



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 Åsa Petersén
 Speakers: Greg Witkowski and William Gray

- 09:45 – 10:30 PLENARY SESSION II: Current State of the Treatment Pipeline
 Chaired by Swati Sathe and Anne Rosser

- 10:30 – 11:00 **BREAK**

- 11:00 – 12:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS I

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Psychological interventions in Huntington’s Disease: a transdiagnostic perspective Chaired by Docia Demmin and Lucienne van der Meer 1. What helps individuals cope with the stress of HD? Bruce Compas 2. Resilient together-ALS: an early dyadic intervention for patients and their informal care-partners TBA 3. Reducing anxiety in people with HD using a guided self-help intervention TBA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Advanced Therapies/Clinical Trials TF Chaired by Patrick Weydt and Ruben van Eijk 1. Talk I Ruben van Eijk 2. Talk II TBA 3. Talk III TBA 4. Panel Discussion and Q&A
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- 12:00 – 13:30 **LUNCH and POSTER VIEWING**



- 13:30 – 14:30 PARALLEL SESSIONS II
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| <p>A. Digital Biomarkers and Artificial Intelligence
 Chaired by Jean-Marc Burgunder and Matt Roche</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk I
Jonas Dorn 2. Q-Motor results from AMT-130
David Margolin 3. Talk III
Samantha Liang 4. Panel Discussion and Q&A | <p>B. Social Cognition
 Chaired by Sarah Mason and Rebecca Fuller</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading minds missing people: Ecological validity problem in social cognition
Erin Heerey 2. Talk II
Alex Fisher 3. Talk III
TBA 4. Panel Discussion |
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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: Michael Hayden and Darren Monckton (other 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
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
- 09:45 – 10:00 **SHORT BREAK**



10:00 – 11:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS III

A. Preclinical/Cell biology

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**
Jeffrey Iliff
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

a. HDYO/EHA

13:20-14:20

Chaired by TBA

b. EHDN Fellowship

13:20-14:20

Chaired by Juliana Bronzova

c. Local Language Session

13:00-15:30

Chaired by Danuta Lis and Daniel Zilonka

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: Communications to the Community - Style, Method, Content, Managing Expectations

Chaired by Emily Gantman and Ed Wild

Panel: Charlotte Conn, 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 Osterloo](#) and [Agnieszka Fiszer](#)
- 09:15 – 10:15 **PLENARY SESSION V: Clinical Endpoints - What's new?**
Chaired by [Ahmad Aziz](#) and [Jamie Hamilton](#)
- 1. Analysis of Enroll-HD TMS training data**
[Matt Roche](#)
 - 2. Talk II**
[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 McClaughlan](#) and [Arun Karpur](#)
- 11:45 – 12:45 **UPDATE ON PLANNED CLINICAL TRIALS**
Chaired by [Bernhard Landwehrmeyer](#) and [Daniel Weintraub](#)
- 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](#)