## **Our presenters**



**Frank Willard** is Professor of Anatomy and Neuroanatomy at the College of the Osteopathic Medicine of the University of New England (US). He also serves as a member of the teaching board at the European School of Osteopathy and the British College of Osteopathic Medicine. Gaining his PhD in Anatomy and Neurobiology from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1981, his research focuses on spinal anatomy and the neurology of spine pain.



**Carla Stecco** is a medical surgeon, specialist in orthopaedics, Associate Professor of Anatomy at the University of Padua, Italy. Author of numerous articles and books on the anatomy of the fascia, evaluated both from a macroscopic, microscopic and functional point of view. She is among the founders of the Fascia Research Society and the Fascial Manipulation Association.



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**Fabiana Silva** has a degree in physiotherapy from IPA Centro Universitário Metodista (2001), a specialization in kinesiology and a Master in epidemiology from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil (2005). She is currently director of Cirklo Ensino em Saúde, professor of the specialization course in Sports Physical Therapy and Manipulative Physical Therapy at Grupo Fisiowork RS, specialist in Sports Physical Therapy SONAFE/COFFITO, member of Sonafe, Abrafito and Fascia Research Society. She has experience in orthopedic physical therapy, traumatology and sports with emphasis on reeducation

of movement, acting on the following topics: sport, postural school and manual therapy.



**Prof. Nathaly Gaudreault** is a physiotherapist and a full professor at the School of Rehabilitation, Faculty of medicine and health sciences, University of Sherbrooke, Canada. She is director of the Physius laboratory affiliated with the Centre de recherche du Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke. Her research program aims to better understand the pathophysiology of myofascial disorders (contractures, myofascial trigger points, fascial alterations) and to validate the mechanisms of different forms of manual therapies. By combining her clinical experience and her expertise in tissue biomechanics and imaging, her team aims to characterize these areas using

electromyography, myometry and innovative ultrasonography techniques that measure the viscoelasticity and echostructure of these tissues.



**Mark Driscoll**, Eng., Ph.D., Professor of Mechanical Engineering at McGill University, in Montreal, Canada. Dr. Driscoll's research focuses on the biomechanics of the spine from the perspective of devising an improved understanding of stability, diagnostics, and/or treatments – having a particular focus on the involvement of soft tissue such as fascia. He Chaired the scientific committees of the 2018 and 2021 Fascia Research Congresses. Dr. Driscoll is also the Canadian Chair for Design Engineering for Interdisciplinary Innovation of Medical Technologies. As the founder and director of the Musculoskeletal Biomechanics Research Lab at McGill, he has

received many awards for his research and corresponding inventions which serve in assisting people with disabilities around the world.



**Caterina Fede.** Since 2008, Caterina Fede is the teacher assistant of embryology and histology (faculty of molecular biology), and cellular biology (faculty of molecular biology & natural sciences) at the University of Padova. Caterina published some researches about the cellular and molecular biology aspects of the fascial area. Her researches investigate the effects of the hormone receptors on the fascial cells and the production of cells in vitro, related to the hormone levels and to the amount of hyaluronic acid in the fascial area.



**Robert Schleip** is Research Director of the European Rolfing Association, Vice President of the Fascia Research Society and directs the Fascia Research Project, Munich, Germany. His doctoral thesis (in human biology) was honored with the Vladimir Janda Award for Musculoskeletal Medicine. He has been a certified Feldenkrais Practitioner since 1987 and a Certified Rolfer sind 1978.