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Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

••• PARALELL ROOM ITALIA

PRE-CONGRESS COURSE - NO CME

11.30 - 14.00 Pre-congress course | NO CME

Chairs: *Maurizio Moggio, Lucio Santoro*

Distal Amyotrophy: a cross-sectional clinical presentation in neuromuscular disorders

Distal neuropathic amyotrophy

Stefano Previtali

Distal myopathic amyotrophy

Marina Grandis

Diagnostic tools in differential diagnosis: pathology

Daniele Velardo

Diagnostic tools in differential diagnosis: neurophysiology

Stefano Tozza

Diagnostic tools in differential diagnosis: imaging

Giorgio Tasca

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RATIONALE

The organization of a joint congress between the Associazione Italiana di Miologia (AIM) and the Associazione per lo Studio del Sistema Nervoso Periferico (ASNP) arises from the increasingly urgent need to address neuromuscular disorders in an integrated manner, in light of therapeutic and diagnostic advances that require a translational and multidisciplinary vision.

In 2026, the decision was made to organize this joint congress with the aim of building a scientific bridge between two communities that share research areas, advanced technologies, and clinical challenges. The meeting is intended to represent a crucial opportunity to unite expertise, share scientific evidence, and define new strategies in the field of neuromuscular diseases.

Today, an interdisciplinary approach represents the only effective way to address the biological and clinical complexity of these conditions, promote cutting-edge research, and improve patient care.

The 2026 Bologna Congress aims to establish a scientific connection between the fields of muscle and peripheral nervous system research, bringing together basic and clinical expertise in neuromuscular regeneration, genetic and inflammatory diseases, immune-mediated complications, advanced imaging, artificial intelligence, and novel therapies. Through plenary and parallel sessions, the program will foster dialogue among research groups and specialists from different backgrounds, encouraging the critical sharing of data, updates on ongoing clinical trials, and the development of biomarkers and quantitative tools for diagnosis, stratification, and disease monitoring. The ultimate goal of the congress is to stimulate long-term scientific collaborations between the two communities, promote multicenter studies and joint projects, and contribute to shaping future research directions in neuromuscular diseases, with a truly integrated perspective between muscle and peripheral nerve.



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Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

13.00 - 14.00 **Opening Registration**

••• PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

14.00 - 14.30 **Greetings and introduction**

Rocco Liguori, Fiore Manganeli, Vincenzo Nigro

14.30 - 15.15 **Main Lecture // #**

Chair: *Rocco Liguori*

Multisystem Proteinopathies

Bjarne Udd

15.15 - 16.30 **Parallel Workshop 1 // #**

Chairs: *Claudio Bruno, Gabriele Siciliano*

Muscle Plasticity: from normal to pathological conditions

Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Skeletal Muscle Plasticity
in the Era of Omics

Roberto Bottinelli

HMGB1 as a Central Regulator of Skeletal Muscle Homeostasis:
Implications for Disease and Ageing

Emilie Vénéreau

Dissecting the cachexia signature for developing a RNA-based therapy

Marco Sandri

••• PARALELL ROOM ITALIA

15.15 - 16.30 **Parallel Workshop 2**

Chairs: *Giuseppe Lauria Pinter, Vincenzo Provitera*

**Small fibers, big challenges: an integrated approach to small fiber
neuropathy from clinical, diagnostic, and pathophysiological perspectives**

Clinical criteria and diagnostic workup

Grazia Devigili

Neuropathic Pain: Correlations with Small Fiber Morphology and Function

Eleonora Galosi

Autonomic dysfunction: a morpho-functional approach

Maria Nolano

Current Therapeutic Options and Future Directions

Vincenzo Donadio

16.30 - 18.00 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Alessandra Ferlini, Federica Ricci*

Each Presenting Authors will be given 13 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion

16.30 - 16.45 NONSENSE VARIANTS IN BECKER MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY:
CLINICAL COURSE AND DISEASE SEVERITY

Domenico Gorgoglione

16.45 - 17.00 DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY DRIVES T CELL REMODELING

Chiara Villa

17.00 - 17.15 CHARACTERIZING INITIAL SYMPTOMS AND FUNCTIONAL EVOLUTION
IN BECKER MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Angela Petrosino

