



## Preliminary Program - 3rd IWGGD Symposium

Bridging the gap: from basic research to patient care

3-6 May 2026 | Trieste, Italy

### Sunday, 3 May 2026

15:00-16:30	Simultaneous Working Group Meetings (Open to Members only)
16:30-18:00	Educational Session (Open to Members & eligible Sponsors only)
20:00-22:30	Opening Lecture & Dinner

**Keynote:** *Dr. Bruno Bembi (Italy)*

**How It All Began: The story of Gaucher Disease and the IWGGD**

### Monday, 4 May 2026

#### Session 1: Patients' Perspective (Part 1)

*Moderators: Dr. Maurizio Scarpa, Prof. Derralynn Hughes, Tanya Collin-Histed*

09:00-09:45	Plenary Lecture <i>Dr. Chris Hendriksz (United Kingdom)</i> <b>An Overview of the Current Situation of Rare Diseases in Africa</b>
09:45-10:30	Case Study Presentations <i>Dr. Pheobe Wamalwa (Kenya)</i> <i>Dr. Kandi-Catherine Muze (Tanzania)</i> <b>African physicians share experiences and challenges in diagnosing and managing GD</b>
10:30-11:00	<b>IGA in Africa: Highlights of ongoing initiatives &amp; poster presentation</b> <i>Presented by Roselynn Odera (IGA)</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break

#### Session 1: Patients' Perspective (Part 2)

11:30-12:30	Selected Oral Presentations
12:30-13:30	Lunch

**Session 2: Laboratory – Genetics & Biochemistry**

*Moderators: Dr. Paula Rozenfeld, Dr. Andrea Dardis*

<b>13:30–14:15</b>	Plenary Lecture <i>Prof. Andres Klein (Chile)</i> <b>GCase genomic modifiers: an opportunity for designing therapeutics</b>
<b>14:15–15:15</b>	Selected Oral Presentations
<b>15:15–15:30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>15:30–16:30</b>	Poster Session

**Session 3: Gaucher Disease Clinical Spectrum**

*Moderators: Prof. Shoshana Revel-Vilk, Prof. Francesca Carubi*

<b>16:30–17:15</b>	Plenary Lecture <i>Dr. Ayelet Ollech (Israel)</i> <b>Incorporating skin evaluation into the standard care of patients with Gaucher disease</b>
<b>17:15–18:15</b>	Selected Oral Presentations

**Tuesday, 5 May 2026**

**Session 4: New Developments & Young Investigators**

*Moderators: Prof. Hans Aerts*

<b>08:30–09:15</b>	<b>Hans Aerts Basic Science Lecture 2026</b> <i>Dr. Ali Ghoochani (United States)</i> <b>Decoding the Brain's Lysosomes: A Cell-Type-Specific Protein Atlas and the identification of a new Lysosomal Disorder</b>
<b>09:15–10:45</b>	Selected Oral Presentations
<b>10:45–11:15</b>	Coffee Break

**Session 5: Comorbidities in Gaucher Disease**

**Moderators: Dr. Predrag Rodic**

<b>11:15–12:00</b>	Plenary Lecture <i>Dr. Alessio Di Fonzo (Italy)</i> <b>Developing therapeutic strategies for GBA1-PD: hints from experimental models</b>
<b>12:00–13:15</b>	Selected Oral Presentations
<b>13:15–14:15</b>	Lunch
<b>14:15–16:00</b>	<b>IWGGD Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Open to Members Only</b>
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Congress Dinner</b>

**Wednesday, 6 May 2026**

**Session 6: Therapies in Gaucher Disease**

**Moderators: Prof. Magy Abdelwahab, Dr. Ozlem Goker-Alpan, Prof. Ida Schwartz**

<b>08:30–09:15</b>	Plenary Lecture <i>Dr. Andres Muro (Italy)</i> <b>Genome Editing landscape: from bench to bedside</b>
<b>09:15–11:00</b>	Selected Oral Presentations
<b>11:00–11:15</b>	Coffee Break
<b>11:15–11:30</b>	Best Oral & Poster Presentation Awards
<b>11:30–12:00</b>	Closing Remarks



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