THE 41ST SCANDINAVIAN CONGRESS OF

RHEUMATOLOGY

25–28 AUGUST 2027 • HARPA, REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

"Rheumatology at a higher latitude"



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on behalf of the Scandinavian Society for Rheumatology

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Invitation to industry

Dear Colleagues and Partners,



On behalf of the Icelandic Society for Rheumatology, we warmly invite you and your company to take part in the 41st Scandinavian Congress of Rheumatology, which will be held at the Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Centre in Reykjavík, Iceland, from 25 to 28 August 2027.

The Scandinavian Congress of Rheumatology is held every second year and rotates between the five Nordic countries. It is the principal meeting place for clinicians and scientists in rheumatology across the region, a place to exchange knowledge, experience and ideas, and to build the Scandinavian collaborations and networks that have made Nordic rheumatology internationally distinctive. It is a meeting where young and established clinicians and scientists meet across the Scandinavian borders, and an important educational meeting for practising clinicians. It is also a valued platform for collaboration with Nordic health professionals and with patient representatives through the Nordic Rheuma Council.

The Scientific Committee, drawn from all five Nordic countries, works closely with the Local Organising Committee with input from both senior and junior colleagues and is responsible for the scientific programme. The programme will combine invited presentations from leaders in rheumatology from Scandinavia and beyond with presentations of the best submitted abstracts and will place particular emphasis on clinical topics relevant to Scandinavian rheumatologists and on collaborative Nordic work in outcome and registry research — areas in which Scandinavian rheumatology makes important international contributions. A pre-course for trainees and experienced clinicians will open the congress.

Contributions from our industry partners make this possible. They allow us to invite prominent scientists and excellent teachers, to keep registration affordable, and to support the participation of young and promising investigators through travel awards based on the scientific quality of submitted abstracts. The sponsorship options set out in this prospectus follow a structure similar to previous Scandinavian congresses.

The exhibition at the two most recent congresses was fully subscribed, so we recommend early booking for the best stand locations. We would be glad to hear from you and we are of course happy to discuss any questions you may have, or to tailor a package to your company's priorities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Reykjavík.

On behalf of the Local and International Organising and Scientific Committees, SCR 2027

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President, Icelandic Society for Rheumatology
Chair, Local and International
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The congress at a glance

About the Scandinavian Congress of Rheumatology

The Scandinavian Congress of Rheumatology has been the region's principal rheumatology meeting for more than eighty years. Held biennially since 1946 and hosted in turn by Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Finland, it brings the Nordic rheumatology community together in one place: senior clinicians and the trainees who will succeed them, established research groups and first-time abstract presenters, health professionals, and the patient organisations of the Nordic Rheuma Council. The congress has attracted 500-600 attendees over the past decade, and Reykjavík has seen attendance at the upper end of that range.

The Nordic countries share similarities in their health and scientific infrastructure including population-based health registries, comparable health systems and a long tradition of collaborative research. That combination gives Scandinavian rheumatology an international voice out of proportion to the size of its population — particularly in registry-based outcome research, long-term safety and real-world effectiveness. SCR is where that work is presented, debated and, very often, initiated.

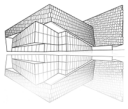
Iceland last hosted the congress in 2016, also at Harpa. We are delighted to welcome the Scandinavian rheumatology community back to Reykjavík in 2027.

Programme outline

	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28
08:00			Symposium	Symposium
09:30	Pre-course	**Opening plenary**, then 3 parallel scientific sessions	3 parallel scientific sessions	3 parallel scientific sessions then **closing plenary**
12:00	Registration	Symposium and lunch	Symposium and lunch	
13:30	Pre-course	3 parallel scientific sessions	3 parallel scientific sessions	
17:30		Opening reception	Congress dinner	

Key dates

December 2026	Registration and abstract submissions open	**1 June 2027**	Early-bird registration deadline
January 2027	Preliminary programme published	**25 June 2027**	Deadline for satellite symposium titles, speakers and abstracts
31 March 2027	Abstract submission deadline	**25–28 August 2027**	The 41st Scandinavian Congress of Rheumatology, Harpa, Reykjavík



Reykjavík and the Harpa Conference Centre

Harpa

Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Centre stands on the old harbour at the edge of central Reykjavík, with a glass façade designed with the artist Ólafur Elíasson, facing the sea and the mountains of Esja across the bay. It is Iceland's principal conference venue.

The halls and meeting rooms are arranged around a single open foyer, so that the exhibition, the catering and the poster sessions occupy one continuous space through which delegates pass between sessions. Coffee breaks and lunches will be served in the exhibition area, with the poster sessions nearby.

