



## Preliminary Program - 3rd IWGDD 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 IWGDD**

#### 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

*Dr. Chris Hendriksz (United Kingdom)*

**An Overview of the Current Situation of Rare Diseases in Africa**

**09:45–10:30**

Case Study Presentations

*Dr. Pheobe Wamalwa (Kenya)*

*Dr. Kandi-Catherine Muze (Tanzania)*

**African physicians share experiences and challenges in diagnosing and managing GD**

**10:30–11:00**

**IGA in Africa: Highlights of ongoing initiatives & poster presentation**

*Presented by Roselynn Odera (IGA)*

**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

## Session 3: Best Posters

*Moderators: Prof. Marc Berger, Dr. Reena Kartha*

<b>15:30-16:30</b>	Poster Session
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## Session 4: 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 5: 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 6: Comorbidities in Gaucher Disease

*Moderators: Prof. Predrag Rodic, Prof. Ida Schwartz*

<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>IWGDD Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Open to Members Only</b>
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Congress Dinner</b>

**Wednesday, 6 May 2026**

## Session 7: Therapies in Gaucher Disease

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

<b>08:30-09:15</b>	Plenary Lecture <i>Dr. Andres Muro (Italy)</i> <b>Genome Editing landscape: from bench to beside</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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