

XXXIV AINI CONGRESS

Centro Congressi Roma Eventi | Piazza di Spagna
May 4 – 6, 2026

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM (21 Apr. 2026)

Day 1 | Monday May 4th

10:00 – 10:30 Registration & welcome coffee

Non ECM Scientific Spotlight Sessions

Chairs: Antonella Conte, Roma | Marco Salvetti, Roma | Massimiliano Di Filippo, Perugia | Diego Centonze, Roma

10:30 – 11:00 Immune network evolution
Luuk Van Hooren, Global Medical Director Frexalimab – Specialty Care – Medical Affairs Multiple Sclerosis

11:00 – 11:30 Innovation by Convergence: Neuroimmunology within a Multi-Frontier Ecosystem
Silvia Rossi, Medical Director Italy, argenx

11:30 – 12:00 Assessing fenebrutinib across the MS continuum: results from phase 3 studies in relapsing and primary progressive MS
H. Christian von Büdingen, MD, FAAN, Vice President and Global Head MS and Neuroimmunology, Roche

12:00 – 12:15 **Congress Opening - 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 | Caterina Veroni, 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 Cells in Autoimmune Peripheral Neuropathies
Daniela Latorre, Milan, Italy
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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 | Caterina Veroni, 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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