17.15 - 17.30 EVOLUTION OF SWALLOWING DISTURBANCES IN DUCHENNE
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (DMD)

Maria Grazia D'Angelo

17.30 - 17.45 PROSPECTIVE EVALUATION OF SLEEP-DISORDERED BREATHING
AND FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT IN DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY:
DYSTREST STUDY

Amanda Maccarrone

17.45 - 18.00 CELL-MEDIATED EXON SKIPPING INDUCES ROBUST DYSTROPHIN
EXPRESSION AT A VERY LATE-STAGE OF DUCHENNE MUSCULAR
DYSTROPHY

Stefano Previtali

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16.30 - 18.00 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Mauro Monforte, Maria Lucia Valentino*

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16.30 - 16.45 PROGRESSION DYNAMICS AND DISABILITY MILESTONES
IN CHILDHOOD-ONSET FSHD

Beatrice Ravera

16.45 - 17.00 AN INTEGRATED LONG-READ SEQUENCING WORKFLOW FOR
COMPREHENSIVE MOLECULAR CHARACTERIZATION OF FSHD PATIENTS

Claudia Strafella

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- 17.00 - 17.15 INNATE IMMUNE ACTIVATION ASSOCIATED WITH MUSCLE-SPECIFIC FRG1 OVEREXPRESSION
Sebastian Fantini
- 17.15 - 17.30 RETHINKING GENOMICS OF FACIOSCAPULOHUMERAL MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IN THE TELOMERE-TO-TELOMERE ERA: PITFALLS IN THE HIDDEN LANDSCAPE OF D4Z4 REPEATS
Valentina Salsi
- 17.30 - 17.45 A TELOMERIC TRANSLOCATION CAUSING FACIOSCAPULOHUMERAL MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IN A FAMILY WITH NORMAL D4Z4 SIZE
Ilaria Quartesan
- 17.45 - 18.00 UNRAVELING PHENOTYPIC HETEROGENEITY IN FSHD THROUGH MACHINE LEARNING-BASED ANALYSIS OF GENOME VARIANTS
Sara Pini

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 1-2

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- 16.30 - 18.00 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS // #**
Chairs: *Caterina Garone, Chiara Pisciotta*
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- 16.30 - 16.45 HETEROZYGOUS TUBB3 VARIANTS CAUSE ISOLATED OR COMPLEX, AXONAL OR INTERMEDIATE CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH DISEASE
Alessandro Bertini
- 16.45 - 17.00 SERUM POLYOLS AS DISEASE BIOMARKERS IN SORD NEUROPATHY
Ilaria Quartesan
- 17.00 - 17.15 A NOVEL 5' UTR CCG EXPANSION IN TBC1D7 CAUSES OCULOPHARYNGODISTAL MYOPATHY
Riccardo Currò
- 17.15 - 17.30 IN VITRO VARIANT SCREENING IMPROVES VARIANT INTERPRETATION IN ACTN2-RELATED MYOPATHIES
Johanna Ranta-aho
- 17.30 - 17.45 GENETIC MODIFIERS IN HEREDITARY TRANSTHYRETIN AMYLOIDOSIS: A GENOME-WIDE ASSOCIATION STUDY
Elisa Vegezzi
- 17.45 - 18.00 BEYOND DISTAL ARTHROGRYPOSIS: REFINING THE PHENOTYPIC LANDSCAPE OF PIEZO2-RELATED DISORDERS
Giuliana Capece

16.30 - 18.00 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Chiara La Morgia, Paola Tonin*

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16.30 - 16.45 WEARABLE SENSOR-BASED QUANTITATIVE GAIT ANALYSIS IN METABOLIC MYOPATHIES: A SINGLE-CENTRE EXPERIENCE

Ignazio Giuseppe Arena

16.45 - 17.00 CLINICAL AND GENOTYPIC SPECTRUM OF TWINKLE-RELATED DISORDERS INSIGHTS FROM A MULTINATIONAL COHORT STUDY

Michelangelo Mancuso

17.00 - 17.15 REAL WORD DATA ON ALGLUCOSIDASE - CIPAGLUCOSIDASE/MIGLUSTAT SWITCHING IN LOPD: AN ITALIAN MULTICENTER EXPERIENCE

