Scientific Program

Wednesday, 11 November 2026

12:00 Noon — *First Floor*
Registration Opens

14:00-16:15 — **Skills Workshop Sessions**

Darsena 1-2
I: Fundamentals of Deep Brain Stimulation Programming: A practical workshop for beginners and intermediates
Moderator: *Jochi Jimenez-Shahed (USA)*
Francesco Cavallieri (Italy)
Genko Oyama (Japan)
Delaram Safarpour (USA)

Castello
II: All About Pumps-Initiating and Troubleshooting Percutaneous and Subcutaneous Infusion Therapies
Moderator: *Alberto Albanese (Italy)*
Onanong Phokaewvarangkul (Thailand)
Katarzyna Śmiłowska (Poland)
Monica Scharfenort (Sweden)

Landa
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)

17:00-18:50 — *Arena*
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:** Focal motor onset in Parkinson's disease: A constraint on current etiopathogenic hypotheses
  José A. Obeso (Madrid, Spain)
- **IAPRD Lifetime Achievement Award Lecture:** Tissue PD biomarkers and the implication
  Beomseok Jeon (Seoul, South Korea)

18:50-20:00 — *Exhibit Hall*
Welcome Reception and Networking (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)

Thursday, 12 November 2026

07:45-08:45 — *Exhibit Hall*
Morning Coffee (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)

08:45-10:15 — *Arena*
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 — *Exhibit Hall*
Coffee Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)

11:00-12:30

Landa
Parallel Session 1: Genetics and Environment—The Yin & Yang of Parkinson's Disease
Chair: *Enza Maria Valente (Italy)*

11:00-11:30 — 1a: Untangling the Tangled World of PD Genetics: The 2026 Update
Vincenzo Bonifati (Netherlands)

11:30-12:00 — 1b: Spotlight on the Environmental Triggers of Parkinson's Disease
Alexis Elbaz (France)

12:00-12:30 — 1c: What Can We Do Now to Avoid Parkinson's Disease?
Caroline Tanner (USA)

Arena
Parallel Session 2: Recent Advances in Prediction and Modelling of PD Progression—Are They Ready for the Bedside?
Chair: *Ioannis Isaias (Italy)*
Chair: *Alfonso Fasano (Italy)*

11:00-11:30 — 2a: Sticking With What We Know Best—Recognizing Motor and Non-Motor Features to Predict PD Progression
Haidar Dafsari (Germany)

11:30-12:00 — 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 — 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 — *Arena*
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?
Zinovia Kefalopoulou (Greece)

15:00-15:30 — 2c: The Very Latest on Functional Neurosurgery for Parkinson's Disease
Suneil Kalia (Canada)

15:30-16:30

Exhibit Hall
Coffee Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)

Poster Gallery
Guided Poster Tours I

16:30-18:00

Landa
Parallel Session 3: Beneath the Parkinson's Iceberg—Exploring Nonmotor Symptoms
Chair: *Marie Saint-Hilaire (USA)*
Chair: *Gulnora Rakhimbaeva (Uzbekistan)*

16:30-17:00 — 3a: The Big Two—Cognitive and Behavioral Features of Parkinson's Disease
Roberta Biundo (Italy)

17:00-17:30 — 3b: No Longer a Sleeping Giant—Addressing Sleep Dysfunction in PD
Aleksander Videnovic (USA)

17:30-18:00 — 3c: Cracking One Tough Iceberg—The Latest on Dysautonomia in PD
Alessandra Fanciulli (Austria)

Arena
Parallel Session 4: Spotting the PD Chameleons—Update on Atypical Parkinsonism
Chair: *Pramod Pal (India)*
Chair: *Luca Marsili (Italy)*

16:30-17:00 — 4a: Surveying the Synucleinopathies in 2026
Wassilios Meissner (France)

17:00-17:30 — 4b: Towering Over Tauopathies: Recent Advances
Yaroslau Compta (Spain)

