

XXXIV AINI CONGRESS

Centro Congressi Roma Eventi | Piazza di Spagna

May 4 – 6, 2026

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Day 1 | Monday May 4th

10:00 – 12:00 **Non ECM Scientific Spotlight Sessions**

12:00 – 12:15 **Welcome Remarks**

Martina Severa, Antonella Conte, Marco Salvetti, Massimiliano Di Filippo, Diego Centonze & Gabriela Constantin

12:15 – 12:45 **Opening lecture**

Mario A. Battaglia, Siena, Italy | Gabriela Constantin, Verona, Italy

Session I | Neuroimmunology Insights

Chairs: Martina Severa, Rome, Italy | Claudio Procaccini, Naples, Italy

12:45 – 13:30 **Metabolic control of Innate Immunity in Neuroinflammation**

Luke O'Neill, Dublin, Ireland

13:30 – 15:30 **Lunch & Poster Session**

Chairs: Valerio Chiurchiù, Rome, Italy | Elisabetta Volpe Rome, Italy | Claudio Procaccini, Naples, Italy | Matteo Gastaldi, Pavia, Italy

Session II | Lymphocyte Response dysregulation in Autoimmune Diseases

Chairs: Rosella Mechelli, Rome, Italy | Giovanna Borsellino, Rome, Italy

15:30 – 16:00 **T and B Cells Involvement in Autoimmune Diseases and EBV Response**

Marvin van Luijn, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

16:00 – 17:30 **Round Table**

17:30 – 18:00 *Coffee break*

18:00 – 18:30 **Autoreactive T Cell in Autoimmune Peripheral Neuropathies**

Daniela Latorre, Milan, Italy

Day 2 | Tuesday May 5th

Session III | Border Control in CNS Diseases

Chairs: Gabriela Constantin, Verona, Italy | Roberto Furlan, Milan, Italy

09:00 – 09:45 CNS immune privilege
Jonathan Kipnis, St. Louis, MO, USA

09:45 – 11:00 **Round Table**

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

Session IV | PART 1 - News & Views from Neurological Diseases

Chairs: Luca Battistini, Rome, Italy | Cinthia Farina, Milan, Italy

11:30 – 12:00 Modeling of CNS inflammation in MS
Martina Absinta, Rozzano, MI, Italy

12:00 – 13:00 **Round Table**

13:00 – 15:00 *Lunch & Poster Session*

Chairs: Valerio Chiurchiù, Rome, Italy | Elisabetta Volpe, Rome, Italy | Claudio Procaccini, Naples, Italy, Matteo Gastaldi, Pavia, Italy

Session IV | PART 2 - News & Views from Neurological Diseases

Chairs: Sara Mariotto, Verona, Italy | Diego Centonze, Rome, Italy

15:00 – 15:30 The role of complement in neurological diseases
Peter Späth, Bern, Switzerland

15:30 – 16:30 **Round Table**

16:30 – 17:00 *Coffee Break*

Session V | Myasthenia Gravis and Other Autoimmune Disorders

Chairs: Raffaele Iorio, Rome, Italy | Diana Ferraro, Modena, Italy

17:00 – 17:30 Myasthenia Gravis Pathogenesis
Rozen Le Panse, Paris, France

17:30 – 18:15 **Round Table**

Session VI | Neuroscience research in space

Discussant: Diego Centonze, Rome, Italy | Gabriela Constantin, Verona, Italy |

Chairs: Andrea Fuso, Rome, Italy | Martina Severa, Rome, Italy

18:15 – 18:45 **Italian Space Agency: the Experience of ASI in Neuroscience Research**
Sara Piccirillo, Rome, Italy

Day 3 | Wednesday May 6th

Session VII | Regenerative Neuroimmunology

Chairs: Marco Salvetti, Rome, Italy | Clara Ballerini, Florence, Italy

09:30 – 10:00 Fuels and drivers of smouldering brain diseases
Stefano Pluchino, Cambridge, UK

10:00 – 11:00 **Round Table**

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

Session VIII | Emerging Biomarkers in Demyelinating CNS Disorders

Chairs: Massimiliano di Filippo, Perugia, Italy | Giovanni Ristori, Rome, Italy

11:15 – 11:45 Novel biomarkers and therapeutic targets in CNS disorders
Anne-Katrin Pröbstel, Bonn, Germany

11:45 – 12:15 Markers of neuroglial damage in autoimmune neurology
Sara Mariotto, Verona, Italy

12:15 – 13:00 **Round Table**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 14:30 **EQAS** – External Quality Assessment Scheme
Matteo Gastaldi, Pavia, Italy

14:30 – 15:15 B cells in CNS autoimmunity
Thomas Korn, München, Germany

15:15 – 16:00 **Award Session & Closing Remarks**
Gabriela Constantin, Verona, Italy

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