Olimpia Musumeci

17.15 - 17.30 BRAIN PHYSIOLOGICAL TRANSCRIPTOMIC ARCHITECTURE UNDERPINNINGS OF REGIONAL VULNERABILITY TO STROKE-LIKE LESIONS IN MELAS

Matteo Azzimonti

17.30 - 17.45 SWITCHING FROM ALGLUCOSIDASE ALFA TO AVALGLUCOSIDASE: REAL-WORLD DATA FROM A SINGLE-CENTER EXPERIENCE

Ignazio Giuseppe Arena

17.45 - 18.00 RITUXIMAB IN IDIOPATHIC INFLAMMATORY MYOPATHIES: AN ITALIAN MULTICENTER STUDY FROM THE INFLAMMATORY MYOPATHIES AIM STUDY GROUP

Matteo Lucchini

••• PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

18.00 - 18.45 **Symposium sponsored by Santhera | NO CME**

Chair: *Eugenio Maria Mercuri*

Optimizing Standard of Care Therapy in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy: A next generation of steroid with dissociative mechanism

18.00 - 18.05 Welcome & Introduction

Eugenio Maria Mercuri

18.05 - 18.15 Rethinking Steroid Therapy in DMD: Why Mechanism of Action Matters

Pier Lorenzo Puri

18.15 - 18.25 Looking Beyond the Trial Endpoint: Sustained Efficacy and Long-Term Functional Preservation in DMD

Luca Bello

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18.25 - 18.35 When Treatment Becomes a Risk Factor: Preserving Bone While Treating Muscle in Duchenne
Chiara Panicucci

18.35 - 18.45 Discussion Q&A
Eugenio Maria Mercuri

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18.45 - 19.15 **Lecture sponsored by Novartis | NO CME**
Chair: *Antonella Pini*

Gene therapy in Spinal Muscular Atrophy: goals and expectations
Maria Carmela Pera

19.15 - 19.45 **Lecture sponsored by Alnylam | NO CME**
The Importance of RNAi in the Treatment of hATTR:

The Value of Early Treatment in Patients with Polyneuropathy
Pietro Guaraldi

Clinical Experience with Vutrisiran in Real-World Practice
Stefano Tozza

••• PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

18.45 - 20.00 **GdS* Myasthenia Gravis**

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18.45 - 20.00 **GdS* CIDP/MMN**

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18.45 - 20.15 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Emanuele D'Amico, Carlo Minetti*

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18.45 - 19.00 EMERGING ROLE OF MUSCLE-AND FIBROSIS-RELATED MICRORNAS IN EMERY-DREIFUSS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHIES

Giorgia Farinazzo

19.00 - 19.15 SERUM LIGHT CHAIN NEUROFILAMENTS AS A BIOMARKER IN VINCRISTINE-INDUCED PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY IN PEDIATRIC ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA

Giacomo Gotti

19.15 - 19.30 A MULTICENTER STUDY OF CCDC78-RELATED MYOPATHY: CLINICAL AND ULTRASTRUCTURAL INSIGHTS

Diego Lopergolo

19.30 - 19.45 IMPROVING MOLECULAR RESOLUTION IN NEUROMUSCULAR DISORDERS WITH LONG-READ SEQUENCING

Pasquale Di Letto

19.45 - 20.00 TARGETED NGS NEWBORN SCREENING IN EUROPE: FIRST RESULTS FROM THE SCREEN4CARE TREAT PANEL

Rita Selvatici

20.00 - 20.15 SYNTHETIC DATA FOR RESEARCH IN CIDP: VALIDATION AGAINST REAL-WORLD DATA FROM THE ITALIAN CIDP REGISTRY

Pietro Emiliano Doneddu

20.15 - 21.45 **Welcome Cocktail**



08.00 - 09.15 **Plenary Session**

Chairs: *Corrado Angelini, Stefania Corti*

Regeneration in neuromuscular disorders: from the pathogenic mechanism to new therapeutic approaches

Regeneration in neuromuscular disorders: the case of LGMDs
Giovanna Cenacchi

Pathophysiology of muscle regeneration and the satellite cell-opathies
Edoardo Malfatti

Stem cell-derived models and gene therapy approaches for neuromuscular regeneration
Stefania Corti

