

**Hybrid Conference Programme**

Start (BST)	Finish (BST)	Presenter details	Location
<b>Monday 21 September 2026</b>			
<b>12:00</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>Registration, lunch and networking</b>	
12:45		<i>Briefing for keynote speaker, Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator and committee</i>	Auditorium
<b>13:00</b>	<b>13:10</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	Auditorium
		<b>Wellcome Connecting Science:</b> Nagehan Ramazanoglu Bahadir, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK  <b>Scientific programme committee:</b> <a href="#">Maria Brbić, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland</a> <a href="#">Mark McCarthy, Genentech, USA</a> <a href="#">David Ochoa, EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute/Open Targets, UK</a> <a href="#">Nicola Whiffin, University of Oxford, UK</a>	
<b>13:10</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Opening keynote</b>	Auditorium
		<i>Chair: Mark McCarthy, Genentech, USA</i> <i>Moderator: Maria Brbić, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland</i>	
13:10	14:00	Title TBC <a href="#">Sarah Teichmann, University of Cambridge, UK</a>	
14:00	14:05	Comfort break	
<b>14:05</b>	<b>15:35</b>	<b>Session 1: Data generation at scale</b>	Auditorium
		<i>Chair: Sarah Teichmann, University of Cambridge, UK</i> <i>Moderator: David Ochoa, EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute/Open Targets, UK</i>	
14:05	14:35	Decoding the cellular building blocks and tissue niches of human skin <a href="#">Muzlifah Haniffa, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK</a>	
14:35	15:05	Translational genomics of complex disease <a href="#">Eleftheria Zeqini, Helmholtz Munich, Germany</a>	
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	Event Space

16:00	16:15	Briefing for Session 2 speakers, chair and moderator	Auditorium
<b>16:15</b>	<b>17:45</b>	<b>Session 2: Expanding the range of genetic variation</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
		<i>Chair: David Ochoa, EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute/Open Targets, UK</i> <i>Moderator: Nicola Whiffin, University of Oxford, UK</i>	
16:15	16:45	Harnessing the power of AI to enable human- centric discovery <a href="#">Slavé Petrovski, AstraZeneca, UK</a>	
16:45	17:15	Title TBC <a href="#">Inigo Martincorena, Sanger Institute / Quotient, UK</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>	
<b>17:45</b>	<b>18:25</b>	<b>Poster pitch talks for odd number posters</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>18:25</b>	<b>19:25</b>	<b>Poster session 1 (odd number posters) and networking reception</b>	<b>Event Space</b>
19:25	21:30	Dinner	Hinxton Hall Restaurant
19:25		Bar open (card payments only)	Graham Cameron Bar

Tuesday 22 September 2026		
09:15	Briefing for Session 3 speakers, chair and moderator	Auditorium
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b> <b>Session 3: Medical forecasting for precision medicine</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
	<i>Chair: Maria Brbić, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland</i> <i>Moderator: David Ochoa, EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute/Open Targets, UK</i>	
09:30	10:00 Disease prediction using nation-wide health data and genetics <a href="#">Andrea Ganna, University of Helsinki, Finland</a>	
10:00	10:30 Title TBC <a href="#">Marinka Zitnik, Harvard University, 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	Event Space
11:30	Briefing for Session 4 speakers, chair and moderator	Auditorium
<b>11:45</b>	<b>13:15</b> <b>Session 4: Scaling up therapeutics for rare disease</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
	<i>Chair: Nicola Whiffin, University of Oxford, UK</i> <i>Moderator: Mark McCarthy, Genentech, USA</i>	
11:45	12:15 CoRE in Therapeutic Genomics and in particular the aspects of combing big data and AI into therapeutic development for rare disease <a href="#">Stephan Sanders, University of Oxford, UK</a>	
12:15	12:45 Title TBC <a href="#">Daniel Gaffney, BioMarin Pharmaceutical, UK</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	Hinxton Hall Restaurant

14:15	Briefing for Session 5 speakers, chair and moderator	Auditorium	
<b>14:30</b>	<b>16:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Optimising target selection</b>	Auditorium
	Chair: Mark McCarthy, Genentech, USA Moderator: Maria Brbić, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland		
14:30	15:00	Multiomic Approaches to Target Validation <a href="#">Brent Richards, McGill University/5 Prime Sciences, Canada</a>	
15:00	15:30	Title TBC <a href="#">Sally John, Bristol Myers Squibb, USA</a>	
15:30	15:45	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker	
15:45	16:00	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker	
16:00	16:40	Refreshment break and networking	Event Space
<b>16:40</b>	<b>17:20</b>	<b>Poster pitch talks for even number posters</b>	Auditorium
	Chair: Nicola Whiffin, University of Oxford, UK		
<b>17:20</b>	<b>17:35</b>	<b>Sponsored talk TBC</b>	Auditorium
<b>17:35</b>	<b>18:35</b>	<b>Poster session 2 (even number posters) and networking reception</b>	Event Space
18:35	20:30	Dinner	Hinxton Hall Restaurant
18:35		Bar open (card payments only)	Graham Cameron Bar

Wednesday 23 September 2026		
09:15	Briefing for Session 6 speakers, chair and moderator	Auditorium
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00 Session 6: Accelerating drug discovery</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
	<i>Chair: Maria Brbić, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland</i> <i>Moderator: Nicola Whiffin, University of Oxford, UK</i>	
09:30	10:00 Multimodal Data Integration: From Biomarkers to Mechanisms <a href="#">Caroline Uhler, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, USA</a>	
10:00	10:30 Automating Scientific Discovery at Scale <a href="#">Andrew White, FutureHouse, 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	Event Space
11:30	Briefing for keynote, chair, moderator and committee	Auditorium
<b>11:40</b>	<b>12:30 Closing keynote</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
	<i>Chair: David Ochoa, EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute/Open Targets, UK</i> <i>Moderator: Mark McCarthy, Genentech, USA</i> Orchestrating Biology: AI for Better Medicines <a href="#">Daphne Koller, Insitro, USA</a>	
<b>12:30</b>	<b>12:45 Closing remarks</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
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12:45	13:45 Lunch	Hinxton Hall Restaurant
13:45	Coach departures for Stansted and Heathrow airports	Main entrance
13:55	Coach departures for Cambridge train station and city centre	Main entrance