

18 / 19 June
Paris 2026



**Advances in
Multiple Sclerosis
& related disorders**
PROGRAM

Paris Brain Institute
Institut du cerveau - ICM
Hôpital de la Salpêtrière
PARIS - FRANCE

8H00 Accueil

9H00 Introduction: France SEP and SFN representative

SESSION 1 Positive and differential diagnosis of MS and related diseases

Chairs: Caroline Papeix (Paris, FR) and Hélène Zéphir (Lille, FR)

9H15 - 9H35 Evolving MS diagnostic criteria: progress and challenges | Christine Lebrun-Frenay
Nice, FR

9H35 - 9H55 Contribution of new imaging sequences to the diagnosis of MS | Marcello Moccia
Naples, IT

9H55 - 10H15 Diagnostic pitfalls and complex cases | Mar Tintore
Barcelona, ES

10H15 - 10H35 NMOSD and MOGAD : updates on diagnostic criteria | Romain Marignier
Lyon, FR

10H35 - 10H45 General discussion

10H45 - 11H15 Coffee break in the exhibition room

SESSION 2 Imaging MS pathophysiology: from neuropathology to clinical cohorts

Chairs: Vito Ricigliano (Orsay, FR) and Adil Maarouf (Marseille, FR)

11H15 - 11H35 Exploring the mechanisms of volumetric tissue changes | Menno Schoonheim
Amsterdam, NL

11H35 - 11H55 7T spinal cord MRI : advances, insights, and unmet needs | Virginie Callot
Marseille, FR

11H55 - 12H15 Imaging myelin content changes | Cristina Granziera
Basel, CH

12H15 - 12H35 Artificial intelligence in neuroimaging in MS | Bruno Stankoff
Paris, FR

12H35 - 12H45 General discussion

12H45 - 13H45 Lunch in the exhibition room & poster session

13H45 - 14H45 Industry Symposium - JUVISE
Vito Ricigliano (Orsay, FR)

SESSION 3 Therapy 1

Chairs: Sandra Vukusic (Lyon, FR) and Guillaume Mathey (Nancy, FR)

14H45 - 15H05 New immunotherapies for MS

Xavier Ayrignac
Montpellier, FR

15H05 - 15H25 Cellular therapies in MS

Laure Michel
Rennes, FR

15H25 - 15H45 Therapeutic strategies in NMOSD & MOGAD

Alvaro Cobo-Calvo
Barcelona, ES

15H45 - 16H15 Coffee break in the exhibition room

SESSION 4 Therapy 2

Chairs: Françoise Durand-Dubief (Lyon, FR) and Elisabeth Maillart (Paris, FR)

16H15 - 16H35 Fatigability in MS

Peter Feys
Hasselt, BE

16H35 - 16H55 Studying causality with observational data: target trial emulation

Antoine Gavoille
Lyon, FR

16H55 - 17H15 Adaptive trials and new designs

Jeremy Chataway
London, UK

17H15 - 17H30 General discussion

17H30 - 18H30 Industry Symposium - SANOFI

18h30 End of the day

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SESSION 5 Genetics and environment in MS and related diseases Chairs: David Laplaud (Nantes, FR) and Nicolas Collongues (Strasbourg, FR)

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| 9H15 - 9H35 | Genetic susceptibility factors for MS and related diseases | Nicolas Vince Nantes, FR |
| 9H35 - 9H55 | Genetic susceptibility to MS severity: identification of new targets | Adil Harroud Montreal, CA |
| 9H55 - 10H15 | Non-infectious environmental factors in MS and potential interventions | Eric Thouvenot Nîmes/Montpellier, FR |
| 10H15 - 10H35 | The Role of Epstein-Barr Virus in MS: from pathogenesis to therapeutic potential | Marco Salvetti Roma, IT |

10H35 - 11H00 Coffee break in the exhibition room

SESSION 6 Short oral communications Chair : TBD

11H00 - 12H00 6 short oral communications (10') selected by France SEP

12H00 - 12H45 Keynote lecture
How did multiple sclerosis appear? William Barrie
Cambridge, UK

12H45 - 13H45 Lunch in the exhibition room & poster session

SESSION 7 Immunological mechanisms of progression Chairs: Laure Michel (Rennes, FR) and Violetta Zujovic (Paris, FR)

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| 14H15 - 14H35 | Tissue resident memory T cells and chronic CNS inflammation | Frederick Masson- Toulouse, FR |
| 14H35 - 14H55 | IL-2 and B-cell reprogramming | Céline Delaloy Rennes, FR |
| 14H55 - 15H15 | Cellular and transcriptomic signature of broad rim lesion | Tanja Kuhlmann Münster, DE |

SESSION 8 Remyelination and neuroprotection: from mechanisms to therapies

Chairs: Anne Desmazières (Paris, FR) et Maria-Cecilia Angulo (Paris, FR)

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| 15H15 - 15H35 | Molecular targets for myelin and neuronal repair | Brahim Nait Oumesmar Paris, FR |
| 15H35 - 15H55 | Link between inflammation and remyelination | Mikael Simons Munich, DE |
| 15H55 - 16H15 | Remyelination and neuroprotection translational trials: lessons from optic neuritis | Céline Louapre Paris, FR |
- 16H15 - 16H30** Closing session and France SEP Prizes