

52nd BPNA Annual Scientific Meeting
University of Strathclyde, The Technology and Innovation Centre, 99 George Street,
Glasgow, G1 1RD
28-30 January 2026

Programme

Wednesday 28 January 2026		
09.00 – 09.45	Pre-conference session: Trainees’ research network meeting <i>Chairs: Prof Sam Amin & Dr Abigail Lazenbury</i>	Room 1
09.00 – 09.45	Registration & refreshments (L2 & L3 Foyer)	
09.45 – 10.00	Welcome <i>Dr Ailsa McLellan, BPNA President, Prof Sam Amin, Chair of Research & Prof Sameer Zuberi, Glasgow Organising Committee</i>	Main Auditorium
10.00 – 11.30	Neuromuscular (Session 1) <i>Chairs: Dr Shuko Joseph (Glasgow), Dr Iain Horrocks (Glasgow) & Dr Gemma Fisher (Oxford)</i>	Main Auditorium
10.00 – 10.30	Keynote Lecture: Dr Anne-Marie Childs, Leeds General Infirmary <i>‘How do we raise standards of care for children with Neuromuscular Disorders?’</i>	
10.30 – 10.45	Congenital Insensitivity to Pain in Children: A National Surveillance Study on Presentation and Practical Recommendations for Management Dr Alasdair Parker	
10.45 – 11.00	Efficacy and safety of apitegromab in patients aged 13-21 years with type 2 or 3 spinal muscular atrophy: outcomes from the SAPPHERE phase 3 trial Prof Dr Laurent Servais	
11.00 – 11.15	3-year functional outcomes of patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy: pooled delandistrogene moxeparovvec clinical trial data vs external controls Dr Alexander P. Murphy	
11.15 – 11.30	Congenital Myasthenic Syndromes subtypes with early onset disease- A large cohort review to guide newborn screening programmes Dr Sithara Ramdas	
11.35 – 12.35	Research Workshop (Main Auditorium): Children's Rights and AI <i>Speakers: Mr Gregory Metcalfe & Ms Steph Wright</i>	Research Workshop (L1 Auditorium): Use of Technology in Paediatric Neurology <i>Speakers: Dr Neil Patel & Prof David Carmichael</i>
12.35 – 13.15	Lunch, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer)	
12.45 – 13.15	Poster Tours (in-person only)	Rooms 4-8
13.15 – 14.00	Becoming a Paediatric Neurologist <i>Chairs: Dr Abigail Lazenbury & Dr Thiloka Ratnaike</i>	Room 1
13.15 – 14.00	UCB Sponsored Symposium (Main Auditorium) <i>‘Advancing knowledge in Thymidine Kinase 2 Deficiency (TK2d), overcoming challenges in earlier recognition and diagnosis’</i> Dr Sithara Ramdas (Oxford), Dr Victoria Nesbitt (Oxford) & Dr Andres Nascimento (Barcelona)	ITF Pharma Sponsored Symposium (L1 Auditorium) <i>‘Introducing Duvyzat®q (givinostat) in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)’</i> Dr Iain Horrocks (Glasgow), Dr Anne-Marie Childs (Leeds) & Prof Michela Guglieri (Newcastle)

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14.00 – 15.30	General Neurology (Session 2) <i>Chairs: Dr Alexander Simpson (Glasgow), Dr Prab Prabhakar (London) & Dr Simon Gosling (Birmingham)</i>	Main Auditorium
14.00 - 14.30	Keynote Lecture: Dr Ishaq Abu-Arafeh, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow <i>'Recent advances in migraine pathophysiology and mechanism-based treatment'</i>	
14.30 – 14.45	Clinico-radiological profile of hypomyelinating disorders Dr Fazil Izhar*	
14.45 – 15.00	'How do I explain something I don't understand?': Young people's experiences of functional tics Dr Natasha Oates***	
15.00 – 15.15	Autoinflammatory encephalopathy due to PTP1B haploinsufficiency Prof Yanick Crow	
15.15 -15.30	Reduced Synaptic Density in Autistic Adults and a Mouse Model of Idiopathic Autism: Evidence from PET Imaging and Autoradiography Dr Chirag Mehra*	
15.30 – 16.00	Refreshments, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer)	
16.00 – 17.30	Video Challenge (Session 3) <i>Chairs: Dr Lucinda Carr (London) & Prof Robert McFarland (Newcastle)</i> <i>Expert Panel: Dr Tammy Hedderly (London), Dr Ram Kumar (Liverpool) & Dr Kenneth McWilliam (Edinburgh)</i>	Main Auditorium
16.00 – 16.05	Introduction	
16.05 – 16.25	Case 1: Dr Surjabha Pal	
16.25 – 16.45	Case 2: Dr Lee Meiklem	
16.45 – 17.05	Case 3: Dr Noor Zia	
17.05 – 17.25	Case 4: Dr Abigail Lazenbury	
17.25 – 17.30	Close	
18.30 – 20.00	Welcome Reception - Glasgow City Chambers, George Square, G2 1DU	

