

**Hybrid Conference Programme**

Start (GMT)	Finish (GMT)	Presenter details
<b>Wednesday 4 November 2026</b>		
12:00	13:00	<b>Registration, lunch and networking</b>
12:45	13:00	Briefing for Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium
13:00	13:10	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <i>Wellcome Connecting Science:</i> Name, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK <i>Scientific programme committee:</i> <a href="#">Jordana Bell, King's College London, UK</a> <a href="#">Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria</a> <a href="#">Claudia Kleinman, McGill University, Canada</a> <a href="#">Charlotte Ling, Lund University, Sweden</a>
13:10	14:00	<b>Keynote 1</b> Chair: <a href="#">Charlotte Ling, Lund University, Sweden</a> Moderator: TBC
13:10	13:40	DNA methylation: the beauty and the beast in population studies <a href="#">Bas Heijmans, Leiden University, The Netherlands</a>
14:00	14:05	Comfort break
14:05	15:35	<b>Session 1: Epigenetics from development to disease</b> Chair: <a href="#">Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria</a> Moderator: TBC
14:05	14:35	Synthetic Ex Utero Embryogenesis: from Naive Pluripotent Cells to bona fide Embryo Models <a href="#">Jacob Hanna, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel</a>
14:35	15:05	Deep learning approaches to dissect transcription factor binding syntax in the human genome <a href="#">Selin Jessa, Stanford University, USA</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
16:00	16:15	briefing for session 2 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
16:15	17:45	<b>Session 2: Epigenetic mechanisms in aging and age-related diseases</b> Chair: <a href="#">Charlotte Ling, Lund University, Sweden</a> Moderator: TBC
16:15	16:45	Developing cfDNA DNA Methylation Biomarkers for Neurodegenerative Disease <a href="#">Emma Dempster, University of Exeter, UK</a>
16:45	17:15	Title TBC <a href="#">Duygu Ucar, The Jackson Laboratory, USA</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	18:15	<b>Poster pitch talks for odd number posters</b>
18:15	19:15	<b>Poster session 1 - odd number posters</b>
19:15	20:30	Dinner
19:15		Bar open (card payments only)

**Thursday 5 November 2026**

09:15	09:30	Briefing for Session 3 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Session 3: Epigenetic cell plasticity and cancer</b> Chair: <i>Claudia Kleinman, McGill University, Canada</i> Moderator: <i>TBC</i>
09:30	10:00	Title TBC <a href="#">Trevor Graham, The Institute of Cancer Research, UK</a>
10:00	10:30	Targeting RNA Modifications in Cancer <a href="#">Michaela Frye, DKFX, Germany</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	11:45	Briefing for session 4 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
<b>11:45</b>	<b>13:15</b>	<b>Session 4: Genetics, epigenetics and environment</b> Chair: <i>Jordana Bell, King's College London, UK</i> Moderator: <i>TBC</i>
11:45	12:15	Lessons from single cell epigenome in cardiometabolic disease and accelerated aging risk assessment <a href="#">Päivi Pajukanta, UCLA, USA</a>
12:15	12:30	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
12:30	12:45	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</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
<b>14:30</b>	<b>16:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Epigenetics and common disease: establishing causality</b> Chair: <i>Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria</i> Moderator: <i>TBC</i>
14:30	15:00	Title TBC <a href="#">Maja Jagodic, Karolinska Institute, Sweden</a>
15:00	15:30	Title TBC <a href="#">Yijun Ruan, Zhejiang University, China</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	16:45	Refreshment break and networking
<b>16:45</b>	<b>17:35</b>	<b>Keynote 2</b> Chair: <i>Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria</i> Moderator: <i>TBC</i>  Decoding the tissue ecosystems of the human body <a href="#">Muzlifah Haniffa, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK</a>
<b>17:35</b>	<b>18:05</b>	<b>Poster pitch talks for even number posters</b>
<b>18:05</b>	<b>19:05</b>	<b>Poster session 2 - even number posters</b>
19:05	20:30	Dinner
19:05		Bar open (card payments only)

**Friday 6 November 2026**

09:15	09:30	Briefing for Session 6 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Session 6: New frontiers in epigenomic technologies</b> Chair: <a href="#">Claudia Kleinman, McGill University, Canada</a> Moderator: TBC
09:30	10:00	Understanding epigenetic regulation during early human embryonic brain development at single cell resolution <a href="#">Fides Zenk, EPFL, Switzerland</a>
10:00	10:30	Title TBC <a href="#">Jussi Taipale, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK</a>
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	11:40	Briefing for Keynote, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium
<b>11:40</b>	<b>12:35</b>	<b>Keynote 3</b> Chair: <a href="#">Jordana Bell, King's College London, UK</a> Moderator: TBC
11:40	12:35	Disturbances of DNA methylation and metabolic health in Asian populations <a href="#">John Chambers, Precision Health Research, Singapore</a>
<b>12:35</b>	<b>12:45</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Scientific Programme Committee:</b> <a href="#">Jordana Bell, King's College London, UK</a> <a href="#">Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria</a> <a href="#">Claudia Kleinman, McGill University, Canada</a> <a href="#">Charlotte Ling, Lund University, Sweden</a>
12:45	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