIDENT'S DINNER			

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Sunday, October 12, 2025

07:15 - 08:00 INDUSTRY BREAKFAST SYMPOSIA			
Grand Ballroom 08:00 - 09:15 Special Session 4.1 OWN THE BONE		Georgian 08:00 - 09:15 Special Session 4.2 WHAT IS NEXT IN BIO REVOLUTION	
Studio 1 08:00 - 09:15 Special Session 4.3 INNOVATION TANK "THE COMMERCIAL WAY OF TRANSLATION"			
Grand Ballroom 09:30 - 10.30 5.1 INVITED LECTURES			
10:30 - 11:15 BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTERS MINI ARENA			
Grand Ballroom 11:15 - 12:30 Special Session 6.1 MIND THE GAP		Georgian 11:15 - 12:30 Special Session 6.2 MORE THAN A GUT FEELING	
Studio 1 11:15 - 12:30 Special Session 6.3 LOST IN TRANSLATION			
12:45 - 13:45 INDUSTRY SPONSORED SATELLITE LUNCH SYMPOSIA			
Grand Ballroom 14:00 - 15:00 7.1 INVITED LECTURES			
15:00 - 16:00 BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTER PITCHES MINI ARENA			
Grand Ballroom 16:00 - 17:15 Special Session 8.3 LET'S AGREE TO AGREE...DO WE HAVE A CONSENSUS?!(PART 1)		Georgian 16:00 - 17:15 Free Paper Session 8.1 CARTILAGE OMICS!	
		Studio 1 16:00 - 17:15 Free Paper Session 8.2 GROUD & POUND	
		Studio 2 16:00 - 17:15 Free Paper Session 8.4 SYNOVIUM... A SLIPPERY SLOPE?	
Grand Ballroom 17:30 - 18:45 Special Session 9.3 LET'S AGREE TO AGREE...DO WE HAVE A CONSENSUS?!!(PART 2)		Georgian 17:30 - 18:45 Free Paper Session 9.4 PRP PROFILING	
		Studio 1 17:30 - 18:45 Free Paper Session 9.1 THE OTHER CARTILAGE	
		Studio 2 17:30 - 18:45 Free Paper Session 9.2 BRANCHING OUT	
19:30 - 23:00 PRESIDENT'S DINNER			

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Monday, October 13, 2025

07:15 - 08:00 INDUSTRY BREAKFAST SYMPOSIA			
Grand Ballroom 08:15 - 09:30 Special Session 10.1 "LIVE IS LIFE" LIVE SURGERY DEMO	Georgian 08:15 - 09:30 Special Session 10.2 FROM LAB RATS TO LIFE HACKS	Studio 1 08:15 - 09:30 Mentoring 10.3 ICRS MENTORING SESSION	Studio 2 08:15 - 09:30 Special Session 10.4 ICRS MEETS OARS!
Grand Ballroom 09:45 - 10:45 11.1 INVITED LECTURES			
10:45- 11:30 BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTERS MINI ARENA			
Grand Ballroom 11:30 - 12:30 Free Paper Session 12.1 ICRS MEETS ISAKOS	Georgian 11:30 - 12:30 Free Paper Session 12.3 NEXT GEN	Studio 1 11:30 - 12:30 Special Session 12.4 INNOVATION TANK	Studio 2 11:30 - 12:30 Free Paper Session 12.2 ICRS MEETS TERMIS
12:45 - 13:45 INDUSTRY SPONSORED SATELLITE LUNCH SYMPOSIA			
Grand Ballroom 14:00 - 15:15 Special Session 13.1 NOT SAVING LIVES, BUT LIFESTYLES	Georgian 14:00 - 15:15 Special Session 13.2 COMPOUNDS "FOREVER YOUNG"	Studio 1 14:00 - 15:15 Special Session 13.3 MANY WAYS TO ROME	Studio 2 14:00 - 15:15 Special Session 13.4 Q&A ENTREPRENEUR
15:15 - 15:45 BREAK   EXHIBITION   POSTERS MINI ARENA			
Grand Ballroom 15:45 - 17:00 Partner Session 14.1 ICRS MEETS BA - LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT	Georgian 15:45 - 17:00 Free Paper Session 14.2 MORE PREHAB, LESS REHAB?	Studio 1 15:45 - 17:00 Free Paper Session 14.3 FIXATION STRATEGIES	Studio 2 15:45 - 17:00 Free Paper Session 14.4 FUTURE DIRECTIONS – OTHER JOINTS
Grand Ballroom 17:00 - 18:30 ICRS GENERAL ASSEMBLY – MEMBERS ONLY			
19:30 - 23:00 CONGRESS EVENING			

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Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Georgian 08:30 - 09:45 15.1 MINI BATTLES / JOINT-TALKS		
Georgian 10:00 - 11:15 Special Session 16.1 WITH PAIN NO GAIN	Studio 1 10:00 - 11:15 Special Session 16.2 PFJ - ARE YOU TRACKING? (PF STUDY GROUP)	Studio 2 10:00 - 11:15 Special Session 16.3 BIOPHYSICAL THERAPIES "NOT HOODOO VOOODOO"
11:15 WORLD CONGRESS ADJOURNMENT		

