

**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 H el ene Z ephir (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: Benedetta Bodini (Paris, 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**

## SESSION 3 Therapy 1

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

14H45 - 15H05 **New immunotherapies for MS**

Xavier Ayrygnac  
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**

18h30 **End of the day**

8H30 **Accueil**

9H00 **Introduction: France SEP and SFN representative**

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

- 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** | William Barrie  
*Cambridge, UK*  
How did multiple sclerosis appear?

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)*

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