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Thursday 29 January 2026			
08.00 – 08.30	Refreshments (L2 & L3 Foyer)		
08.00 – 08.45	Personal Practice Session (Main Auditorium): How to develop and deliver a palliative and supportive care service for children with life-limiting neurological conditions Speakers: Dr Jonathan Downie	Personal Practice Session (L1 Auditorium): Children with complex headache - What to do next? Speakers: Dr Ishaq Abu-Arafeh	
08.50 – 10.20	BPNA Annual General Meeting (BPNA members only)		Main Auditorium
09.30 – 10.30	Refreshments, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer)		
10.30 – 12.30	Genetic Epilepsy (Session 4) <i>Chairs: Prof Andreas Brunklaus (Glasgow), Dr Kathleen Gorman (Dublin) & Dr Hassan Shakeel (Glasgow)</i>		Main Auditorium
10.30 – 11.00	Debate: Prof Dennis Lal, The University of Texas, Houston, USA & Prof Ingrid Scheffer, The University of Melbourne, Australia <i>Debate: 'Does genotype trump phenotype?'</i> <i>Chair: Andreas Brunklaus (Glasgow)</i>		
11.00 – 11.30	Keynote Lecture: Prof Sameer Zuberi, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow <i>'Clinical & Research Development: A Tandem Journey'</i>		
11.30 – 11.45	SCN1A-Related Epilepsies Across the Lifespan: Baseline Results from the UK National SCN1A-Horizons Natural History Cohort Prof Andreas Brunklaus		
11.45 – 12.00	Investigating the potential of Drosophila melanogaster to model clinical symptoms of the rare neurodevelopmental CASK disorder Ms Anya Charman Jones		
12.00 – 12.15	Fenfluramine in CDKL5 deficiency disorder: primary efficacy and safety results from a phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study Prof Sam Amin		
12.15 – 12.30	Zorevunersen continues to demonstrate potential as a disease-modifying therapy in long-term open-label extension studies of patients with Dravet syndrome Prof Dr Helen Cross		
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer)		
12.45 – 13.30	Poster Tours (in-person only)		Rooms 4-8
12.45 – 13.30	British Paediatric Movement Disorders (SIG) (Room 1)	Children's Headache Network (SIG) (Room 2)	Welcome to BPNA: New Members Meet & Connect (Room 3)
13.30 – 14.15	Santhera Sponsored Symposium (Main Auditorium) <i>'Changing Landscape in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy'</i> Dr Shuko Joseph (Glasgow), Dr Anirban Majumdar (Bristol), Dr Vasantha Gowda (London) & Dr Anna Sarkozy (London)	Biogen Sponsored Symposium (L1 Auditorium) <i>'The Road to Reimbursement: Navigating the nuances in rare disease and the lessons learnt in SMA'</i> Prof Giovanni Baranello (London) & Mrs Sheela Upadhyaya (London)	
14.20 – 15.35	Motor disorders (Session 5) <i>Chairs: Dr Katharine Forrest (Glasgow), Dr Anna Basu (Newcastle) & Dr Abinaya Seenivasan (Manchester)</i>		Main Auditorium
14.20 – 14.50	Keynote Lecture: Mr Roddy O'Kane, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow <i>'The history of the Glasgow Coma Scale and its relevance to Paediatrics'</i>		
14.50 – 15.05	Decision-making around redirection of care in severe neonatal hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy and its impact on outcomes Miss Madhulika Balaji*		

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15.05 – 15.20	Cognitive / Language Outcomes one year after Epilepsy Surgery in Children with Tuberous Sclerosis: Insights from a UK Single-Centre Study Dr Leeha Singh*	
15.20 – 15.35	Topographical variability of mu rhythm modulation in childhood dystonia and dystonic cerebral palsy Ms Madeleine Hinkley**	
15.35 – 15.55	Refreshments, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer)	
15.55 – 18.00	The Presidential Plenary (Session 6) <i>Chairs: Dr Ailsa McLellan (BPNA President) & Prof Sam Amin (Chair of Research)</i>	Main Auditorium
15.55 – 16.00	Presentation of Prize <i>DMCN best article by a BPNA early career member presented by Prof Bernard Dan</i>	
16.00 – 16.30	Keynote Lecture: Miss Georgina Carr, Chief Executive, Neurological Alliance, London <i>“Don’t make us fight for care’: The reality of neurological care for children and families’</i>	
16.30 – 17.00	The Ronnie MacKeith Prize: Dr Thiloka Ratnaike, Bristol <i>‘Structured Phenotyping in Rare Diseases: from Manual Curation to Clinical Impact’</i>	
17.00 – 18.00	Ronnie MacKeith Guest Lecture: Prof Brenda Banwell, John Hopkins, Baltimore <i>‘Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis and MOGAD: advances in clinical diagnostics, imaging and therapeutics’</i>	
19.00 for 19.30	Annual Conference Dinner - Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Argyle Street, Glasgow, G3 8AG	

