Programme overview

Wednesday 25 March
11:00 – 13:00 Registration and light lunch
13:00 – 13:15 Welcome and housekeeping
13:15 – 17:45 Session 1: New genes and developments in diagnosis of the ataxias
18:00 – 19:45 Poster sessions 1, 2 and 3; and welcome drinks
19:45 – Dinner and Prof Sophie Scott (UCL) on the neurology of laughter

Thursday 26 March
8:45 – 13:00 Session 2: Genetic and molecular mechanisms of the ataxias
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 16:00 Session 3a: Cellular and animal models of Friedreich’s ataxia
14:00 – 16:00 Session 3b: Cellular and animal models of other ataxias
16:15 – Coaches leave for Oxford
17:15 – 19:15 Free time
19:15 – 19:45 Drinks reception at Oxford Town Hall
19:45 – Dinner in Oxford Town Hall
22:45 – Coaches leave for Beaumont Estate

Friday 27 March
8:45 – 13:00 Session 4: Cellular and systemic pathways
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch and poster sessions 4 and 5
14:30 – 18:30 Session 5: Drug discovery and emerging therapeutic strategies
18:30 – 19:30 Poster sessions 6 and 7
20:00 – Conference Dinner and pre-dinner talk from Eurordis

Saturday 28 March
8:45 – 13:00 Session 6: Biomarkers and functional measures
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 17:30 Session 7: Clinical trials and trial design
17:30 Close of meeting
## Session chairs and invited speakers

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Michel Koenig (Institut Universitaire de Recherche Clinique, Montpelier, France) |
| Session 2 | Genetic and molecular mechanisms of the ataxias | Sanjay Bidichandani (University of Oklahoma)  
Olaf Reiss (University of Tubingen)  
Sanjay Bidichandani (University of Oklahoma)  
Steve Jackson (University of Cambridge) |
| Session 3a | Cellular and animal models of Friedreich’s ataxia | Hélène Puccio (INSERM, Illkirch, France)  
Michele Lufino (University of Oxford, UK) |
| Session 3b | Cellular and animal models of other ataxias | Michel Koenig (Institut Universitaire de Recherche Clinique, Montpelier, France)  
Olaf Riess (University of Tubingen) |
| Session 4 | Cellular and systemic pathways | Giovanni Manfredi (Cornell University, USA)  
Harry Paulson (University of Michigan, USA)  
Kamran Khodakhah (Albert Einstein College of Medicine, USA)  
Harry Paulson (University of Michigan, USA) |
| Session 5 | Drug discovery and emerging therapeutic strategies | Roberto Testi (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy)  
Rob Wilson (University of Pennsylvania, USA)  
Joel Gottesfeld (Scripps Research Institute, USA) |
| Session 6 | Biomarkers and functional measures | David Lynch (University of Pennsylvania)  
Bernard Ravina (Voyageur Therapeutics, USA)  
David Lynch (University of Pennsylvania) |
| Session 7 | Clinical trials and trial design | Paola Giunti (University College London/UCL Hospital, UK)  
Massimo Pandolfo (Université Libre de Bruxelles)  
Pavel Balabanov (European Medicine Agency, London, UK)  
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