## The RiMS Membership Benefits

- Enjoy discounted registration fees for the RiMS Annual Conference, RiMS Workshop and Special Interest Group meetings
- Participate in up to two Special Interest Groups (SIGs) contribute to projects, take on leadership roles and access SIG-specific content.
- Apply for dedicated grants, fellowships and other RiMS-funded initiatives.
- Access exclusive online member-only resources and e-learning materials and join at least one paying Member only online teaching course.
- Connect and collaborate with MS professionals across Europe through our growing network.
- Have voting rights in the RiMS General Assembly, allowing you to co-decide on the strategic direction of RiMS and be eligible to be a candidate for SIG leadership or RiMS leadership roles.

## Centre Membership Benefits

- **Gain visibility** by joining our Centre Member Network. Your institution will be published on our website and recognised across our internal and external communications as a RiMS Centre Member.
- Receive an invite for the annual RiMS Rehab Centre leadership meeting organised in the margin of ECTRIMS or the RiMS Annual Conference.
- The Centre Membership Manager (the person signing-up for the Member Centre Membership), receives our e-newsletters and e-announcements.
- Be invited to join multi-centre research projects initiated by RiMS (additional eligibility criteria may apply for the specific research project).
- Can join information dissemination activities initiated by RiMS (eg. to recruit patients, on research outcomes, ...).
- Grant Individual Membership by affiliation to all professionals from your organisation, allowing them to access the full range of Individual Membership benefits.
- 6 Individual Members by affiliation have voting rights in the RiMS General Assembly, allowing them to co-decide on the strategic direction of RiMS.



## Membership Types & Fees





## €0/year

#### For whom?

Students in a healthcare related curriculum and professionals active in Multiple Sclerosis research, treatment, education, or rehabilitation



## €45/year

#### For whom?

Students in a healthcare related curriculum Professionals in healthcare within the first five years of work





## €145/year

#### For whom?

Professionals active in Multiple Sclerosis research, treatment, education, or rehabilitation





# €590/year

#### For whom?

Multiple Sclerosis and rehabilitation centres

Research groups or healthcare institutions with 6+ professionals

Centres looking to engage in RiMS leadership and collaboration





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# Enhancing participation, activity and autonomy of people with multiple sclerosis





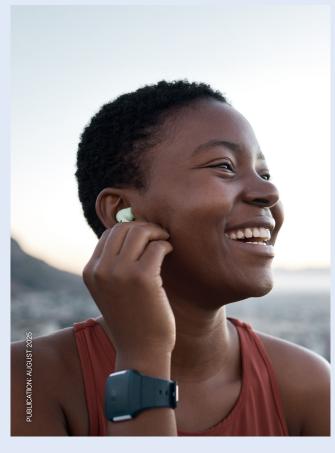




Live Education Special Interest Groups

Research and Career Support

E-Learning





## **About RiMS**

RiMS is the European network for best practice and research in Multiple Sclerosis rehabilitation. We bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, and patient organisations from across Europe to enhance activity, participation, and autonomy for people living with Multiple Sclerosis.

RiMS was founded in 1991, in Milan, Italy. Today, we closely cooperate with internationally renowned key players in the MS field such as ECTRIMS (European Committee for Treatment and Research In Multiple Sclerosis), EMSP (European Multiple Sclerosis Platform), MSIF (Multiple Sclerosis International Federation), WFNR (World Federation of Neurorehabilitation), MSJ (the Multiple Sclerosis Journal) and IJMSC (International Journal of MS Care).

#### **UNIT OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to develop and promote evidence-based rehabilitation that enables people with Multiple Sclerosis to live full, active, and independent lives. We aim to raise the profile of MS rehabilitation, deepen understanding of its importance at every stage of the condition, and encourage strong collaboration between researchers and clinicians. By doing so, we generate new evidence, support proven practices, and help professionals integrate the latest knowledge into daily care.

#### **UNIT VISION**

We envision a future where all people with Multiple Sclerosis across Europe have timely access to high-quality, evidence-based rehabilitation that is tailored to their individual needs. Rehabilitation is a personalised process of learning and adaptation that empowers individuals with MS to maximise independence, participation, and overall quality of life. Through shared expertise and commitment, we strive to ensure these opportunities are available to everyone who needs them.

## **∠ EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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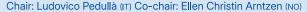
# Our Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

RiMS has established several Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to advance rehabilitation research and practice for people living with Multiple Sclerosis. Each SIG brings together professionals, researchers, and clinicians to collaborate on specific topics, stimulate evidence-based rehabilitation, and support people with Multiple Sclerosis and their caregivers.

SIGs are guided by appointed chairs and co-chairs, and benefit from the collective expertise of their members. These groups meet annually at the RiMS Conference and are encouraged to hold interim workshops throughout the year. Active SIGs also receive financial support from RiMS to foster their initiatives.

### **MOBILITY**

Experts collaborate to improve mobility care for people with MS.



## **BLADDER, BOWEL & SEXUALITY**

Experts collaborate to advance bladder, bowel, and sexuality care for people with MS.

Chair: Corinne Oosterlinck (BE) Co-chair: Edyta Matusik (PL)

## **MOOD & COGNITION**

Experts collaborate to improve emotional and cognitive care for people with MS.

Chair: Jessica Podda (IT) Co-chair: Blanca De Dios Perez (UK)

#### **COMMUNICATION & SWALLOWING**

Experts collaborate on communication and swallowing care in MS.

Chair: Leena Maria Heikkola (FI) Co-chair: Hans Bogaardt (AU)

#### **OCCUPATION**

Occupational therapists collaborate to enhance participation and quality of life for people with MS.

Chair: Inger Grethe Loyning (NO) Co-chair: Sofie Ferdinand (BE)

#### PATIENT AUTONOMY

Experts promote shared decision-making and self-management to empower people with MS.



Chair: Anne Christin Rahn (DE) Co-chair: Andrea Giordano (IT)

# **Our Upcoming Live Education**

RiMS offers a broad range of live learning opportunities designed to keep rehabilitation professionals at the forefront of care for people with Multiple Sclerosis. From annual conferences to specialized workshops and teaching courses across Europe, these events foster expert knowledge exchange and community building.



#### WORKSHOP ON PROGRESSIVE MS AND NMO-SD

This full-day workshop promises:

- Insightful talks from leading experts
- Interactive discussions and knowledge exchange
- A vibrant international community of clinicians, researchers and therapists
- Practical strategies to enhance rehabilitation outcomes

Find out more about this workshop on the RiMS website.



#### **RIMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026**

Organised by RiMS in collaboration with the Third Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague

We welcome you in a historic city offering a rich cultural experience alongside high-level scientific exchange.

Our Annual Conference brings together leading experts in multiple sclerosis rehabilitation to present and discuss the latest research insights and clinical advancements.

More information on the RiMS website.

Local Organisers:



