

Scientific Program

Wednesday, 11 November 2026		
12:00 Noon	Registration Opens	
14:00-16:00	Skills Workshop Sessions I: Fundamentals of Deep Brain Stimulation Programming: A practical workshop for beginners and intermediates Moderator: Joohi Jimenez-Shahed (USA) Francesco Cavallieri (Italy) Genko Oyama (Japan) Delaram Safarpour (USA) II: All About Pumps-Initiating and Troubleshooting Percutaneous and Subcutaneous Infusion Therapies Moderator: Maja Trošt (Slovenia) Filip Bergquist (Sweden) Onanong Phokaewarangkul (Thailand) Katarzyna Śmiałowska (Poland) Agatha Eisendle (Italy) III: Getting Started on Ultrasound Guided Neurotoxin Injections: Focus on Neck and Upper Limb Moderator: Anna Castagna (Italy) Philippe Salles (Chile) Raymond Rosales (Philippines) Pawel Tacik (Germany)	
17:00-18:00	Welcome to IAPRD 2026 – Opening Ceremony and Award Lectures	
	Congress Welcome and Invited Award Lectures • Welcome and announcements from IAPRD President, Andreas Puschmann • Announcement of Melvin Yahr Parkinson's Disease Clinical Research Award 2026 Winner • IAPRD Melvin Yahr Lecture (selected by Awards Committee) José A. Obeso (Madrid, Spain) • IAPRD Lifetime Achievement Award Lecture: Tissue PD biomarkers and the implication Beomseok Jeon (Seoul, South Korea)	
18:00-19:00	Welcome Reception and Networking (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	
Thursday, 12 November 2026		
07:45-08:45	Morning Coffee (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	
08:45-10:15	Plenary Session 1: Looking at Parkinson's Disease With a 2026 Lens—Breaking Advances Around the Globe Chair: Andreas Puschmann (Sweden) Chair: Elena Moro (France)	
08:45-09:15	1a: Today's Leading Hypotheses on How Parkinson's Disease Begins Tiago Outeiro (Germany)	
09:15-09:45	1b: Is It or Is It Not? Diagnosing Parkinson's Disease from Different Angles Kailash Bhatia (UK)	
09:45-10:15	1c: Emerging Therapies That Are Likely to Make a Difference in How We Manage Parkinson's Disease Lorraine Kalia (Canada)	
10:15-11:00	Coffee Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	
11:00-12:30	Parallel Session 1: Genetics and Environment—The Yin & Yang of Parkinson's Disease Chair: Huifang Shang (China) Chair: Enza Maria Valente (Italy)	Parallel Session 2: Recent Advances in Prediction and Modelling of PD Progression—Are They Ready for the Bedside? Chair: Ioannis Isaías (Italy) Chair: Alfonso Fasano (Italy)
11:00-11:30	1a: Untangling the Tangled World of PD Genetics: The 2026 Update Vincenzo Bonifati (Netherlands)	2a: Sticking With What We Know Best—Recognizing Motor and Non-Motor Features to Predict PD Progression Haidar Dafsari (Germany)
11:30-12:00	1b: Spotlight on the Environmental Triggers of Parkinson's Disease Alexis Elbaz (France)	2b: Spotting Which PD Patient is In for a Rough Ride—Can Neuroimaging See What Our Eyes Could Not? Irena Rektorova (Czechia)
12:00-12:30	1c: What Can We Do Now to Avoid Parkinson's Disease? Caroline Tanner (USA)	2c: Harnessing the Power of Technology for a Better and More Accurate Prediction of PD Progression Álvaro Sánchez-Ferro (Spain)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	
14:00-15:30	Plenary Session 2: The Mahlon DeLong Plenary—What Matters Most: The 2026 Therapeutics Update on Parkinson's Disease Chair: Alberto Albanese (Italy) Chair: Roberto Cilia (Italy)	
14:00-14:30	2a: What Patients with Parkinson's Disease Are Likely to Be Taking: Monotherapy vs Polytherapy in Parkinson's Disease Angelo Antonini (Italy)	
14:30-15:00	2b: Drip by Drip: Can Infusion Therapies Fill the Gap When Oral Therapies Fall Short? Maja Trošt (Slovenia)	
15:00-15:30	2c: The Very Latest on Functional Neurosurgery for Parkinson's Disease Suneil Kalia (Canada)	
15:30-16:30	Coffee Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	Guided Poster Tours I
16:30-18:00	Parallel Session 3: Beneath the Parkinson's Iceberg—Exploring Nonmotor Symptoms Chair: Marie Saint-Hilaire (USA) Chair: Gulnora Rakhimbaeva (Uzbekistan)	Parallel Session 4: Spotting the PD Chameleons—Update on Atypical Parkinsonism Chair: Pramod Pal (India) Chair: Luca Marsili (Italy)
16:30-17:00	3a: The Big Two—Cognitive and Behavioral Features of Parkinson's Disease Roberta Biundo (Italy)	4a: Surveying the Synucleinopathies in 2026 Wassilios Meissner (France)
17:00-17:30	3b: No Longer a Sleeping Giant—Addressing Sleep Dysfunction in PD Aleksander Videnovic (USA)	4b: Towering Over Tauopathies: Recent Advances Yaroslau Compta (Spain)