09.15 - 10.30 **Parallel Workshop 3 // #**

Chairs: *Fiore Manganelli, Elena Pegoraro*

Inherited neuromuscular diseases mimicking immune disorders

Hereditary neuropathies presenting with CIDP-like features
Marco Luigetti

Hereditary myopathies misdiagnosed as inflammatory myopathies
Carmelo Rodolico

Neuromuscular junction disorders: mistaking genetic for acquired
Raffaele Iorio

09.15 - 10.30 **Parallel Workshop 4**

Chairs: *Alessandra Ariatti, Luca Bello*

AI in neurophysiology and imaging: automated signal analysis, MRI Radiomics, COMPASS project

Voice and AI in neuromuscular diseases
Raffaele Dubbioso

AI-Driven Patient Stratification in Undiagnosed Hereditary Neuromuscular Disorders: the CoMPaSS-NMD Experience
Rossella Ginevra Tupler

MRI in Muscle disorders
Giorgio Tasca

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**



*** PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

11.00 - 12.30 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Angelo Antonini, Rita Rinaldi*

Each Presenting Authors will be given 13 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion

11.00 - 11.15 CLINICAL RESPONSE HETEROGENEITY TO FIRST-LINE BIOLOGIC THERAPIES IN ACHR-POSITIVE MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Fiammetta Vanoli

11.15 - 11.30 IMPACT OF TARGETED THERAPIES ON THE DISEASE COURSE OF GENERALIZED MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Rita Frangiamore

11.30 - 11.45 FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERIZATION OF ANTIBODIES DIRECTED AGAINST CLUSTERED ACETYLCHOLINE RECEPTOR

Antonio Lotti

11.45 - 12.00 RITUXIMAB IN ACHR AND MUSK MYASTHENIA GRAVIS: LONG-TERM FOLLOW-UP WITH DIFFERENT THERAPEUTIC PROTOCOLS

Francesco Tuccillo

12.00 - 12.15 LATE-ONSET MYASTHENIA GRAVIS: CLINICAL PHENOTYPE AND LONGITUDINAL THERAPEUTIC MANAGEMENT IN A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

Luca Angelini

12.15 - 12.30 COMPARATIVE EFFICACY OF ANTI-C5 VS. ANTI-FCRN THERAPY IN THYMOMA-ASSOCIATED MYASTHENIA GRAVIS: A MULTICENTRE RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

Alba Cepele

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11.00 - 12.30 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Dario Cocito, Matteo Garibaldi*

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11.00 - 11.15 LIMITATIONS OF STANDARD OF CARE THERAPY IN CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DEMYELINATING POLYRADICULONEUROPATHY

Claudia Lozi

11.15 - 11.30 ANTIBODIES AGAINST PROTEOLIPID PROTEIN-1 ARE IDENTIFIED IN PATIENTS WITH INFLAMMATORY NEUROPATHIES

Alberto De Lorenzo

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- 11.30 - 11.45 WHEN DEMYELINATION IS NOT DEMYELINATION: RETHINKING NERVE CONDUCTION FINDINGS IN AUTOIMMUNE NODO/PARANODOPATHIES
Emanuele Cassano
- 11.45 - 12.00 LONG-TERM OUTCOME IN REFRACTORY ANTI-MAG ANTIBODY NEUROPATHY PATIENTS TREATED WITH BTK INHIBITORS
Benedetta Tierro
- 12.00 - 12.15 EVOLVING ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL PATTERNS IN CIDP: HOW ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL PATTERNS CAN INFORM TREATMENT RESPONSE AND RECOVERY
Rita Fiumarella
- 12.15 - 12.30 NEURALGIC AMYOTROPHY ULTRASOUND CHARACTERISTICS: A SINGLE CENTER STUDY
Sara Carta

*** MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 3

11.00 - 12.30 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Roberto Massa, Elena Saccani*

Each Presenting Authors will be given 13 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion

