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The **25th European Congress of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM) 2026** comes with an exciting announcement of our *prestigious line-up of invited speakers* — a group of world-renowned researchers, clinicians, and innovators set to illuminate the stage in **Kraków, Poland, from 23–26 March 2026**.

#### Spotlight on 3 Inspiring Voices — More to Come



##### Katharina Stibrant Sunnerhagen | Sweden

Katharina Stibrant Sunnerhagen is Chair of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Gothenburg and Senior Consultant at Sahlgrenska University Hospital. A leading expert in stroke research since the 1990s, her work spans muscle function, cognition, spasticity, and technology-assisted rehab. She has authored over 380 peer-reviewed publications (H-index 81) and serves on numerous national and international boards, including the Swedish Stroke Organization and ESPRM. Prof. Sunnerhagen has received several prestigious awards for her contributions to post-acute stroke rehabilitation and continues to combine research, teaching, and clinical care across the neurorehabilitation continuum.

##### Jaro Karppinen | Finland

Jaro Karppinen is Emeritus Professor of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Oulu, Finland, and Director of Rehabilitation Services in South Karelia. He is a leading researcher in musculoskeletal disorders, particularly low back pain and sciatica, with over 320 peer-reviewed publications and an H-index of 67. His research spans environmental, metabolic, and genetic risk factors, with current focus on AI-based MRI analytics, biopsychosocial care models, and population-level rehabilitation. Prof. Karppinen has been a member of the European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine since 2012.



##### François Rannou | France



François Rannou is Professor of Medicine at the University Paris Descartes and a specialist in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine at Cochin Hospital, Paris. His clinical and research work focuses on musculoskeletal disorders, osteoarthritis, pain management, and regenerative therapies. A recognized leader in PRM, Prof. Rannou has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and is actively involved in advancing translational research in rehabilitation medicine.

MORE SPEAKERS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON.



These are just a few of the voices leading interactive lectures, panel discussions, and hands-on sessions that promise to **equip attendees with real-world, applicable insights** across a diverse range of topics including:

- Technological rehabilitation
- Post-stroke care & neuroplasticity
- Musculoskeletal disorders
- Pain management & spinal cord injury recovery
- Pediatric and geriatric rehabilitation
- AI, robotics & digital health in PRM

Whether you're a clinician, researcher, or early-career professional, this is your opportunity to **learn from and engage with the best in the field**.



#### Reminder: Abstract Submission Is Still Open!

Are you conducting exciting new research in PRM? Don't miss your chance to be part of this influential program.

Need a little more time? Contact us at [secretariat@esprm2026.com](mailto:secretariat@esprm2026.com) — we may be able to accommodate you.

**Last Call: Submit Your Abstract by 8 September 2025!**

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