



# International Congress for Ataxia Research

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worldwide platform for clinical research in ataxias

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Tuesday

November 10, 2026

12:00 PM	Registration and Coffee	Junior Investigator: Meet & Greet  <i>Organizers: Pablo Iruzubieta, Marta Moya Jodar &amp; Marnie Louise Maddock</i>
1:15 PM	Welcome	
1:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Timothy Miller	
2:15 PM	Plenary Session: Living with Ataxia Patient Panel	
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Disease Mechanisms I - Recessive and Non-hereditary Ataxia	Cognitive Disorder and Other Non-motor Features
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Grand Rounds – Clinical Aspects/Treatment  Moderators: Vikram Shakkotai, Bernard Brais & Bart van de Warrenburg	

6:30 – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception & Posters
	Dinner (on your own)

<b>Wednesday</b>		
November 11, 2026		
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast (Industry Sponsored)	
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Plenary: Advances in genetics and diagnostics Keynote Speaker: Stephan Zuchner	
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Break	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Disease Mechanisms II – Dominant Ataxias	Junior Investigator Workshop: Clinical Scales – Practical Demonstration <i>Moderators: Clara Rentz &amp; Pablo Iruzebieta</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch (Industry Sponsored)	
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Biomarkers I	Workshop: Use of Genomic Technologies in Inherited Ataxias <i>Moderators: Stephan Züchner, David Pellerin &amp; Sanjay Bidichandani</i>
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Break	
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Advances in Genetics and Diagnostic	Workshop: The Essential Role of Patient Voice in Ataxia Research <i>Moderators: Julie Greenfield, Celeste Suart &amp; Maureen Juip</i>
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Posters	
	Dinner (on your own)	Junior Investigator: Social Event <i>Organizers: Jacen Emerson and Clara Rentz</i>

## Thursday

November 12, 2026

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast (Industry Sponsored)	
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Plenary: Emerging and Existing Therapeutics Keynote Speaker: Sonia Vallabh	
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Break	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Emerging and Existing Therapeutics – Pre-Clinical Research	Workshop: Global Resource and Data Sharing- From Silos to Solutions <i>Moderators: Gulin Oz and Marek Napierala</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch (Industry Sponsored)	Junior Investigator: Mentoring Session <i>Organizers: Federica Pilotto &amp; Marnie Louise Maddock</i>
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Biomarkers II	Workshop: Lessons Learned on Platform Trials with Ultra-Small Trial Arms <i>Moderators: Matthis Synofzik &amp; Bart van de Warrenburg</i>
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Break	
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Clinical Studies – including patient preferences, natural history, observation studies, clinical outcomes, and other clinical research	Junior Investigator Workshop: Animal models in ataxia: scientific value in a changing research landscape <i>Moderators: Jacen Emerson &amp; Marta Moya Jodar</i>
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Posters	
	Dinner (on your own)	

# Friday

November 13, 2026

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast (Industry Sponsored)	Junior Investigator: Mentoring Session
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Clinical Trials Keynote Speaker: Alexandra Durr	
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Break	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Emerging and Existing Therapeutics – Clinical Research	Workshop: Organs on Chip – Latest in Disease Modeling Beyond Animal Models
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Late Breaking Research	
2:00 PM	Final Remarks and End of Conference	