- 11.00 - 11.15 OCULOPHARYNGEAL MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY: A MULTICENTER RETROSPECTIVE COHORT ANALYSIS FROM THE ITALIAN NETWORK
Claudia Alberti
- 11.15 - 11.30 THE NOVEL (TCTG)N MOTIF IN CNBP EXPANDED ALLELES: COMPOSITION, DYNAMICS AND GENOTYPE-PHENOTYPE CORRELATION IN DM2
Federica Centofanti
- 11.30 - 11.45 PLASMA PTAU-181 AS A PROGNOSTIC BIOMARKER OF MOTOR DECLINE IN MYOTONIC DYSTROPHY TYPE 1
Erica Frezza
- 11.45 - 12.00 CIRCULATING MUSCLE-SPECIFIC MIRNAS UNCOVER DIFFERENTIAL MOLECULAR SIGNATURES IN MYOTONIC DYSTROPHY TYPE 1 AND 2 PATIENTS
Dario Ciabini
- 12.00 - 12.15 INTEGRATED ORTHOPEDIC AND NEUROLOGICAL 14-YEAR EXPERIENCE IN THE DIAGNOSTIC APPROACH TO THE 'TOE WALKER' SPECTRUM IN A PEDIATRIC POPULATION
Federica Trentin

12.15 - 12.30 CLINICAL SPECTRUM OF MYOTONIC DYSTROPHY TYPE 2: RESULTS FROM A CROSS-SECTIONAL MONOCENTRIC STUDY

Elena Faedo

••• PARELELL ROOM ITALIA

11.00 - 11.30 **Lecture sponsored by UCB Pharma | NO CME**

Chair: *Caterina Garone*

When to Suspect Thymidine Kinase 2 Deficiency (TK2d): Red Flags and Differential Diagnosis

Michelangelo Mancuso

11.30 - 12.00 **Lecture sponsored by Johnson&Johnson | NO CME**

Chair: *Rocco Liguori*

The evolving landscape of Myasthenia Gravis treatment: focus on nipocalimab

Carlo Antozzi

12.00 - 12.30 **Lecture sponsored by Argenx | NO CME**

Chair: *Rocco Liguori*

Rethinking When: Redefining Treatment Timing in Myasthenia Gravis

Yuri Matteo Falzone

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch Buffet**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 1

12.45 - 13.30 **GdS* Female carriers of muscular dystrophies**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 2

12.45 - 13.30 **GdS* Myofibrillar and Distal Myopathies e Network distali**

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13.30 - 14.15 **Symposium sponsored by Alexion | NO CME**

Chairs: *Francesco Habetswallner, Rocco Liguori*

Clinical refractions in gMG: expanding ravulizumab and eculizumab evidence across all age groups

13.30 - 13.45 A Prism of Evidence for gMG: Integrating C5-inhibition treatment data from clinical trials in adult and pediatric patients
Paolo Emilio Alboini

13.45 - 14.00 Ravulizumab in late onset gMG: illuminating Real World outcomes
Laura Fionda

14.00 - 14.15 Through the Case Lens: Practical Management of gMG and Comorbidities
Daniele Velardo

14.15 - 15.00 **Symposium sponsored by Roche | NO CME**

Chair: *Marika Pane*

Spinal Muscular Atrophy lifespan: from newborn screening to adulthood

14.15 - 14.20 Introduction
Marika Pane

14.20 - 14.30 Born with SMA: early diagnosis and timely intervention
Marika Pane

14.30 - 14.40 Growing up with SMA: clinical transitions and phenotypic variability
Federica Ricci

14.40 - 14.50 Ageing with SMA: needs and clinical approaches of a chronic disease

14.50 - 15.00 Discussion & Q&A
All Faculty

15.00 - 16.30 **Poster Session | NO CME**

16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee Break**

17.00 - 18.30 **Parallel Workshop 5 // #**
 Chairs: *Luca Padua, Giampietro Zanette*

Neuromuscular imaging in the diagnosis of inflammatory peripheral nerve and muscle disorders

Principles of neuromuscular ultrasound and clinical applications
Stefano Tamburin

Nerve Ultrasound in inflammatory neuropathies
Sara Carta

Muscle MRI in inflammatory myopathies
Silvia Nicolosi

••• PARELELL ROOM ITALIA

17.00 - 18.30 **Parallel Workshop 6**
 Chairs: *Guido Angelo Cavaletti, Paola Mandich*

