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Dear Colleagues,

The *International Society for Molecular Neurodegeneration* (ISMND) extends a warm invitation to sponsor our exciting upcoming international meeting, ISMND 2026, which will be hosted by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and held in the Shaw Auditorium in the vibrant city of Hong Kong, October 20-23, 2026. ISMND 2026 is co-organized by ISMND and the scientific journal *Molecular Neurodegeneration* (MN), with support from our main ISMND sponsor and ISMND 2026 partner, the BrightFocus Foundation, and ISMND 2026 partner the Korean Society for Neurodegenerative Disease (KSND).

ISMND is a Florida(US)-registered non-profit international society with the primary aim to encourage sound scientific advancement, and to effectively foster the pursuit of excellence with integrity, as well as inspire new and creative innovations, in the hopes of further accelerating scientific discoveries in the neurodegenerative disease spectrum. Among other activities, the society organizes monthly ISMND Science Webinars and biennial international conferences. The ISMND 2026 is the third international conference organized by ISMND, with the previous meetings held in Seoul, Korea (2024) and in Athens, Greece (2022). Our most recent ISMND 2024 gathered more than 700 participants from a total of 25 different countries.

The theme of ISMND 2026 is *Cell Biology and Therapeutics of Neurodegenerative Diseases* which highlights the critical advancements in understanding the fundamental cellular processes that go awry in neurodegenerative conditions, and the innovative therapeutic strategies being developed to combat them. The ISMND 2026 comprehensive scientific program addresses scientific progress in elucidating emerging pathogenic pathways relating to disease mechanisms, diagnosis, and therapy, with a particular emphasis on the cellular underpinnings and therapeutic interventions.

ISMND 2026 will provide ample opportunities to learn, network, create, and nourish scientific collaborations in the field of molecular neurodegeneration, and we sincerely invite your organization to support these efforts. We offer various sponsor opportunities to showcase your organization in the field of molecular neurodegeneration, and are looking forward to working with you.

On Behalf of The ISMND 2026 Organizing Committee,

Yours sincerely,

Guojun Bu, Founder and BOD of ISMND

Henrietta Nielsen, President of ISMND





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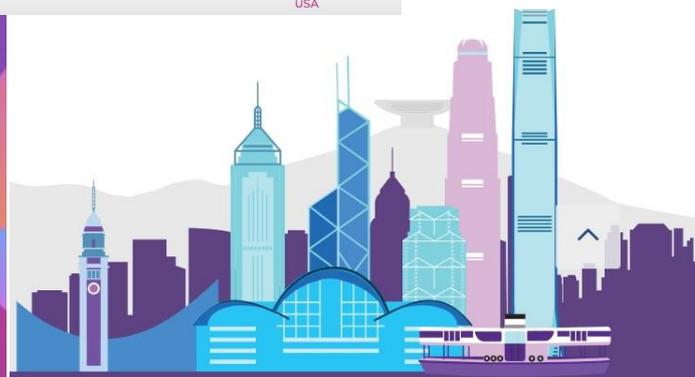
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Scientific Program

