



**EHDN Clinical Research Congress 2026**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026, Kraków, Poland**

*\*Preliminary programme*

**THURSDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER, 2026**

- 07:30 – 08:45    REGISTRATION DESK
- 08:45 – 09:00    WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION  
                           Chaired by Patrick Weydt, Åsa Petersén, Cristina Sampaio and Danuta Lis
- 09:00 – 09:45    PLENARY SESSION I: HD Burden - Family and Patient Perspective  
                           Chaired by Patrick Weydt, Åsa Petersén, Cristina Sampaio and Danuta Lis
- 09:45 – 10:30    PLENARY SESSION II: Current State of the Treatment Pipeline  
                           Chaired by Swati Sathe and TBA
- 10:30 – 11:00    **BREAK**
- 11:00 – 12:00    PARALLEL SESSIONS I
 

A. Psychological interventions Chaired by Docia Demmin and Lucienne van der Meer	B. Advanced Therapies/Clinical Trials TF Chaired by Patrick Weydt and Reuben van Eijk
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- 12:00 – 13:30    **LUNCH and POSTER VIEWING**
- 13:30 – 14:30    PARALLEL SESSIONS II
 

A. AI/Digital Biomarkers Chaired by Jean-Marc Burgunder and Matt Roche	B. Social Cognition Chaired by Sarah Mason and Rebecca Fuller
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- 14:30 – 14:45    **BREAK**
- 14:45 – 15:45    KEYNOTE LECTURE I: Genetic Testing and Genetic Modifiers  
                           Chaired by Nayana Lahiri and Hoa Huu Phuc Nguyen  
                           Speaker: Alexandra Durr
- 15:45 – 16:00    **SHORT BREAK and stage set-up**
- 16:00 – 17:00    DEBATE: Implementation of Genetic Modifier Data into Clinical Practice – Are we there, yet?  
                           Chaired by Nayana Lahiri and Hoa Huu Phuc Nguyen  
                           Speaker: Alexandra Durr and TBA
- 17:00 – 17:45    EHDN BUSSINESS MEETING  
                           Chaired by Patrick Weydt and Åsa Petersén
- 18:00 – 21:00    **NETWORKING EVENING**  
                           Posters, finger food & drinks



**FRIDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER, 2026**

- 08:00 – 08:45 **PLENARY SESSION III: Access and Affordability for the HD Community**  
 Chaired by Hugh Rickards and Jenna Heilman
- 08:45 – 09:45 **UPDATE ON ONGOING CLINICAL TRIALS**  
 Chaired by Jenny Townhill and Ralf Reilmann
- 09:45 – 10:00 **SHORT BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:00 **PARALLEL SESSIONS III**  
 A. Preclinical/Cell biology  
 Chaired by TBA
- B. Glymphatic Imaging  
 Chaired by Daniel Claassen and Andrew Wood
- 11:00 – 11:30 **BREAK**
- 11:30 – 12:30 **KEYNOTE LECTURE II: The ubiquitin proteolytic system - from a hypothetical assumption of why it should exist to human diseases and drug development**  
 Speaker: Prof. Dr. Aaron Ciechanover (Nobel Prize Winner for Chemistry 2004)
- 12:30 – 14:30 **LUNCH and POSTER VIEWING**  
 ▶ **SPECIAL SESSIONS 13.20 – 14:20**
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| a. HDYO/EHA<br>Chaired by TBA | b. EHDN Fellowship<br>Chaired by Juliana Bronzova | c. Local Language Session<br>(13:00-15:30)<br>Chaired by Danuta Lis and TBA |
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- 14:30 – 15:30 **SHORT COMMUNICATIONS I**  
 Presentation of selected abstracts  
 Chaired by Davina Hensman Moss and Jiří Klempíř
- 15:30 – 16:30 **PLENARY SESSION IV: Advanced Biomarkers**  
 Chaired by Hilary Wilkinson and Niels Skotte
- 16:30 – 17:00 **BREAK**
- 17:00 – 18:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Communications to the Community - Style, Method, Content, Managing Expectations**  
 Chaired by Emily Gantman and Ed Wild



**SATURDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2026**

- 08:30 – 09:15 **EHDN LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS**  
Presentations of selected EHDN Seed Funds and Working Groups  
Chaired by TBA
- 09:15 – 10:15 **PLENARY SESSION V: Clinical Endpoints - What's new?**  
Chaired by Ahmad Aziz and Jamie Hamilton
- 10:15 – 10:45 **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:45 **SHORT COMMUNICATIONS II**  
Presentation of selected abstracts  
Chaired by Duncan McClaughlan and TBA
- 11:45 – 12:45 **UPDATE ON PLANNED CLINICAL TRIALS**  
Chaired by Bernhard Landwehrmeyer and TBA
- 12:45 – 13:10 **SUMMARY AND POSTER AWARD**  
Chaired by Nayana Lahiri and Hoa Huu Phuc Nguyen
- 13:10 – 13:15 **FAREWELL**  
Chaired by Patrick Weydt and Cristina Sampaio