Schwann cell from normal to pathological conditions

Schwann Cells in the Development of the Peripheral Nervous System
Lucilla Nobbio

The Role of Beclin 1 and Autophagy/Endosome Trafficking in Myelination
Matilde Cescon

Neurovascular Interactions in Peripheral Nerve Regeneration and Degeneration
Dario Bonanomi

Therapeutic perspectives for Hereditary Neuropathies
Alessandra Bolino

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 1-2

17.00 - 18.00 **GdS* Inflammatory Myopathies**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 3

17.00 - 18.00 **GdS* LGMD**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 1-2

18.00 - 19.00 **GdS* FSHD**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 3

18.00 - 19.00 **GdS* Myotonic Dystrophies**

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18.30 - 20.00 **Parallel Workshop 7 // #**

Chairs: *Massimiliano Mirabella, Eduardo Nobile-Orazio*

Neuromuscular complications of oncologic immunotherapies

Introduction

Lucia Festino

Myopathies

Massimiliano Mirabella

Neuropathies

Paola Alberti

Myasthenia Gravis

Maria Pia Giannoccaro

••• PARALELL ROOM ITALIA

18.30 - 19.30 **GdS* AIM Giovani**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 1

19.00 - 20.00 **GdS* AIG**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 2

19.00 - 20.00 **GdS* Mitochondrial Disorders**

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08.00 - 09.15 **Plenary Session**

Chairs: *Giacomo Pietro Comi, Antonella Pini*

Lessons from SMA treatments

Focus on novel approaches in SMA treatment

Eugenio Maria Mercuri

New evidence from transitional age and adulthood

Sonia Messina

From Genetic Diagnosis to Early-Treated SMA

Eduardo Fidel Tizzano Ferrari

09.15 - 10.30 **Parallel Workshop 8 // #**

Chairs: *Giovanni Meola, Davide Pareyson*

Repeats expansion

Myotonic Dystrophy type

Darren G. Monckton

Oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophy, RFC1-CANVAS

Andrea Cortese

Kennedy's disease

Maria Pennuto

09.15 - 10.30 **Parallel Workshop 9**

Chairs: *Enrico Silvio Bertini, Lucia Ruggiero*

**Multisystem involvement in neuromuscular diseases
(myotonic dystrophy, Pompe disease, amyloidosis, mitochondrial diseases):
management for improved QoL**

Myotonic Dystrophies: new therapeutic approaches outcomes and clinical relevance

Valeria Sansone

ATTRv Polyneuropathy: management for improved QoL

Angelo Schenone

Management and Therapeutic options of patients with multisystem Pompe disease

Antonio Toscano

Friday, May 15th, 2026

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**

••• PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

11.00 - 12.30 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Emily Bellone, Marco Savarese*

Each Presenting Authors will be given 13 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion

11.00 - 11.15 A UNIVERSAL DONOR CELL FOR THE NEXT GENERATION CELL AND EX VIVO GENE THERAPIES

Giulio Cossu

11.15 - 11.30 PATIENT-DERIVED SPINAL CORD ORGANOID REVEAL CRITICAL TREATMENT WINDOWS IN SMA

Stefania Corti

11.30 - 11.45 MORPHOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR ALTERATIONS IN THE SOMATOSENSORY CORTEX VASCULATURE OF RATS WITH PACLITAXEL-INDUCED PAINFUL PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Valentina Alda Carozzi

11.45 - 12.00 ROLE OF UNCONVENTIONAL MYOSIN1B IN PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

Giovanna Capodivento

12.00 - 12.15 NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE MOLECULAR ROLE OF TNPO3 IN A ZEBRAFISH MODEL OF LGMDD2

Maria Teresa Rodia

12.15 - 12.30 THE MYOSTATIN-SMAD3 PATHWAY AS BIOMARKER FOR MONITORING DISEASE COURSE UNDER DISEASE-MODIFYING THERAPIES IN SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY

Giorgia Riolo

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 1-2

11.00 - 12.30 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Melania Giannotta, Marika Pane*

Each Presenting Authors will be given 13 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion

