



International Congress for Ataxia Research

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Atlanta, GA, USA

Tuesday November 10, 2026		
10:30 AM	Registration and Coffee	Junior Investigator: Meet & Greet <i>Organizers: Pablo Iruzubieta, Marta Moya Jodar & Marnie Louise Maddock</i>
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Welcome	
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Keynote Speaker: Timothy Miller	
2:00 PM - 3:00 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	Grand Rounds – Clinical Aspects/Treatment <i>Moderators: Vikram Shakkotai, Bernard Brais & Bart van de Warrenburg</i>
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Plenary Session: From Discovery to the Clinic: Translating Science into Therapies	
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception & Posters	
	Dinner (on your own)	

Wednesday

November 11, 2026

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast (Industry Sponsored)	
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker: Steven McCarroll	
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Disease Mechanisms II – Dominant Ataxias	Junior Investigator Workshop: Clinical Scales – Practical Demonstration <i>Moderators: Clara Rentz & Pablo Iruzubieta</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Break	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Biomarkers I	Workshop: Use of Genomic Technologies in Inherited Ataxias <i>Moderators: Stephan Züchner, David Pellerin & Sanjay Bidichandani</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch (Industry Sponsored)	Junior Investigator: Mentoring Session <i>Organizers: Marta Moya Jodar & Marnie Louise Maddock</i>
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Keynote Speaker: Sonia Vallabh Plenary: Emerging and Existing Therapeutics	
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Break	
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Advances in Genetics and Diagnostic	Workshop: The Essential Role of Patient Voice in Ataxia Research <i>Moderators: Julie Greenfield, Celeste Suart & 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	Lexeo Therapeutics Hosted Breakfast Session Join Lexeo Therapeutics for Breakfast and a presentation titled "Friedreich Ataxia as a Multisystem Disease: Bridging Neuromuscular and Cardiac Management" <i>***sign up at registration required***</i>	
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Keynote Speaker: Stephan Zuchner Plenary: Advances in genetics and diagnostics	
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: Marta Moya Jodar & Marnie Louise Maddock</i>
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Biomarkers II	Workshop: Establishing Robust Evidence for Aggregated N-of-1 and N-of-Few: Master Protocols and Analysis Designs to Advance Development of Individualized Medicines at Scale <i>Moderators: Matthis Synofzik & 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 & Marta Moya Jodar</i>
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Posters	
7:30 – 10:30 PM	ICAR Social Event: Punch Bowl (RSVP required)	

Friday November 13, 2026		
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast (Industry Sponsored)	
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Keynote Speaker: Alexandra Durr Clinical Trials	
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 <i>Moderators: Helene Puccio, Mirella Dottori, Ronald Buijsen</i>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Late Breaking Research	
2:00 PM	Final Remarks and End of Conference	