



VENUE: Palace of the Anatomical Institutes, C.so Massimo D'Azeglio 52, 10124, Torino, Italy

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 1 (Friday 06th November, 2026)

12.30-13.30: Registration

13.30-13.45: Opening ceremony

Welcome by the Organizers (M. Boido and S. Stanga) & Greetings by the authorities

13.45-14.00: Brief introduction by the organizers

14.00-15.00 Session I – Cellular and molecular mechanisms of SMA

14.00-14.20: **Alessandro Usiello**, Italy “SMA impacts neurotransmitters metabolism: new insight from animal models to patients”

14.20-14.40: **Ana Garcera**, Spain “Molecular responses induced by SMN-ASO treatment in differentiated human SMA motoneurons”

14.40-15.00: Q&A Session I

15.00-16.00 Session II – Clinical advances in motor neuron diseases

15.00-15.20: **Claudio Bruno**, Italy “Spinal Muscular Atrophy: bridging basic discoveries and clinical practice”

15.20-15.40: **Umberto Manera**, Italy “Measuring What Matters: Patient-Reported Outcomes, Digital Biomarkers and AI in MNDs”

15.40-16.00: Q&A Session II

16.00-16.30: Coffee break

16.30-17.30: Selected talks

17.30-17.45: Sponsored talk by Zeiss

17.45-19.15: Poster session I

20.00: Social dinner with the speakers

DAY 2 (Saturday 07th November, 2026)

9.00-10.00: Session III - New insights from fundamental ALS research

9.00-9.20: **Philip Van Damme**, Belgium TBD

9.20-9.40: **Séverine Boillée**, France “Modulating immune cells for the progression of ALS”

9.40-10.00: Q&A Session III

10.00-11.00: Selected talks

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-12.00: Patients' Associations: Shaping research together (with SMA Europe, ConSLancio ETS and Girotondo ODV Associations)

12.00-12.30: Technical session on transmission and volume electron microscopy (Sveva Dallere, Italy)

12.30-13.15: Lunch

13.15-14.45: Poster session II

14.45-15.30 Closing Lecture - Pamela Shaw, UK “Harnessing scientific discoveries for translation into new therapeutic approaches for ALS/MND”

15.30-16.00: Awards ceremony

Goodbye to the next edition in 2028!

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