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4th edition of the

Nordic Facial Nerve Meeting

Uppsala, Sweden

11-12 december 2025





Conference chairs



Andres Rodriguez Lorenzo



Camilla Ekvall



Speakers Thursday, 11 December



Achmed Pircher (SWE)



Sarah Kilcoyne (UK)



Andres Rodriguez
Lorenzo (SWE)



Marc Mureau (NL)



Kallirroi Tzafetta (UK)



Villiam Vejbrink Kildal (SWE)



Online Speakers Thursday, 11 December



Ayato Hayashi (JPN)



Shai Rozen (US)



Jackie Diels (US)



Rachel Baptista (BRA)



Corah Lewis (UK)



Eyal Gur (ISR)





Thursday

10:00 11:00 Workshop on Botulinum Toxin in Facial Synkinesis: Practical Tips and Tricks (on site only)

11:00 12:00 Registration and Lunch

12:00 Welcome to the Nordic Facial Nerve Meeting. Andres Rodriguez and Camilla Ekwall

Management of Facial Synkinesis: Surgery and Physical Therapy

12:15 12:35 Myomectomies for Periocular Synkinesis

Speaker (Online): Ayato Hayashi, Professor, Department of Plastic Surgery, Yokohama City University, Japan

12:35 12:55 *Neurectomies and Myomectomies for Perioral Synkinesis: What Works and What Doesn t?* Speaker (Online): **Dr. Shai Rozen**, Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, USA

12:55 13:15 State of the Art Management with Physical Therapy Speaker (Online): **Jackie Diels**, Neuromuscular Retraining Clinic, University of Wisconsin , USA

13:15 13:30 Discussion and Q&A

Management of the Paretic Eye

13:30 13:50 Oculoplastic Considerations in the Management of the Paretic Eye Speaker: **Dr. Achmed Pircher**, Consultant in Oculoplastic Surgery, Uppsala University Hospital, Sweden

13:50 14:10 *Neurotized Platysma Muscle Graft for Eye Reanimation* Speaker (Online): **Rachel Baptista**, Plastic Surgeon, Private Practice, São Paulo, Brazil

14:10 14:20 Discussion and Q&A

14:20 14:50 Coffee Break





Thursday

Management of Pediatric Facial Palsy

14:50 15:10 Facial Rehabilitation in the Pediatric Population: Considerations for Management Speaker: Sarah Kilcoyne. Principal Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Oxford Craniofacial Unit and Spires Cleft Centre (UK)

15:10 15:30 Challenges in Facial Reanimation in Children

Speaker: Dr. Andres Rodriguez Lorenzo, Plastic Surgeon, Facial Palsy Team, Uppsala University Hospital, Sweden

15:30 15:50 *PROM/PREM in Pediatric Facial Paralysis: European Reference Network Working Group* Speaker: **Marc Mureau**, Plastic Surgeon, Facial Palsy Team, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands

15:50 16:10 *Psychological Considerations in the Management of Children with Facial Paralysis* Speaker (Online): **Corah Lewis**, Clinical Psychologist, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, University of Oxford, UK

16:10 16:25 Panel Discussion and Q&A

16:25 16:40 Short Break

16:40 17:00 Updates in the Management of the Lower Lip Palsy
Speaker: **Kallirroi Tzafetta**, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, St. Andrew's Centre for Plastic Surgery and Burns, Chelmsford, UK

Imaging and New Technologies in Facial Paralysis

17:05 17:25 Ultrasound Guided Applications in Facial Synkinesis: Preclinical Studies and Clinical Applications Speaker: Dr. Villiam Vejbrink Kildal, Södersjukhuset, Stockholm, Sweden (Online), Andres Rodriguez Lorenzo, Uppsala University Hospital, Uppsala, Sweden (Onsite)

17:25 17:30 Q&A

17:30 17:50 *Development of Bionics in Facial Palsy: A Proof of Concept* Speaker (Online): **Eyal Gur**, Plastic Surgeon, Tel Aviv, Israel

17:50 17:55 Q&A

19:00. Conference Dinner Venue: **Villa Anna**, Uppsala



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Marc Mureau (NL)



Anna Rostedt Punga (SWE)



Kallirroi Tzafetta (UK)



Libor Streit (CZE)



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Camilla Ekwall (SWE)



Madiha Softeland (SWE)



Andrés Rodriguez Lorenzo (SWE)



Laura Pompermaier (SWE)



Online Speakers Friday, 12 December



Alp Ercan (TUR)



Wei Wang (CHN)



Berke Ozucer (TUR)





Friday

8:50 Welcome (Coffee and tea available from 8:30)

Lars Jonsson Lecture

9:00 9:30 "Surgical Management of Facial Paralysis: Experience from Erasmus Medical Center Speaker: Marc Mureau, Plastic Surgeon, Facial Palsy Team, Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands

9:30 9:35 Q&A

9:35 9:50 "Searching for the Cause of Bell's Palsy: Clinical Academic Group FACE Speaker: **Anna Rostedt Punga**, Department of Medical Sciences, Clinical Neurophysiology, Uppsala University and Uppsala University Hospital

9:50 9:55 Q&A

Surgical Innovations in Facial Palsy: International Showcase

9:55 10:15 Combination of Nerve Transfers in Facial Palsy: Is One or Two Stages Better?

Speaker: Kallirroi Tzafetta, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, St. Andrew's Centre for Plastic Surgery and Burns, Chelmsford, UK

10:15 10:35 *Dual Innervation Gracilis Muscle Transfers in Smile Reanimation*Speaker (Online): **Alp Ercan**, Department of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Istanbul University Cerrahpasa Medical Faculty, Turkey

10:35 10:55 *Technical Refinements in Cross Face Nerve Grafting and Future Implications* Speaker: **Libor Streit**, Department of Plastic Surgery, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

10:55 11:15 *Management of Oral Synkinesis*

Speaker (Online): **Wei Wang**, Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, Shanghai, China

11:15 11:25 *Tips and Tricks, Surgical Pearls and Pitfalls in Selective Neurectomy Surgery*Speaker (Online): **Berke Ozucer**, MD, Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon Private Practice (Doctor Be+Clinic), Istanbul / Turkey

11:25 11:40 Q&A

11:40 12:40 Lunch





Friday

12:40 13:30 Present and Future in Education and Training in Facial Paralysis Management: A Multidisciplinary Perspective

Speakers: Camilla Ekwall, Marc Mureau, Libor Streit, Kalirroi Tzafetta

13:30 14:00 National Centralization of Facial Paralysis: The Swedish Experience Speakers: Camilla Ekwall, Madiha Softeland, Andres Rodriguez, Laura Pompermaier

14:00 15:00 *Difficult Clinical Cases from Participants* **Discussion with an Expert Multidisciplinary Panel**

15:00 15:15 Closing Remarks and Information of the International Facial Nerve Symposium in Uppsala, 2029.

