

Hybrid Conference Programme

Start (GMT)	Finish (GMT)	Presenter details
Wednesday 4 November 2026		
12:00	13:00	Registration, lunch and networking
12:45	13:00	Briefing for Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium
13:00	13:10	Welcome and introductions
		Wellcome Connecting Science: Andy Mains, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK Scientific programme committee: Jordana Bell, King's College London, UK Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria Claudia Kleinman, McGill University, Canada Charlotte Ling, Lund University, Sweden
13:10	14:00	Keynote 1
		Chair: Charlotte Ling, Lund University, Sweden Moderator: TBC
13:10	14:00	DNA methylation: the beauty and the beast in population studies Bas Heijmans, Leiden University, The Netherlands
14:00	14:05	Comfort break
14:05	15:35	Session 1: Epigenetics from development to disease
		Chair: Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria Moderator: TBC
14:05	14:35	Synthetic Ex Utero Embryogenesis: from Naive Pluripotent Cells to bona fide Embryo Models Jacob Hanna, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel
14:35	15:05	Deep learning approaches to dissect transcription factor binding syntax in the human genome Selin Jessa, Stanford University, USA
15:05	15:20	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
15:20	15:35	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
15:35	16:15	Refreshment break and networking
16:00	16:15	briefing for session 2 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
16:15	17:45	Session 2: Epigenetic mechanisms in ageing and age-related diseases
		Chair: Charlotte Ling, Lund University, Sweden Moderator: TBC
16:15	16:45	Developing cfDNA DNA Methylation Biomarkers for Neurodegenerative Disease Emma Dempster, University of Exeter, UK
16:45	17:15	Title TBC Duygu Ucar, The Jackson Laboratory, USA
17:15	17:30	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
17:30	17:45	Short talk selected from abstracts Short talk speaker
17:45	18:15	Poster pitch talks for odd number posters
18:15	19:15	Poster session 1 - odd number posters
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
09:30	11:00	Session 3: Epigenetic cell plasticity and cancer <i>Chair: Claudia Kleinman, McGill University, Canada</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>
09:30	10:00	Epigenetic lineage tracing of cancer evolution Trevor Graham, The Institute of Cancer Research, UK
10:00	10:30	Targeting RNA Modifications in Cancer Michaela Frye, DKFX, Germany
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
11:45	13:15	Session 4: Genetics, epigenetics and environment <i>Chair: Jordana Bell, King's College London, UK</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>
11:45	12:15	Lessons from single cell epigenome in cardiometabolic disease and accelerated aging risk assessment Paivi Pajukanta, UCLA, USA
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	14:30	Briefing for Session 5 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
14:30	16:00	Session 5: Epigenetics and common disease: establishing causality <i>Chair: Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>
14:30	15:00	Title TBC Maja Jagodic, Karolinska Institute, Sweden
15:00	15:30	Title TBC Yijun Ruan, Zhejiang University, China
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
16:30	16:45	Briefing for Keynote speaker, chair & moderator - Auditorium
16:45	17:35	Keynote 2 <i>Chair: Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i> Decoding the tissue ecosystems of the human body Muzlifah Haniffa, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK
17:35	18:05	Poster pitch talks for even number posters
18:05	19:05	Poster session 2 - even number posters
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
09:30	11:00	Session 6: New frontiers in epigenomic technologies <i>Chair: Claudia Kleinman, McGill University, Canada</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>
09:30	10:00	Understanding epigenetic regulation during early human embryonic brain development at single cell resolution Fides Zenk, EPFL, Switzerland
10:00	10:30	Title TBC Jussi Taipale, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK
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
11:25	11:40	Briefing for Keynote, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium
11:40	12:30	Keynote 3 <i>Chair: Jordana Bell, King's College London, UK</i> <i>Moderator: TBC</i>
11:40	12:30	Disturbances of DNA methylation and metabolic health in Asian populations John Chambers, Precision Health Research, Singapore
12:30	12:45	Closing Remarks Scientific Programme Committee: Jordana Bell, King's College London, UK Christoph Bock, CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria Claudia Kleinman, McGill University, Canada Charlotte Ling, Lund University, Sweden
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