# 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:** *Joohi 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 Smilowska (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)*

*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 — 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** — *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 Rakhimboeva (Uzbekistan)*

*Arena*
**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** — *Scala 4*
**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:** *Koren 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)*

*Landa*
**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) Choreas
*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** — *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)*

*Landa*
**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** — *Scala 4*
**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:** *Onanong Phokaewvarangkul (Thailand)*

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