17:30-18:00	3c: Cracking One Tough Iceberg—The Latest on Dysautonomia in PD Alessandra Fanciulli (Austria)	4c: Here, There and Everywhere: Not To Miss Secondary Parkinsonian Disorders Pramod Pal (India)
18:00-18:15	The New IAPRD Journals Numbers Game: Round 1 (Join the challenge and test your memory—or luck—on reported scientific findings from the PRD and CPRD literature. All attendees are encouraged to participate and have fun!) Host: Hubert Fernandez (USA) Host: Huifang Shang (China)	
Friday, 13 November 2026		
07:45-08:45	Morning Coffee (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	
08:45-10:15	Plenary Session 3: The Mark Hallett Plenary—Spotlight on Hyperkinetic Disorders Chair: Alberto Priori (Italy) Chair: Karen Frei (USA)	
08:45-09:15	3a: Sharpening Our Clinical Lens: Incorporating the Two—Axis Classifications of Hyperkinetic Disorders Alberto Albanese (Italy)	
09:15-09:45	3b: When Machine Wins—Using Technology in Our Approach to Hyperkinetic Disorders Roongroj Bhidayasiri (Thailand)	
09:45-10:15	3c: Is Functional Neurosurgery Offering New Hope for Patients with Hyperkinetic Disorders? Raja Mehanna (USA)	
10:15-11:00	Coffee Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	
11:00-12:30	Parallel Session 5: Dystonia, Tics, and Chorea Chair: Emilia Gatto (Argentina) Chair: Zoltan Mari (USA)	Parallel Session 6: Cerebellar Ataxias and Spastic Paraplegias Chair: Oksana Suchowersky (Canada) Chair: Ashraf Yahia (Sudan)
11:00-11:30	5a: Navigating the Complex Map of Dystonia Genetics Michael Zech (Germany)	6a: Recently discovered genetic causes and optimized genetic testing in 2026 Oksana Suchowersky (Canada)
11:30-12:00	5b: Treatments and Trials in Tics and Tourette's Andreas Hartmann (France)	6b: Treatable Disorders: Friedreich ataxia and others Deborah Hall (USA)
12:00-12:30	5c: Synchronizing Choreography: Closing in on (non-HD) Chorea Emilia Gatto (Argentina)	6c: Repeat Expansion Disorders: Molecular mechanisms and emerging therapies Henry Houlden (UK)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	
14:00-15:30	Plenary Session 4: The Nir Giladi Plenary—The Heart of It All: Therapeutics in Movement Disorders Chair: Hubert Fernandez (USA) Chair: Jaroslaw Slawek (Poland)	
14:00-14:30	4a: Hope or Hype: Update on Huntington's Disease Treatment Tiago Mestre (Canada)	
14:30-15:00	4b: The Ever-Expanding Universe of Botulinum Neurotoxin in Movement Disorders Raymond Rosales (Philippines)	
15:00-15:30	4c: The Formula One Approach: Neurorehabilitation in Movement Disorders Shinsuke Fujioka (Japan)	
15:30-16:30	Coffee Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)	Guided Poster Tours II
16:30-18:00	Parallel Session 7: Unmasking Rare and Remarkable Movement Disorders Chair: Roberto Erro (Italy) Chair: Vladimira Vuletic (Croatia)	Parallel Session 8: Last Pieces of the Puzzle: Emergencies, Gait Disorders and Neuropalliative Care Chair: Prashanth Kukkle (India) Chair: Jinyoung Youn (Korea)
16:30-17:00	7a: Revealing Autoimmune Disorders, the Masters of Disguise Bettina Balint (Switzerland)	8a: Knowing What To Do During Movement Disorder Emergencies Prashanth Kukkle (India)
17:00-17:30	7b: Seeking the Hidden Diagnostic Clues in Pediatric Movement Disorders Divyani Garg (India)	8b: A Balancing Act: The Modern Approach to Gait Disorders Jinyoung Youn (Korea)
17:30-18:00	7c: New Genetic Variants and Expanding Phenotypes of Known Genetic Disorders: Deciphering Nature's Secret Code Alessio Di Fonzo (Italy)	8c: Developing a Neuropalliative Care Mindset Manon Auffret (France)
18:00-18:15	The New IAPRD Journals Numbers Game: Round 2 (Join the challenge and test your memory—or luck—on reported scientific findings from the PRD and CPRD literature. All attendees are encouraged to participate and have fun!) Host: Zoltan Mari (USA) Host: Marie Saint-Hilaire (USA)	
Saturday, 14 November 2026		
08:00-09:00	Morning Coffee	Guided Poster Tours III
09:00-10:00	Plenary Session 5: A Master Clinician's Approach to Challenging Movement Disorders Master Clinician: Bettina Balint (Switzerland) Master Clinician: Roongroj Bhidayasiri (Thailand)	
10:00-12:15	Plenary Session 6: IAPRD's Grand Video Challenge—Team Innovation versus Team Collaboration Moderator: Hubert Fernandez (USA) Moderator: Ai Huey Tan (Malaysia) Discussant: Roberto Erro (Italy) Discussant: Luca Marsili (USA) Discussant: Philippe Salles (Chile) Discussant: Huifang Shang (China) Discussant: Miryam Carecchio (Italy) Discussant: Oksana Suchowersky (Canada)	
12:15-12:30	IAPRD 2026 Congress Awards and Closing Ceremony	