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Friday 30 January 2026				
08.30 – 09.30	Refreshments (L2 & L3 Foyer)			
08.30 – 09.15	Personal Practice Session (Main Auditorium): Using visual electrophysiology to untangle neurological cases Speakers: Dr Iain Horrocks & Dr Ruth Hamilton	Personal Practice Session (L1 Auditorium): The Tone Toolkit: the importance of multidisciplinary management of tone Speakers: Dr Sarah Abernethy, Miss Janet McCaul, Ms Jenny Lunan & Dr Valerie Orr		
09.30 – 10.45	Acute Epilepsy (Session 7) <i>Chairs: Prof Sameer Zuberi (Glasgow), Dr Mary O'Regan (Dublin), & Dr Daniel Roberts (Leeds)</i>			Main Auditorium
09.30 – 10.00	Keynote Lecture: Prof Sándor Beniczky, The Danish Epilepsy Centre and Copenhagen University Hospital, Denmark <i>'Automated interpretation of EEG using SCORE-AI'</i>			
10.00 – 10.15	Emergency healthcare utilisation by paediatric patients who underwent epilepsy surgery: data from a single UK epilepsy surgery program Miss Anindita Chatterjee**			
10.15 – 10.30	An international collaborative project investigating the burden of epilepsy in CDD and its impact on patients, caregivers, and healthcare systems Mrs Carol-Anne Partridge & Prof Sam Amin			
10.30 – 10.45	Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Epilepsy in Children in England over 5 years: What can we learn? Dr Rohini Rattihalli			
10.45 – 11.15	Refreshments, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer)			
10.45 – 11.45	Senior Members Meeting (in-person only) <i>Chair: Dr Manish Prasad</i>			Room 1
11.15 – 12.15	Poster Tours (in-person only)			Rooms 4-8
12.15 – 13.00	British Paediatric Epilepsy Group (SIG – BPNA members only) (L1 Auditorium)	Cerebrovascular (SIG) (Room 1)	UK-Childhood Neuro-Inflammatory Disorders (UK-CNID) (Room 2)	Genetic White Matters Disorders (leukodystrophies) (SIG) (Room 3)
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch, exhibition & poster viewing (L2 & L3 Foyer)			
13.00 – 13.45	Paediatric neurology trainees' meeting <i>Chairs: Dr Abigail Lazenbury, Dr Thiloka Ratnaike & Dr Dipak Ram</i>			Room 1
13.40 – 14.25	Roche Sponsored Symposium (Main Auditorium) <i>'Uncovering Case Studies and Real-World Evidence in Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) - A Focus on Patient Outcomes and Quality of Life'</i> Prof Tracey Willis (Shropshire), Prof Giovanni Baranello (London) & Dr Anne-Marie Childs (Leeds)		Novartis Gene Therapies Sponsored Symposium (L1 Auditorium) <i>'SMA NBS: What can we learn from Europe and when is it coming to the UK?'</i> Prof Tom Gillingwater (Edinburgh), Mr Giles Lomax (Edinburgh), Dr Catherine McWilliam (Dundee), Dr Sean Wallace	
14.30 – 16.30	Hot Topics (Session 8) <i>Chairs: Dr Joe Symonds (Glasgow), Dr Dipak Ram (Manchester) & Dr Yoshua Collins-Sawaragi (Birmingham)</i>			Main Auditorium

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14.30 – 15.00	Keynote Lecture: Prof Liam Dorris, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow & Dr Anthony Mercier, NHS GGC & University of Glasgow <i>‘Understanding psychological trauma, loss, and adjustment in supporting parents of children with severe neurological disorders’</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Keynote Lecture: Prof William Stewart, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow <i>‘Lifelong consequences of traumatic brain injury: a chronic disease from an acute event’</i>
15.30 – 15.45	Clinical and cytokine profiles in a multicentre UK Febrile Infection-Related Epilepsy Syndrome (FIREs) and New-Onset Refractory Status Epilepticus (NORSE) cohort: Real-world insights from 2018 – 2025 Dr Evangelia Ioannidou*
15.45 – 16.00	Mutations in the key autophagy protein EPG5 link neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders including early-onset parkinsonism Prof Heinz Jungbluth
16.00 – 16.30	Presentation of Prizes and Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best oral presentation by a trainee* • Best poster oral by a trainee* • Best poster presentation by a trainee* • Best presentation by a medical student** • Best presentation by an allied health professional*** <i>Dr Ailsa McLellan, BPNA President & Prof Sam Amin, Chair of BPNA Research</i>
16.30	Close and departure

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