11.00 - 11.15 MULTI-OMIC BIOMARKERS ENABLE PERSONALIZED SMA MANAGEMENT IN A MULTICENTER ITALIAN STUDY

Chiara Panicucci

- 11.15 - 11.30 SUSTAINED MOTOR FUNCTION STABILIZATION IN TREATED ADULT SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY: REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE FROM PADOVA
Elena Sogus
- 11.30 - 11.45 DNA METHYLATION IN PERIPHERAL BLOOD AS A NEW POTENTIAL BIOMARKERS SMA
Francesca Polito
- 11.45 - 12.00 RESPIRATORY FUNCTION IN ADULT SMA PATIENTS AFTER LONG-TERM RISDIPLAM TREATMENT: THE EXPERIENCE OF ITALIAN CENTERS
Maria Sframeli
- 12.00 - 12.15 SMACK! PROJECT: IMPACT OF THE PARENT-CHILD INTERACTION IN THE EARLY NEURODEVELOPMENTAL STAGES OF A COHORT OF CHILDREN WITH SMA DIAGNOSED BY NEONATAL SCREENING - A PILOT STUDY
Stefano Parravicini
- 12.15 - 12.30 POLYGRAPHIC ASSESSMENT OF ADULT PATIENTS WITH SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY FOLLOWING 12 MONTHS OF RISDIPLAM
Nicasio Rini

*** MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 3

11.00 - 12.30 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: *Veria Vacchiano, Marcello Romano*

Each Presenting Authors will be given 13 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion

- 11.00 - 11.15 REFINING ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL CRITERIA IN CIDP AND MMN: TOWARD A UNIFIED DEFINITION OF MOTOR CONDUCTION BLOCK AND PROXIMAL TEMPORAL DISPERSION
Chiara Gallo
- 11.15 - 11.30 SMALL FIBER DYSFUNCTION IN FIBROMYALGIA: A MULTIMODAL STUDY
Domenico Dell'Aversana
- 11.30 - 11.45 NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT IN PATIENTS WITH SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY IDENTIFIED BY NEWBORN SCREENING
Riccardo Masson
- 11.45 - 12.00 LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND NATURAL HISTORY OF SMALL FIBER NEUROPATHY
Grazia Devigili
- 12.00 - 12.15 DISEASE MODELLING IN DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY - SINGLE-CENTRE PILOT STUDY USING A MACHINE LEARNING APPROACH
Federica Trucco
- 12.15 - 12.30 ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE OF PRECLINICAL NON-LENGTH DEPENDENT SENSORY INVOLVEMENT IN TTR AMYLOIDOSIS
Mariagiovanna Castiglia

11.00 - 11.30 **Lecture sponsored by Alfasigma | NO CME**

Chair: *Rocco Liguori*

Management of Pain and Motor Recovery in Peripheral Neuropathies

Stefano Tamburin

11.30 - 12.00 **Lecture sponsored by Argenx | NO CME**

Chair: *Vincenzo Donadio*

When Innovation converges: neuroimmunology at the intersection

Dario Ricciardi

12.00 - 12.45 **Symposium sponsored by Italfarmaco | NO CME**

Chairs: *Eugenio Maria Mercuri, Valeria Sansone*

**Duvyzat: Advancing the Treatment Landscape
in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy**

12.00 - 12.05 Introduction

Eugenio Maria Mercuri, Valeria Sansone

12.02 - 10.25 Duvyzat: clinical evidence and long-term data

Luca Bello

12.25 - 12.45 Duvyzat: translating evidence into clinical practice and patient management

Marika Pane

12.45 - 13.30 **Symposium sponsored by Avidity | NO CME**

Chair: *Valeria Sansone*

**Muscle Health: a holistic approach to Prepare for Tomorrow's
Therapeutic Innovations**

12.45 - 12.50 Introduction

Valeria Sansone

12.50 - 13.10 A Muscle Health initiative aims to create awareness of a visually distinctive muscle health initiative to drive awareness of going beyond muscle strength and function as a foundation for future neuromuscular care

Valeria Sansone

13.10 - 13.30 A Muscle Health initiative aims to create awareness of emerging therapies and implications for monitoring and outcomes

