



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: <i>Dr. Bruno Bembi (Italy)</i>
	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 Hendriks (United Kingdom)</i> An Overview of the Current Situation of Rare Diseases in Africa
09:45-10:30	Case Study Presentations <i>Dr. Pheobe Wamalwa (Kenya)</i> <i>Dr. Kandi-Catherine Muze (Tanzania)</i> African physicians share experiences and challenges in diagnosing and managing GD
10:30-11:00	IGA in Africa: Highlights of ongoing initiatives & poster presentation <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

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

Session 3: Best Posters

Moderators: Prof. Marc Berger, Dr. Reena Kartha

15:30–16:30	Poster Session
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Session 4: Gaucher Disease Clinical Spectrum

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

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

Tuesday, 5 May 2026

Session 5: New Developments & Young Investigators

Moderators: Prof. Hans Aerts

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

Session 6: Comorbidities in Gaucher Disease

Moderators: Prof. Predrag Rodic, Prof. Ida Schwartz

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

Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Session 7: Therapies in Gaucher Disease

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

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



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