



EHDN Clinical Research Congress 2026

22nd – 24th October 2026, Kraków, Poland

**Preliminary programme*

THURSDAY, 22nd 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, 23rd 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 Marta Biagioli and 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**
- a. HDYO/EHA
 Chaired by TBA
- b. EHDN Fellowship
 Chaired by Juliana Bronzova
- c. Local Language Session
 (13:00-15:30)
 Chaired by Danuta Lis and TBA
- 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, 24th OCTOBER, 2026

- 08:30 – 09:15** **EHDN LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS**
Presentations of selected EHDN Seed Funds and Working Groups
Chaired by [Mayke Osterloo](#) and [Agnieszka Fiszer](#)
- 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](#)