- Purpose-built congress venue in the centre of Reykjavík, on the waterfront
- Main auditorium, parallel session rooms and dedicated symposium spaces under one roof
- Exhibition, catering and posters in a single connected foyer area
- Full technical support, in-house AV and on-site catering
- Within a ten-minute walk from most congress hotels, restaurants and the city centre

Reykjavík in late August

Late August in Iceland has long daylight hours and mild weather, and falls after the summer peak, which eases the cost and availability of travel and accommodation. The city centre is compact, and the venue, the congress hotels and the restaurant district are within walking distance of one another.

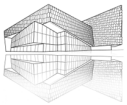
Direct flights connect Reykjavík with 89 airports in 82 cities in 24 countries on both sides of the Atlantic and 8 cities in the other four Nordic countries, including all Nordic capitals. Keflavík International Airport is about 45 minutes from the city centre. Iceland's landscape is within easy reach of the city, and delegates who wish to extend their stay will find it straightforward to do so.

Accommodation

A range of hotels within walking distance of Harpa will be held for congress delegates. The congress secretariat will assist with hotel bookings for sponsors.

Social programme

The social programme includes an opening reception, a congress dinner and a rheumatology run. Tickets to the opening reception and congress dinner are purchased through the congress secretariat.



Sponsorship packages

All amounts are in Icelandic krónur. The congress is exempt from VAT in Iceland, so no VAT is added to any amount. Exhibition space is allocated as floor space only; stand construction, furniture and additional technical services are ordered separately through the congress secretariat. There are two morning and two lunch symposium slots for a total of four symposia available.

PLATINUM

ISK 6,500,000
Fully subscribed

- 18 m² exhibition space — the largest stand, in the most favourable position in the exhibition area
- Satellite symposium of 60 minutes, including room rental, standard technical equipment and technical support. The Platinum sponsor has first choice of date, time and room.
- Company logo on the congress website with a link to your company website
- Logo displayed on screen during breaks
- Acknowledgement as Platinum sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Delegate list two weeks before the congress, for delegates who consented to their details being shared
- 6 exhibitor registrations (admission to exhibition area, lunches and coffee breaks)
- 2 exhibitor registrations with access to scientific sessions
- Priority assistance with hotel bookings

GOLD

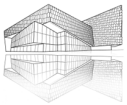
ISK 3,500,000
Six available

- 10 m² exhibition space in an excellent position in the exhibition area
- Satellite symposium of 60 minutes at a separate cost of ISK 1,300,000, including room rental, standard technical equipment and technical support. Slots are allocated by the Scientific Committee, primarily on a first-come, first-served basis after the Platinum sponsor. Three available.
- Company logo on the congress website with a link to your company website
- Logo displayed on screen during breaks
- Acknowledgement as Gold sponsor at the opening and closing ceremonies
- Delegate list two weeks before the congress, for delegates who consented to their details being shared
- 4 exhibitor registrations (admission to exhibition area, lunches and coffee breaks)
- 1 exhibitor registration with access to scientific sessions
- Early assistance with hotel bookings

SILVER

ISK 1,750,000
Subject to space

- 6 m² exhibition space in a good position in the exhibition area
- Company logo on the congress website with a link to your company website
- Logo displayed on screen during breaks
- 3 exhibitor registrations (admission to exhibition area, lunches and coffee breaks)
- Early assistance with hotel bookings



EXHIBITION — ISK 750,000

Subject to space

- Exhibition floor space of 2 × 2 m (4 m²)
- Company listed on the congress website
- 2 exhibitor registrations (admission to exhibition area, lunches and coffee breaks)

PATIENT ORGANISATIONS AND NON-PROFITS — ISK 200,000

Subject to space

- A 4 m² stand in a separate part of the foyer, held apart from the promotional exhibition area in line with the EFPIA guidance on medical congresses
- Organisation listed on the congress website
- 2 exhibitor registrations (admission to exhibition area, scientific sessions, lunches and coffee breaks)
- Available to patient organisations, learned societies, registries and other non-commercial bodies, at the discretion of the Organising Committee

Additional opportunities

The items below may be added to any package or separately. Items with limited availability will be allocated in order of booking. All amounts are in ISK and subject to approval by the Organising Committee.

Opportunity	Description	ISK
Coffee break	Signage and acknowledgement at one coffee break in the exhibition area. (5 available)	**850,000**
Welcome reception	Acknowledgement as supporter of the opening reception, with signage at the reception. (1 available)	**1,750,000**
Young investigator travel awards (two awards)	An unrestricted educational grant funding two travel awards. Recipients are selected by the Scientific Committee on the scientific quality of their submitted abstracts. The supporting company is acknowledged at the award presentation.	**700,000**
Additional exhibition space	Per square metre, added to any package.	**150,000 per m²**
Additional exhibitor registration	Includes admission to exhibition area, lunches and coffee breaks	**60,000**
Additional full registration	Exhibitor registration with access to scientific sessions	**95,000 / 120,000 Early-bird / Regular**

- **Satellite symposia.** The two morning symposium slots end 10 minutes before the scientific sessions begin. The two lunch symposia run from 10 minutes after the morning sessions end until 10 minutes before the afternoon sessions begin.
- **Tailored packages.** If none of the packages fits your requirements, the congress secretariat can discuss a combination of exhibition space, symposium time and the additional items.

