

Hybrid Conference Programme

Start (BST)	Finish (BST)	Time allocated	Presenter details
Monday 29 June 2026			
12:00	13:00	60 mins	Registration, lunch and networking
12:45	13:00		<i>Briefing for KNS, Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium</i>
13:00	13:10		Welcome and introductions
		5 mins	Wellcome Connecting Science: <i>Nagehan Ramazanoglu Bahadir, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK</i>
		5 mins	Scientific programme committee: Melina Claussnitzer, Broad Institute, USA Craig Glastonbury, Human Technopole, Italy Jonathan Pritchard, Stanford University, USA Gosia Trynka, Wellcome Sanger Institute/Open Targets, UK
13:10	14:00	50 mins	Keynote <i>Chair: TBC</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>
13:10	14:00	40 + 10 Q&A mins	Title TBC Jonathan Pritchard, Stanford University, USA
14:00	14:05	5 mins	Comfort break
14:05	15:35	90 mins	Session 1: Scalable genomic perturbations <i>Chair: TBC</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>
14:05	14:35	25 + 5 Q&A mins	A CRISPR way to understand neurodegenerative disease Andrew Bassett, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK
14:35	15:05	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Functional variation in the human genome: Lessons from population genomics and experimental perturbations Tuuli Lappalainen, New York Genome Center, USA
15:05	15:20	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
15:20	15:35	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
15:35	16:15	40 mins	Refreshment break and networking
16:05	16:15	10 mins	Briefing for session 2 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
16:15	17:45	90 mins	Session 2: Imaging technologies for cell profiling <i>Chair: TBC</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>
16:15	16:45	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Optical Pooled Screens for Neurodegenerative Diseases: High-Content Functional Genomics beyond the Genome-Wide Scale Owen Andrews, Broad Institute, USA
16:45	17:15	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Perturbing cell fate regulators across biological contexts Silvia Domcke, University of Zurich, Switzerland
17:15	17:30	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
17:30	17:45	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
17:45	18:15	30 mins	Poster pitch talks for odd number posters
18:15	19:15	60 mins	Poster session 1 - odd number posters
19:15			Bar open (card payments only)
19:15	21:00		Dinner

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09:15	09:30		Briefing for Session 3 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
09:30	11:00	90 mins	Session 3: Linking polygenic signals to gene programs
			Chair: TBC Moderator: TBC
09:30	10:00	25 + 5 Q&A mins	A Universal Translator of Transcriptome to Protein Interactome Algorithm Stephen Michnick, Université de Montréal, Canada
10:00	10:30	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Insights from process specific polygenic scores in diabetes Miriam Udler, Harvard Medical School, USA
10:30	10:45	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
10:45	11:00	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
11:00	11:45	45 mins	Refreshment break and networking
11:30	11:45		Briefing for session 4 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
11:45	13:15	90 mins	Session 4: From genetic and induced perturbation to phenotype through imaging
			Chair: TBC Moderator: TBC
11:45	12:15	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Title TBC Melina Claussnitzer, Broad Institute, USA
12:15	12:45	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Image-based profiling to investigate how environmental contaminants impact cell function Jessica Ewald, EMBL/EBI, UK
12:45	13:00	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
13:00	13:15	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
13:15	14:30	75 mins	Lunch and networking
14:15	14:30		Briefing for Session 5 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
14:30	16:00	90 mins	Session 5: Generating high-resolution trait descriptors
			Chair: TBC Moderator: TBC
14:30	15:00	25 + 5 Q&A mins	A picture's worth a thousand data points: leveraging biomedical imaging to dissect the impact of genetic variation on human biology Hannah Curren, University of Oxford, UK
15:00	15:30	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Title TBC Sarah Teichmann, Cambridge Stem Cell Institute, University of Cambridge, UK
15:30	15:45	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
15:45	16:00	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
16:00	16:45	45 mins	Refreshment break and networking
16:45	17:15	30 mins	Poster pitch talks for even number posters
17:15	18:15	60 mins	Poster session 2 - even number posters
18:15			Bar open (card payments only)
18:15	20:15		Dinner

Wednesday 1 July 2026			
09:15	09:30		Briefing for Session 6 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
09:30	11:00	90 mins	Session 6: Charting cellular function at high-throughput
			Chair: TBC Moderator: TBC
09:30	10:00	25 + 5 Q&A mins	The role of protein mislocalization in human genetic disorders Mikko Taipale, University of Toronto, Canada
10:00	10:30	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Bridging Cellular Morphology and Molecular State through Single-Cell Phenomics Bart Deplancke, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland
10:30	10:45	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
10:45	11:00	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
11:00	11:30	30 mins	Refreshment break and networking
11:15	11:30		Briefing for Session 7 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
11:30	13:00	90 mins	Session 7: Computational methods for multimodal data integration
			Chair: TBC Moderator: TBC
11:30	12:00	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Massively Multiplexed Multi-Modal Chemical Screens at Single-cell Resolution Romain Lopez, New York University, USA
12:00	12:30	25 + 5 Q&A mins	Representation learning for cell and tissue biology: from multimodal integration to biomarkers and function Xinyi Zhang, AITHYRA Research Institute for Biomedical Artificial Intelligence, Austria
12:30	12:45	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
12:45	13:00	10 + 5 Q&A mins	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
13:00	13:10		Closing Remarks
		10 mins	Scientific Programme Committee: Melina Claussnitzer, Broad Institute, USA Craig Glastonbury, Human Technopole, Italy Jonathan Pritchard, Stanford University, USA Gosia Trynka, Wellcome Sanger Institute/Open Targets, UK
13:10	14:00		Lunch and departures
14:00			Coach departures for Stansted and Heathrow airports
14:10			Coach departures for Cambridge train station and city centre