

Hybrid Conference Programme

Start (GMT)	Finish (GMT)	Presenter details
Wednesday 13 May 2026		
12:30 13:30 Registration, lunch and networking		
13:15 Briefing for Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium		
13:30 13:40 Welcome and introductions		
<p><i>Wellcome Connecting Science:</i> <i>Nagehan Ramazanoglu Bahadir, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK</i></p> <p><i>Scientific programme committee:</i> <i>Petter Brodin, Imperial College London, UK / Karolinska Institute, Sweden</i> <i>Carolina Lucas, Yale University, USA</i> <i>Vanessa Sancho-Shimizu, Imperial College London, UK</i> <i>David Thomas, University of Cambridge, UK</i></p>		
13:40 15:10 Session 1: Immunology and physiology		
<p><i>Chair: David Thomas, University of Cambridge, UK</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i></p> <p>13:40 14:10 Outside the brain: how glial cells orchestrate tissue immunity <i>Franze Progatzky, University of Oxford, UK</i></p> <p>14:10 14:40 Title TBC <i>Erdinc Sezgin, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden</i></p> <p>14:40 14:55 Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i></p> <p>14:55 15:10 Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i></p>		
15:10 15:40 Refreshment break and networking		
15:25 Briefing for session 2 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium		
15:40 17:10 Session 2: Genes to function		
<p><i>Chair: Anne Puel, French Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm), France</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i></p> <p>15:40 16:10 Title TBC <i>Benjamin Izar, Columbia University, USA</i></p> <p>16:10 16:40 Title TBC <i>Vanessa Sancho-Shimizu, Imperial College London, UK</i></p> <p>16:40 16:55 Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i></p> <p>16:55 17:10 Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i></p>		
17:10 17:50 Poster pitch talks for odd number posters		
17:50 18:50 Poster session 1 - odd number posters		
18:50 Dinner		
18:50 Bar open (card payments only)		

Thursday 14 May 2026

09:15	Briefing for Session 3 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium	
09:30	11:00 Session 3: Human immune variation	
	<i>Chair: David Thomas, University of Cambridge, UK</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>	
09:30	10:00	Rare TNFAIP3 hypomorphic variants are a massively underestimated driver of human inflammatory disease <i>Daniella Schwartz, University of Pittsburgh, USA</i>
10:00	10:30	Te Whare Arai Mate: Immuno-genetic Landscape of Pacific Peoples in Aotearoa NZ <i>Chris Puli'uea, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand</i>
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 & moderator - Auditorium	
11:45	13:15 Session 4: Human immune responses to infection	
	<i>Chair: Vanessa Sancho-Shimizu, Imperial College London, UK</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>	
11:45	12:15	Regulation of the germinal center B cell response to vaccination <i>All Elebedy, Washington University St. Louis, USA</i>
12:15	12:45	Novel Inborn Errors of the alternative NF- κ B pathway <i>Anne Puel, French Institute of Health and Medical Research (Inserm), France</i>
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 & moderator - Auditorium	
14:30	16:00 Session 5: Sex and age differences in immunology	
	<i>Chair: Petter Brodin, Imperial College London, UK / Karolinska Institute, Sweden</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>	
14:30	15:00	Title TBC <i>Nolleig Bourke, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland</i>
15:00	15:30	Understanding the causes and consequences of immune variability <i>Darragh Duffy, Institut Pasteur, France</i>
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	
17:20	17:35 Talk title tbc Pixelgen Technologies, Stockholm	
17:35	18:35 Poster session 2 - even number posters	
18:35	20:30	Dinner
18:35	Bar open (card payments only)	

Friday 15 May 2026

09:15 Briefing for Session 6 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium

09:30 11:00 Session 6: Biophysics and biomechanics of immune response

Chair: Carolina Lucas, Yale University, USA

Moderator: TBC

09:30 10:00 Title TBC

Michael Lassig, University of Cologne, Germany

10:00 10:30 Identification and targeting mechanism regulating ferroptosis resistance

Jose Pedro Freidmann Angeli, University of Wurzburg, Germany

10:30 10:45 Short talk selected from abstracts

Short talk speaker

10:45 11:00 Short talk selected from abstracts

Short talk speaker

11:00 11:40 Refreshment break and networking

11:25 Briefing for Keynote, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium

11:40 12:35 Neglected health

Chair: Petter Brodin, Imperial College London, UK / Karolinska Institute, Sweden

Moderator: TBC

11:40 12:10 Serotype skewing and immune imprinting shape response to the tetravalent dengue virus Qdenga vaccine

Carolina Lucas, Yale University, USA

12:10 12:40 Recreating a functional thymic microenvironment from stem cells

Roberta Ragazzini, Francis Crick Institute, UK

12:40 12:55 Short talk selected from abstracts

Short talk speaker

12:55 13:00 Closing Remarks

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13:00 13:45 Lunch and departures

13:45 Coach departures for Stansted and Heathrow airports

13:55 Coach departures for Cambridge train station and city centre