Booking, payment and terms

How to book

Complete the booking form on page 8 and return it to thorunn@athygliradstefnur.is. Bookings are confirmed in writing by the secretariat and allocated in order of receipt.

Currency, prices and payment

All amounts are quoted in Icelandic krónur (ISK). Invoices are issued in ISK and are payable in full upon confirmed booking. The congress is exempt from VAT in Iceland, so no VAT is added to any amount. Stand construction, furniture, technical services and other items ordered through the secretariat may be subject to VAT, which will be shown on the relevant invoice. Payment is settled by invoice issued by the congress secretariat on behalf of the Local Organising Committee, either via bank transfer or by credit card.

For payment by credit card, a secure payment link will be sent, payable within three days. Only Visa and Mastercard are accepted. For bank transfers, please use the following information:

Islandsbanki, Fjardargata 19, 220 Hafnarfjordur
Athygli Conferences, Kennitala (ID no.): 520199-2929
IBAN: IS86 0545 2600 6368 5201 9929 29
SWIFT: GLITISRE

Please use the payment reference SCR2027.

Cancellation

Notification of cancellation or reduction of a sponsorship or exhibition booking must be submitted to the congress secretariat in writing. The effective date of cancellation is the date on which the secretariat receives the written notice. For cancellations received before 15 March 2027, half the amount invoiced is non-refundable. For cancellations received after that date, no refund is made.

Allocation of exhibition space and symposium slots

Exhibition space is allocated by sponsorship level and, within each level, in order of confirmed booking. Satellite symposium slots are allocated by the Scientific Committee and the Platinum sponsor has first choice of date, time and room, after which slots are allocated primarily on a first-come, first-served basis.

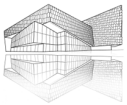
Scientific independence and ethical compliance

The scientific programme is determined by the Scientific Committee alone, without industry input. Sponsorship confers no influence over its content, speakers or conclusions. Industry activities — satellite symposia and the exhibition — are held separately from the scientific programme and form a minor part of the congress, in line with the EFPIA guidance on medical congresses.

The congress is organised in accordance with Icelandic law, the EFPIA Code of Practice and the national codes applying in the Nordic countries. The Organising Committee will submit the congress for assessment by e4ethics, so that supporting companies can verify a positive assessment before committing funds.

Use of the congress name and logo

The congress name, logo and visual identity may be used by confirmed sponsors and exhibitors in materials relating to their participation, subject to prior written approval by the Organising Committee.



Booking form

Packages

	Package	ISK
	Platinum sponsorship (fully subscribed)	
☐	Gold sponsorship (maximum 6)	**3,500,000**
☐	Satellite symposium, Gold sponsors (maximum 3)	**1,300,000**
☐	Silver sponsorship	**1,750,000**
☐	Exhibition	**750,000**
☐	Patient organisation or non-profit stand, 4 m²	**200,000**

Additional opportunities

	Item	ISK
☐	Welcome reception sponsor	**1,750,000**
☐	Young investigator travel awards (two awards)	**700,000**
☐	Coffee break sponsorship	**850,000**
☐	Additional exhibition space	**150,000 per m²**
☐	Additional exhibitor registration	**60,000**
☐	Additional exhibitor registration with access to scientific sessions	**95,000 / 120,000** **Early-bird / Regular**

Company details

Company name

Invoicing address

Purchase order reference, if required

Contact name and position

Email

Telephone

Signature

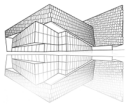
By signing below, the company confirms the booking indicated above and accepts the booking, payment and cancellation terms set out on page 7 of this document.

Name and position

Place

Signature

Date



Contact

The congress secretariat and the Organising Committee are glad to answer questions about participation.

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Guðrún Björk Reynisdóttir	Consultant Rheumatologist, Landspítali
Bjarni Þorsteinsson	Consultant Rheumatologist, Landspítali

Scientific Committee (includes the members of the Local Organising Committee)

Laura Kuusalo	**Finland**	President, Scandinavian Society for Rheumatology
Pia Isomäki	**Finland**	Associate Professor, Tampere University
Espen A. Haavardsholm	**Norway**	Professor, University of Oslo
Jens Vikse	**Norway**	Associate Professor, University of Stavanger
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