



EHDN Clinical Research Congress 2026 22nd – 24th October 2026, Kraków, Poland

**Preliminary programme*

THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER, 2026

- 07:30 – 08:30 REGISTRATION DESK
- 08:30 – 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 Åsa Petersén
Speakers: Charlotte Spearing, Greg Witkowski and William Gray
- 09:45 – 10:30 PLENARY SESSION II: Current State of the Treatment Pipeline
Chaired by Swati Sathe and Pavlina Stefanova-Konstantinova
- 10:30 – 11:00 **BREAK**
- 11:00 – 12:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS I
- A. Psychological interventions in Huntington’s Disease: a transdiagnostic perspective
Chaired by Docia Demmin and Lucienne van der Meer
1. **Talk I**
TBA
2. **Resilient together-ALS: an early dyadic intervention for patients and their informal care-partners**
Christina Rush
3. **Reducing anxiety in people with HD using a guided self-help intervention**
Jane Simpson and Maria Dale
- B. Advanced Therapies/Clinical Trials TF
Chaired by Patrick Weydt and Ruben van Eijk
1. **Talk I**
Ruben van Eijk
2. **Talk II**
Michael Hayden
3. **Talk III**
Cindy Towns
4. **Panel Discussion and Q&A**
- 12:00 – 13:30 **LUNCH and POSTER VIEWING**



13:30 – 14:30

PARALLEL SESSIONS II

A. Digital Biomarkers and Artificial Intelligence

Chaired by Jean-Marc Burgunder and Matt Roche

1. **Talk I**
Jonas Dorn
2. **Q-Motor results from AMT-130**
David Margolin
3. **Talk III**
Run Zhuang
4. **Panel Discussion and Q&A**

B. Social Cognition

Chaired by Sarah Mason and Rebecca Fuller

1. **Reading minds missing people: Ecological validity problem in social cognition**
Erin Heerey
2. **Cling Film, Text Messages and Work - Three ethnographic stories of early social cognitive change in Huntington's disease**
Alex Fisher
3. **Talk III**
TBA
4. **Panel Discussion**

14:30 – 14:35

Transition BREAK

14:35 – 15:15

EHDN BUSSINESS MEETING

Chaired by Patrick Weydt and Åsa Petersén

15:15 – 15:45

BREAK

15:45 – 16:45

KEYNOTE LECTURE I: Genetic Testing and Genetic Modifiers

Chaired by Nayana Lahiri and Hoa Huu Phuc Nguyen

Speaker: Alexandra Durr

16:45 – 17:45

DEBATE: Implementation of Genetic Modifier Data into Clinical Practice – Are we there, yet?

Chaired by Nayana Lahiri and Hoa Huu Phuc Nguyen

Speaker: Michael Hayden and Darren Monckton (other TBA)

17:45 – 21:00

NETWORKING EVENING

Posters, art exhibition, 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

1. **HEATED (Huntington's Equal Access to Effective Drugs). The story so far.**
Hugh Rickards
2. **What are the barriers to access to effective drugs in HD and how do we overcome them?**
Josie Godrey
3. **Access to effective HD drugs: the global perspective**
Nacho Sanjuan



- 08:45 – 09:45 **UPDATE ON ONGOING CLINICAL TRIALS**
 Chaired by Jenny Townhill and Ralf Reilmann
1. **Alnylam**
Sarah Tabrizi
 2. **VICO Therapeutics**
Scott Schobel
 3. **Skyhawk Therapeutics**
Meghan Miller and Pannie Trifillis
 4. **Panel Discussion**
- 09:45 – 10:00 **SHORT BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:00 **PARALLEL SESSIONS III**
- A. Modifiers of Huntington’s Disease: Genetic, Biological, and Preclinical Perspectives**
 Chaired by Marta Biagioli and Vahri Beaumont
1. **PMS1/MLH1 variants and drugging the PMS1 ATPase site**
Tom Massey
 2. **MED15 as a Non-MMR Modifier of Huntington's Disease**
Mahmoud Pouladi
 3. **hiPSC cell models**
Mike Flowers
- B. Glymphatic Imaging**
 Chaired by Daniel Claassen and Andrew Wood
1. **Imaging human glymphatic function with intrathecal contrast: from method to clinical readout**
Kristian Eide
 2. **Glymphatic dysfunction in neurodegeneration: relevance to outcomes and therapeutic potential**
TBA
 3. **Imaging the glymphatic system in Huntington’s disease and neurodegeneration: implications for monitoring and neurotherapeutics**
Manus Donahue
- 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, POSTER VIEWING and SPECIAL SESSIONS**
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| a. HDYO and EHA
13:20-14:20
Chaired by Jenna Heilman and Astri Arnesen | b. EHDN Fellowship
13:20-14:20
Chaired by Juliana Bronzova and Fionnuala Margreiter | c. Local Language Session
13:00-15:30
Chaired by Danuta Lis and Daniel Zielonka |
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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
1. **Lipidomics and new biomarkers**
William Griffiths
 2. **PENK & NEFL**
Niels Skotte and Hilary Wilkinson
 3. **HD YAS 3.0**
Rachael Scahill
- 16:30 – 17:00 **BREAK**
- 17:00 – 18:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Clinical Trial Communications in Context - Rules, Responsibilities, and Community Expectations**
 Chaired by Emily Gantman and Ed Wild
 Panel: Charlotte Spearing, Mai-Lise Nguyen, Rachel Harding and David Anderson

SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 2026

- 08:30 – 09:15 **EHDN LIGHTNING PRESENTATIONS**
 Presentations of selected EHDN Seed Funds and Working Groups
 Chaired by Mayke Oosterloo and Agnieszka Fiszer
- 09:15 – 10:15 **PLENARY SESSION V: Efficacy Demonstration - Standards, Measures and Endpoints**
 Chaired by Ahmad Aziz and Jamie Hamilton
1. **Analysis of Enroll-HD TMS training data**
Matt Roche
 2. **Talk II (TBA)**
Angelika Caputo
 3. **MCID within the context of other Neurodegenerative disorders**
Glenn Stebbins
- 10:15 – 10:45 **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:45 **SHORT COMMUNICATIONS II**
 Presentation of selected abstracts
 Chaired by Duncan McLauchlan and Arun Karpur
- 11:45 – 12:45 **From Clinical Trial Progress and Regulatory Perspectives**
 Chaired by Bernhard Landwehrmeyer and Daniel Weintraub
1. **Regulatory perspectives on trial innovation and clinical meaningful outcomes**
Elena Hernández Martínez de Lapiscina
 2. **Talk II**
David Margolin
 3. **Talk III**
Beth Borowsky
- 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