

4th Nordic Facial Nerve Meeting

Scientific Program

Thursday, December 11th, 2025

10:00 – 11:00 Workshop on Botulinum Toxin in Facial Synkinesis: Practical tips and tricks

Andres Rodriguez Lorenzo and Sara Ek, Uppsala Facial Palsy Team.

11:00 – 12:00 Registration and Lunch

12:00 - 12:15 Welcome to the Nordic Facial Nerve Meeting

Andres Rodriguez Lorenzo and Camilla Ekwall

12:15 – 13:30 Management of Facial Synkinesis: Surgery and Physical Therapy

12:15 – 12:35 Myomectomies for Periocular Synkinesis

Speaker (Online): Ayato Hashashi, Professor, Department of Plastic Surgery, Juntendo University, Tokyo, 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

13:30 – 14:20 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 Q & A

14:20 – 14:50 Coffee Break

14:50 – 16:25 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: Mark 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: Kalirroï Tzafetta, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, St. Andrew's Centre for Plastic Surgery and Burns, Chelmsford, UK

17:00 – 17:55 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

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

Christmas buffet - Villa Anna

Friday, December 12th, 2025

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: Mark 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

9:55 – 11:15 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: Kalirroï 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 Q & A

11:25 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 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 - 14:30 National Centralization of Facial Paralysis: The Swedish Experience

Speakers: Camilla Ekwall, Madiha Softeland, Andres Rodriguez, Moustafa Elmasry

14:00 – 15:00 Difficult Clinical Cases from participants

Discussion with an expert multidisciplinary panel

15:00 – 15:15 Closing Remarks