THE MARFAN FOUNDATION

The Marfan Foundation Presents

SCIENCE in SPAIN

October 4-7, 2026

Meliá Barcelona Sarrià Hotel, Spain

The premier international meeting for thoracic aortic disease.

MEETING OVERVIEW

The Marfan Foundation is collaborating with the European Society of Cardiology's Peripheral Artery and Aortic Disease Working Group, along with local hosts, Drs. Arturo Evangelista and Gisela Teixidó Turà, to present "Science in Spain." This joint meeting brings together:

- The 12th International Symposium on Marfan, Loeys-Dietz, Vascular Ehlers-Danlos and Related Syndromes
- The Genetic Aortic Network and the European Society for Cardiology Aorta and Peripheral Vascular Disease Joint Session

Science in Spain, held October 4-7 in Barcelona, advances our global mission to accelerate research and innovation in genetic aortic conditions. The meeting will convene leading scientists, clinicians, and researchers from around the world to share the latest discoveries, discuss clinical advances and controversies, foster collaboration, and explore new therapeutic approaches. The program will include two days of basic and translational research and two days focused on clinical management and registry studies.

The meeting welcomes scientists, clinicians, researchers, students, and postdoctoral fellows from all disciplines. Planned programming includes oral presentations, poster sessions, networking events, and small-group lunches with topic experts. Travel awards will be available for students, genetic counselors, and postdoctoral fellows based on abstract review.

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REGISTRATION

Early Registration
March 1 – July 31
$599 USD (4 days)

Late Registration
August 1 – September 30
$650 USD (4 days)

Students, Fellows, Postdocs & VHO Leaders
March 1 – September 30
$400 USD (4 days)

SPECIAL EVENT

An Evening of Connection & Collaboration

October 5 • $125 USD

Join colleagues for dinner and an evening of connection and collaboration. This event is open to all meeting attendees and their guests. *Advance ticket purchase is required.*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Meliá Barcelona Sarrià

Avinguda de Sarrià, 50 Barcelona

*Hotel reservations must be made by **August 31** to secure the discounted group rate.* This cosmopolitan and sophisticated hotel in Barcelona is the ideal choice for both cultural travelers and business trips. Located in the heart of the Corts district, a few steps from the iconic Avenida Diagonal, Meliá Barcelona Sarrià is surrounded by shops, leisure activities, and attractions. Enjoy the proximity to the works of Gaudí, the iconic Camp Nou stadium, and everything Barcelona has to offer. The hotel also offers unique services such as the Serena Spa, exquisite cuisine at the Prezzemolo restaurant, and exclusive The Level services.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

May 15, 2026 — Abstract Submission Deadline
July 1, 2026 — Abstract Presentation Notification
July 31, 2026 — Early Registration Deadline
August 31, 2026 — Hotel Reservation Deadline

ABSTRACTS

All abstracts submitted for Science in Spain will be included in a poster session, subject to space availability. A select number of submissions, based on review committee ratings, will be chosen for oral presentations.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by May 15, 2026. We welcome abstracts across basic, translational, clinical, and surgical research in any of the suggested topics below.

- Molecular Pathogenesis
- Genetic, Epigenetic, and Environmental Modifiers of Phenotypic Variability
- Lessons from Animal Models and New Model Systems
- Advances in Imaging, Biomarkers and Diagnostic Technologies
- Genotype-Phenotype Correlation and Clinical Stratification
- Ocular, Orthopedic, & Pulmonary Underpinnings & Associated Risk
- Advances in Aortic Interventions and Surgical Approaches
- Insights into Mitral Valve, Myocardial, and Arrhythmogenic Disease
- Clinical Implementation, Care Delivery, and Health Systems Innovation
- Holistic and Medical Management of Pain and Quality of Life

*For detailed information in abstract submissions, visit **Marfan.org/ScienceinSpain**.*

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