Day One – Wednesday, October 21

8:30–8:45	Welcome Remarks — ISMND 2026 Organizing Committee, BrightFocus Foundation, and HKUST President
8:45–9:15	Keynote: Randy Schekman , University of California, Berkeley, USA Cell Biology of Parkinson's Disease Introduction by Robert Vassar
Session I: Biochemical and Structural Insights of Neurodegeneration	
Co-chairs: Hui Zheng & William Yang	
9:15–9:30	Michel Goedert , University of Cambridge, UK Cryo-EM structures of amyloid filaments from the human brain
9:30–9:45	David Klenerman , University of Cambridge, UK Characterizing nanoscopic protein aggregates in neurodegenerative disease
9:45–10:00	Karen Duff , UK Dementia Research Institute, University College London, UK Tauopathy in AD and FTD
10:00–10:15	Q&A
10:15–10:45	Coffee Break / Exhibits
Session II: Cell Biological Insights of Neurodegeneration <i>KSND-sponsored Session</i>	
Co-chairs: Jae-sung Bae & Sun Ah Park	
10:45–11:00	Andrew Yoo , Washington University in St. Louis, USA Dissecting aging contributions to neurodegeneration
11:00–11:15	Robert Vassar , Northwestern University, USA Exploring the mechanism linking A β and tau in Alzheimer's disease
11:15–11:30	Maria Grazia Spillantini , University of Cambridge, UK The Multiple facets of tau pathology
11:30–11:45	Mark Cookson , National Institutes of Health, USA A multicellular causative framework for Parkinson's disease
11:45–12:00	Xiaodong Wang , National Institute of Biological Sciences, China Activation mechanism of SARM1 NADase during neurodegeneration
12:00–12:20	Q&A
12:20–14:00	Lunch Break / Exhibits
14:00–15:00	Short Talk I (Six 10-min talks) <i>BrightFocus Foundation-sponsored Session</i> Chair: Sharyn Rossi
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break / Exhibits
Session III: Cell Biological Insights — Neurons	
Co-chairs: Maria Grazia Spillantini	
15:30–15:45	William Yang , University of California, Los Angeles, USA Tracing neuronal-selective chromatin pathogenesis in Huntington's Disease
15:45–16:00	Sandrine Da Cruz , Leuven Brain Institute, Belgium RNA binding proteins and axonal/synaptic vulnerability in ALS/FTD
16:00–16:15	Philip Wong , Johns Hopkins University, USA Cellular dysfunction of TDP-43 co-pathology and therapeutic strategy
16:15–16:30	Clotilde Lagier-Tourenne , Mass General and Harvard Medical School, USA Disruption of RNA metabolism in ALS/FTD and therapeutic strategies
16:30–16:45	Virginia Lee , University of Pennsylvania, USA Transmission of misfolded proteins in neurodegenerative disorders
16:45–17:05	Q&A
17:05–19:05	Poster Session I / Welcome Reception



Day Two – Thursday, October 22

Session IV: Cell Biological Insights — Immune Systems	
Co-chairs: David Holtzman & Inhee Mook Jung	
8:30–8:45	Marco Colonna , Washington University in St. Louis, USA Innate immune mechanisms in Alzheimer's disease
8:45–9:00	Michael Heneka , University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg Modulation of NLRP3 inflammasome activity as neuroprotective strategy
9:00–9:15	Gopal Thinakaran , University of South Florida, USA BINning down the risk: Parsing BIN1's role in Alzheimer's disease
9:15–9:30	Sangram Sisodia , University of Chicago, USA The gut microbiome and pathophysiology of Alzheimer's disease
9:30–9:45	Riqiang Yan , University of Connecticut Health Center, USA Enhanced CX3CL1 back signaling reduces Alzheimer's and Huntington's neurodegeneration
9:45–10:05	Q&A
10:05–10:35	Coffee Break / Exhibits
Session V: Cell Biological Insights — Lipids and Glia Crosstalk	
Co-chairs: Alison Goate	
10:35–10:50	David Holtzman , Washington University in St. Louis, USA Interactions between APOE, glia, and neuroinflammation
10:50–11:05	Guojun Bu , Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong ApoE in brain lipid metabolism and Alzheimer's diseases
11:05–11:20	Gilbert Di Paolo , Denali Therapeutics, USA Impact of ApoE isoforms on lysosomal function
11:20–11:35	Hui Zheng , Baylor College of Medicine, USA Astrocyte–microglia crosstalk revealed by cell-surface protein profiling
11:35–11:50	Inhee Mook Jung , Seoul National University, South Korea Microglia–astrocyte crosstalk via iPSC models
11:50–12:10	Q&A
12:10–13:45	Lunch Break / Poster Session II
13:45–14:45	Short Talk II: Six 10-minute talks selected from submitted abstracts, reporting the latest scientific findings. Cell Biology of Neurodegenerative Diseases Chair: Lucy Job
14:45–15:15	Coffee Break / Exhibits
Session VI: Genetic/Genomic/Proteomic Insights of Neurodegeneration	
Co-chairs: Mark Cookson & Henrietta Nielsen	
15:15–15:30	Alison Goate , Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA Using genetics to identify disease mechanisms and therapeutic targets
15:30–15:45	Junmin Peng , St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, USA PanNDA: A Pan-NeuroDegeneration Atlas bridging bulk and single-cell proteomics
15:45–16:00	Li-Huei Tsai , Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA Multiomic dissection of Alzheimer's disease
16:00–16:15	Owen Ross , Mayo Clinic Florida, USA Multi-omic architecture of neurodegenerative disease
16:15–16:30	Bart De Strooper , University College London, UK Dementia Research Institute, UK & KU Leuven, VIB, Belgium Polygenic risk for Alzheimer's disease shapes microglial inflammatory programs
16:30–16:50	Q&A
16:50–17:30	Panel Discussion I: Cell Biology of Neurodegeneration Panelists: Marco Colonna, Sandrine Da Cruz, Bart De Strooper, Gilbert Di Palo, Virginia Lee, Philip Wong



