

**Hybrid Conference Programme**

Start (BST)	Finish (BST)	Presenter details
<b>Wednesday 16 September 2026</b>		
12:00	13:00	<b>Registration, lunch and networking</b>
12:45		<i>Briefing for keynote speaker, Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator and committee</i>
13:00	13:10	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
		<b>Wellcome Connecting Science:</b> Nagehan Ramazanoglu Bahadir, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK  <b>Scientific programme committee:</b> <a href="#">Anders Børglum, Aarhus University, Denmark</a> <a href="#">Kristen Brennand, Yale University, USA</a> <a href="#">Danielle Posthuma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands</a> <a href="#">Mina Ryten, University of Cambridge, UK</a>
13:10	14:10	<b>Opening keynote</b>
		<i>Chair: Mina Ryten, University of Cambridge, UK</i>
13:10	14:10	Title TBC <a href="#">Matthew Hurles, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK</a>
14:10	14:15	Comfort break
14:15	15:45	<b>Session 1: Genes in Context: When and Where Genetic Risk Acts</b>
		<i>Chair: Kristen Brennand, Yale University, USA</i>
14:15	14:45	Combining genetics and environment to understand psychiatric disorders <a href="#">Laura M. Huckins, Yale University, USA</a>
14:45	15:15	Understanding the molecular and cellular impact of stress: from cerebral organoids to postmortem brain studies <a href="#">Elisabeth Binder, Max Planck Institute of Psychiatry, Germany</a>
15:15	15:30	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
15:30	15:45	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
15:45	16:15	Refreshment break and networking
16:00	16:15	<i>Briefing for Session 2 speakers, chair and moderator</i>
16:15	17:45	<b>Session 2: The Healthy Brain: A Genomic Reference Map</b>
		<i>Chair: Danielle Posthuma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands</i>
16:15	16:45	Title TBC <a href="#">Jonathan Mill, University of Exeter, UK</a>
16:45	17:15	Title TBC <a href="#">Henne Holstege, Amsterdam UMC, the Netherlands</a>
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	<b>Poster pitch talks for odd number posters</b>
18:25	19:25	<b>Poster session 1 (odd number posters) and networking reception</b>
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
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Session 3: From Association to Mechanism</b>
		<i>Chair: Anders Børglum, Aarhus University, Denmark</i>
09:30	10:00	A neuroscientist's guide to Schizophrenia - using genetic risk as a compass <a href="#">Jens Hjerling-Lefler, Karolinska Institute, Sweden</a>
10:00	10:30	Unraveling the complexity of brain disorders using genetically diverse human cellular models <a href="#">Rakda Nehme, Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, USA</a>
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
<b>11:45</b>	<b>13:15</b>	<b>Session 4: New Tools to Decode Brain Disorders</b>
		<i>Chair: Danielle Posthuma, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands</i>
11:45	12:15	Multi-Scale Spatial Mapping of Molecular and Genetic Signatures of Schizophrenia in Human Prefrontal Cortex <a href="#">Kristen Maynard, Johns Hopkins University, USA</a>
12:15	12:45	From tissue to targets to treat brain diseases <a href="#">Inge Huitinga, Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience</a>
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
<b>14:30</b>	<b>16:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Genomics-Driven Patient Stratification</b>
		<i>Chair: Anders Børglum, Aarhus University, Denmark</i>
14:30	15:00	Stratifying patients with neurodegeneration <a href="#">Valentina Escott-Price, Cardiff University, UK</a>
15:00	15:30	ADHD genetics and polygenic architecture of severe outcomes across psychiatric disorders <a href="#">Ditte Demontis, Aarhus University, Denmark</a>
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
<b>16:40</b>	<b>17:20</b>	<b>Poster pitch talks for even number posters</b>
<b>17:35</b>	<b>18:35</b>	<b>Poster session 2 (even number posters) and networking reception</b>
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
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Session 6: From Human Genetics to High-Confidence Targets</b>
		<i>Chair: Mina Ryten, University of Cambridge, UK</i>
09:30	10:00	Title TBC <a href="#">Eli Stahl, Regeneron Genetics Center, USA</a>
10:00	10:30	Long read sequencing identifies alternative SNCA 5'UTR mRNA isoforms associated with PD risk <a href="#">Ben Loqsdon, Cajal Therapeutics, USA</a>
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
<b>11:40</b>	<b>12:40</b>	<b>Closing keynote</b>
		<i>Chair: Kristen Brennand, Yale University, USA</i>
		Single-cell circuitry, foundation models, and brain-matched organoids for personalized precision therapeutics in brain disorders <a href="#">Manolis Kellis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA</a>
<b>12:40</b>	<b>12:55</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>
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12:55	13:45	Lunch
13:45		Coach departures for Stansted and Heathrow airports
13:55		Coach departures for Cambridge train station and city centre