

Hybrid Conference Programme

| Start (BST) | Finish (BST) | Presenter details |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| Day Date Month Year | | |
| 12:00 | 13:00 | Registration, lunch and networking |
| 12:45 | | <i>Briefing for keynote speaker, Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator and committee</i> |
| 13:00 | 13:10 | Welcome and introductions |
| | | Wellcome Connecting Science: Nagehan Ramazanoglu Bahadir, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK |
| | | Scientific programme committee: Anders Børglum, Aarhus University, Denmark Kristen Brennand, Yale University, USA Danielle Posthuma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands Mina Ryten, University of Cambridge, UK |
| 13:10 | 14:00 | Opening keynote |
| | | <i>Chair: Mina Ryten, University of Cambridge, UK</i> |
| 13:10 | 14:00 | Title TBC Matthew Hurler, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK |
| 14:00 | 14:05 | Comfort break |
| 14:05 | 15:35 | Session 1: Genes in Context: When and Where Genetic Risk Acts |
| | | <i>Chair: Kristen Brennand, Yale University, USA</i> |
| 14:05 | 14:35 | Title TBC Laura M. Huckins, Yale University, USA |
| 14:35 | 15:05 | Understanding the molecular and cellular impact of stress: from cerebral organoids to postmortem brain studies Elisabeth Binder, Max Planck Institute of Psychiatry, Germany |
| 15:05 | 15:20 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 15:20 | 15:35 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 15:35 | 16:15 | Refreshment break and networking |
| 16:00 | 16:15 | <i>Briefing for Session 2 speakers, chair and moderator</i> |
| 16:15 | 17:45 | Session 2: The Healthy Brain: A Genomic Reference Map |
| | | <i>Chair: Danielle Posthuma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands</i> |
| 16:15 | 16:45 | Title TBC Jonathan Mill, University of Exeter, UK |
| 16:45 | 17:15 | Title TBC Henne Holstege, Amsterdam UMC, the Netherlands |
| 17:15 | 17:30 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 17:30 | 17:45 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 17:45 | 18:25 | Poster pitch talks for odd number posters |
| 18:25 | 19:25 | Poster session 1 (odd number posters) and networking reception |
| 19:25 | 21:30 | Dinner |
| 19:25 | | Bar open (card payments only) |

| Thursday 17 September 2026 | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| 09:15 | | Briefing for Session 3 speakers, chair and moderator |
| 09:30 | 11:00 | Session 3: From Association to Mechanism |
| | | <i>Chair: Anders Børglum, Aarhus University, Denmark</i> |
| 09:30 | 10:00 | A neuroscientist's guide to Schizophrenia - using genetic risk as a compass Jens Hjerling-Leffler, Karolinska Institute, Sweden |
| 10:00 | 10:30 | Unraveling the complexity of brain disorders using genetically diverse human cellular models Ralda Nehme, Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, USA |
| 10:30 | 10:45 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 10:45 | 11:00 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 11:00 | 11:45 | Refreshment break and networking |
| 11:30 | | Briefing for Session 4 speakers, chair and moderator |
| 11:45 | 13:15 | Session 4: New Tools to Decode Brain Disorders |
| | | <i>Chair: Danielle Posthuma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands</i> |
| 11:45 | 12:15 | Title TBC Kristen Maynard, Johns Hopkins University, USA |
| 12:15 | 12:45 | From tissue to targets to treat brain diseases Inge Huitinga, Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience |
| 12:45 | 13:00 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 13:00 | 13:15 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 13:15 | 14:30 | Lunch and networking |
| 14:15 | | Briefing for Session 5 speakers, chair and moderator |
| 14:30 | 16:00 | Session 5: Genomics-Driven Patient Stratification |
| | | <i>Chair: Anders Børglum, Aarhus University, Denmark</i> |
| 14:30 | 15:00 | Stratifying patients with neurodegeneration Valentina Escott-Price, Cardiff University, UK |
| 15:00 | 15:30 | ADHD genetics and polygenic architecture of severe outcomes across psychiatric disorders Ditte Demontis, Aarhus University, Denmark |
| 15:30 | 15:45 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 15:45 | 16:00 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 16:00 | 16:40 | Refreshment break and networking |
| 16:40 | 17:20 | Poster pitch talks for even number posters |
| 17:35 | 18:35 | Poster session 2 (even number posters) and networking reception |
| 18:35 | 20:30 | Dinner |
| 18:35 | | Bar open (card payments only) |

| Friday 18 September 2026 | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| 09:15 | | Briefing for Session 6 speakers, chair and moderator |
| 09:30 | 11:00 | Session 6: From Human Genetics to High-Confidence Targets |
| | | Chair: <i>Mina Ryten, University of Cambridge, UK</i> |
| 09:30 | 10:00 | Title TBC Eli Stahl, Regeneron Genetics Center, USA |
| 10:00 | 10:30 | Long read sequencing identifies alternative SNCA 5'UTR mRNA isoforms associated with PD risk Ben Logsdon, Cajal Therapeutics, USA |
| 10:30 | 10:45 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 10:45 | 11:00 | Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i> |
| 11:00 | 11:40 | Refreshment break and networking |
| 11:30 | | Briefing for keynote, chair, moderator and committee |
| 11:40 | 12:30 | Closing keynote |
| | | Chair: <i>Kristen Brennand, Yale University, USA</i> |
| | | Single-cell circuitry, foundation models, and brain-matched organoids for personalized precision therapeutics in brain disorders Manolis Kellis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA |
| 12:30 | 12:45 | Closing remarks |
| | | Scientific Programme Committee: Anders Børglum, Aarhus University, Denmark Kristen Brennand, Yale University, USA Danielle Posthuma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands Mina Ryten, University of Cambridge, UK |
| 12:45 | 13:45 | Lunch |
| 13:45 | | Coach departures for Stansted and Heathrow airports |
| 13:55 | | Coach departures for Cambridge train station and city centre |