Day Three – Friday, October 23

8:30–9:00	<p>Keynote: Thomas Südhof, Stanford University, USA Towards a Cell Biology of Alzheimer's Disease Introduction by Hui Zheng</p>
<p>Session VII: Biomarkers and circulating factors of Neurodegeneration</p>	
<p>Co-chairs: Robert Vassar & Li-Huei Tsai</p>	
9:00–9:15	<p>Nancy Ip, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong Understanding biomarkers of neurodegenerative diseases</p>
9:15–9:30	<p>Charlotte Teunissen, Amsterdam UMC, Netherlands Tracking immune changes in dementia using body fluid biomarkers</p>
9:30–9:45	<p>Henrietta Nielsen, Stockholm University, Sweden APOE peripheral traits and implications to neurodegenerative disease</p>
9:45–10:00	<p>Katerina Akassoglou, Gladstone Institutes & University of California, San Francisco, USA Blood drivers of neurodegeneration: from mechanisms to clinical trials</p>
10:00–10:20	Q&A
10:20–10:40	Coffee Break / Exhibits
<p>Session VIII: Therapeutic Insights I</p>	
<p>Co-chairs: Gopal Thinakaran & Karen Duff</p>	
10:40–10:55	<p>John Hardy, University College London and UK Dementia Research Institute, UK & HKUST, Hong Kong Neurodegeneration: The faltering steps from mechanisms to therapy</p>
10:55–11:10	<p>Bai Lu, Tsinghua University, China New strategy for treatment of neurodegenerative diseases</p>
11:10–11:25	<p>Li Gan, Weill Cornell Medical College, USA Target innate immunity in neurodegeneration: challenges and opportunities</p>
11:25–11:40	<p>Pete Williams, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden Neuroprotective strategies for glaucoma – from bench to bedside</p>
11:40–11:55	<p>Yueming Li, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, USA Lysosomal modulators for neurodegenerative disease treatment</p>
11:55–12:15	Q&A
12:15–13:35	Lunch Break / Exhibits
13:35–14:35	<p>Short Talk III: Six 10-minute talks selected from submitted abstracts, reporting the latest scientific findings and therapeutic approaches.</p> <p>Biomarkers and Therapeutics of Neurodegenerative Diseases Chair: Hongmei Li</p>
14:35–15:05	Coffee Break / Exhibits
<p>Session IX: Therapeutic Insights II</p>	
<p>Co-chairs: Guojun Bu</p>	
15:05–15:20	<p>Seung Hyun Kim, Hanyang University, South Korea Therapeutic strategies enhancing microglial phagocytosis</p>
15:20–15:35	<p>Mathew Blurton-Jones, University of California, Irvine, USA Harnessing iPSC-microglia to deliver therapeutic proteins to the brain</p>
15:35–15:50	<p>Peter Walter, Altos Labs Bay Area Institute of Science, USA Targeting the cell's stress pathways for therapeutic benefit</p>
15:50–16:05	Q&A
16:05–16:45	<p>Panel Discussion II: Therapeutic Strategies Panelists: Li Gan, John Hardy, Bai Lu, Charlotte Teunissen, Peter Walter, Xiaodong Wang</p>
16:45–17:05	ISMND and BrightFocus Foundation Travel Fellowship Award and Short Talk Award Ceremony
17:05–17:15	Closing Remarks



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