17:30-18:00 — 4c: Here, There and Everywhere: Not To Miss Secondary Parkinsonian Disorders
Pramod Pal (India)

18:00-18:15 — *Arena*
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)*

19:00-21:30 — IAPRD Faculty & Fellows Dinner

Friday, 13 November 2026

07:45-08:45 — *Exhibit Hall*
Morning Coffee (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)

08:45-10:15 — *Arena*
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 — *Exhibit Hall*
Coffee Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)

11:00-12:30

Arena
Parallel Session 5: Dystonia, Tics, and Chorea
Chair: *Emilia Gatto (Argentina)*
Chair: *Zoltan Mari (USA)*

11:00-11:30 — 5a: Navigating the Complex Map of Dystonia Genetics
Michael Zech (Germany)

11:30-12:00 — 5b: Treatments and Trials in Tics and Tourette's
Andreas Hartmann (France)

12:00-12:30 — 5c: Synchronizing Choreography: Closing in on (non-HD) Choreas
Emilia Gatto (Argentina)

Landa
Parallel Session 6: Cerebellar Ataxias and Spastic Paraplegias
Chair: *Oksana Suchowersky (Canada)*
Chair: *Ashraf Yahia (Sudan)*

11:00-11:30 — 6a: Recently discovered genetic causes and optimized genetic testing in 2026
Oksana Suchowersky (Canada)

11:30-12:00 — 6b: Treatable Disorders: Friedreich ataxia and others
Deborah Hall (USA)

12:00-12:30 — 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 — *Arena*
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

Exhibit Hall
Coffee Break (Exhibit and Poster Hall Open)

Poster Gallery
Guided Poster Tours II

16:30-18:00

Arena
Parallel Session 7: Unmasking Rare and Remarkable Movement Disorders
Chair: *Roberto Erro (Italy)*
Chair: *Vladimira Vuletic (Croatia)*

16:30-17:00 — 7a: Revealing Autoimmune Disorders, the Masters of Disguise
Bettina Balint (Switzerland)

17:00-17:30 — 7b: Seeking the Hidden Diagnostic Clues in Pediatric Movement Disorders
Divyani Garg (India)

17:30-18:00 — 7c: New Genetic Variants and Expanding Phenotypes of Known Genetic Disorders: Deciphering Nature's Secret Code
Alessio Di Fonzo (Italy)

Landa
Parallel Session 8: Last Pieces of the Puzzle: Emergencies, Gait Disorders and Neuropalliative Care
Chair: *PrashantD Kukkle (India)*
Chair: *Jinyoung Youn (Korea)*

16:30-17:00 — 8a: Knowing What To Do During Movement Disorder Emergencies
Prashanth Kukkle (India)

17:00-17:30 — 8b: A Balancing Act: The Modern Approach to Gait Disorders
Jinyoung Youn (Korea)

17:30-18:00 — 8c: Developing a Neuropalliative Care Mindset
Manon Auffret (France)

18:00-18:15 — *Arena*
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)*

18:15-19:15 — IAPRD Annual General Meeting (Business meeting; IAPRD full members only)

Saturday, 14 November 2026

08:00-09:00

Exhibit Hall
Morning Coffee

Poster Gallery
Guided Poster Tours III

09:00-10:00 — *Arena*
Plenary Session 5: A Master Clinician's Approach to Challenging Movement Disorders
Moderator: *Alberto Albanese (Italy)*
Master Clinician: *Bettina Balint (Switzerland)*
Master Clinician: *Roongroj Bhidayasiri (Thailand)*
Case Presenter: *Fabiana Colucci (Italy)*

10:00-12:15 — *Arena*
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: *Miryam Carecchio (Italy)*
Discussant: *Oksana Suchowersky (Canada)*
Discussant: *Enza Maria Valente (Italy)*
Discussant: *Onanong Phokaewvarangkul (Thailand)*

12:15-12:30 — *Arena*
IAPRD 2026 Congress Awards and Closing Ceremony