Sabrina Corbetta

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch Buffet**

•• PARALLEL ROOM ITALIA

13.30 - 14.15 **Symposium sponsored by Biogen | NO CME**

Chair: *Giacomo Pietro Comi*

Towards a New Era: Emerging Perspectives in SMA Landscape

13.30 - 13.40 Welcome and Introduction

Giacomo Pietro Comi

13.40 - 13.55 Bridging Biology and the Clinic: Neuroprotection into Practice

Marika Pane

13.55 - 14.10 SMA Over Time: Clinical Insights from Long-Term Data and Emerging Biomarkers

Giulia Ricci

14.10 - 14.15 Q&A

All Faculty

14.15 - 15.00 **Symposium sponsored by UCB Pharma | NO CME**

Chair: *Lorenzo Maggi*

Generalized Myasthenia Gravis: from Complexity to Choice

14.15 - 14.20 Integrating patient expectations into the clinical decision-making framework for gMG management

Lorenzo Maggi

14.20 - 14.35 The patient who lives a different day every day: when sustained disease management becomes essential

Paolo Emilio Alboini

14.35 - 14.50 The patient seeking to regain voice and breath: when management is shaped by the waves of the disease

Raffaele Iorio

14.50 - 15.00 Interactive Discussion

All Faculty

15.00 - 16.30 **Poster Session | NO CME**

16.30 - 17.00 **Coffee Break**

Friday, May 15th, 2026

••• PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

17.00 - 18.30 **Round Table Meeting** with Patient's Associations | NO CME**

*Chairs: Paola Mandich, Fiore Manganelli, Vincenzo Nigro,
Luisa Politano, Cristina Sancricca, Antonio Trabacca*

** It is a roundtable discussion, providing an opportunity for AIM to present its various projects and updates to patients and patient associations, while also addressing any questions they may have.

••• PARALLEL ROOM ITALIA

17.00 - 18.30 **TRIVIAIM-ASNP Qualification Round | NO CME**

*Chairs: Luana Benedetti, Claudio Bruno,
Massimiliano Filosto, Serenella Servidei*



••• PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

18.30 - 19.30 **AIM General Assembly*** | NO CME**

••• PARALLEL ROOM ITALIA

18.30 - 19.30 **ASNP General Assembly*** | NO CME**

20.30 - 24.00 **Social Dinner**



***AIM Members Assembly (Italian Association of Myology) and ASNP Members Assembly (Italian Association of Peripheral Nervous System), during which a report on the activities carried out by the Scientific Society throughout the year will be presented, along with the financial statement and plans for the upcoming year.

Saturday, May 16th, 2026

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 1

07.45 - 08.30 **GdS* Bone Health**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 2

07.45 - 08.30 **GdS Laminopathies Group**

••• MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 3

07.45 - 08.30 **GdS Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care**

••• PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

08.30 - 09.00 **Plenary Session // #**

Chair: *Tiziana Enrica Mongini*

LAMA2-related disease: when a gene hits muscle and nerve

S. Previtali

09.00 - 09.30 **Plenary Session // #**

Chair: *Vincenzo Nigro*

Lessons from Newborn Screening in SMA

Laurent Servais

09.30 - 10.45 **Parallel Workshop 10**

Chairs: *Francesco Habetswallner, Anna Mazzeo*

Neuropathy and autoimmune myasthenia

Introduction: autoimmune neuropathies

Chiara Briani

What therapy for what patient? Personalizing treatment choices in myasthenia gravis

Lorenzo Maggi

Novel and emerging treatment in autoimmune neuropathies

Pietro Emiliano Doneddu

Italian Recommendations for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Myasthenia Gravis - 2025 Update

Laura Fionda

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09.30 - 10.45 **Parallel Workshop 11 // #**

Chairs: *Gian Maria Fabrizi, Serenella Servidei*

Nerve and muscle involvement in complex genetic diseases

Peripheral neuropathy in complex inherited disorders

Massimiliano Filosto

Beyond muscle weakness in muscle disorders

Giovanna Lattanzi

Nerve and muscle involvement in mitochondrial disorders

Olimpia Musumeci

10.45 - 11.15 **Coffee Break**

••• PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

11.15 - 12.15 **TRIVIAIM-ASNP Contest Final | NO CME**

Chairs: *Luana Benedetti, Claudio Bruno, Massimiliano Filosto, Serenella Servidei*



12.15 - 13.45 **Closing Ceremony & Awards**

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