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DAY - 1

24-07-2026 | FRIDAY

Time	Topic	Speaker
7.00 Onwards	Registration	
8.00 - 8.10	Welcome Address	
Session I - CNS Demyelinating Diseases		
8.10 - 8.40	Mimics and Masqueraders in CNS Demyelinating Disorders	Dr. Stephen Reddel
8.40 - 9.10	New McDonald, IPND, and MOGAD Criteria: Advantages, and Limitations	Dr. Helmut Butzkueven
9.10 - 9.30	The Hidden Beginning: Prodromal MS and Radiologically Isolated Syndrome	Dr. Christine Lebrun Frenay
9.30 - 9.50	Beyond the Classical Phenotype: Expanding Clinical Spectrum of MOGAD and NMOSSD	Dr. Lekha Pandit
9.50 - 10.05	Q & A	
10.05 - 10.35	Plenary Lecture I: The Next Frontier in Neuroimmunology: CAR T-Cell Therapy	Dr. Christine Lebrun Frenay
10.35 - 11.00	Social Break	
Session II - CNS Demyelinating Diseases		
11.00 - 11.20	Multimodal Visual Assessment in Optic Neuropathies: OCT and Advanced Visual Diagnostics	Dr. Lekha Pandit
11.20 - 11.40	The Invisible Burden: Measuring Cognition in MS	Dr. Shruthi S
11.40 - 12.00	Imaging the Fire and the Smolder: Acute and Chronic Inflammation in MS	Dr. Subhendu Parida
12.00 - 12.20	Signature Imaging Patterns in MOGAD and NMOSSD: Diagnostic Pearls and Pitfalls	Dr. Manish Mahajan
12.20 - 12.40	Decoding Disease Activity: Fluid Biomarkers in MS and NMOSSD	Dr. Christine Lebrun Frenay
12.40 - 13.00	Q & A	
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	
Session III - CNS Demyelinating Diseases		
14.00 - 14.20	Pregnancy in MS: Navigating Treatment Across the Maternal Journey	Dr. Sandra Vukucic
14.20 - 14.40	Ageing and Immunosenescence in MS: Clinical and Therapeutic Challenges	Dr. Helmut Butzkueven
14.40 - 15.00	Motherhood in NMOSSD and MOGAD: Managing Relapse Risk Safely	Dr. Sandra Vukucic
15.00 - 15.20	Seronegative Autoimmune Encephalitis: Diagnostic Challenges and Clinical Approach	Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh
15.20 - 15.35	Q & A	
15.35 - 16.15	Debate I: Long-term DMT in Stable MS: Necessity or Overtreatment ?	Overtreatment Dr. Dheeraj Khurana Necessity - Dr. Sandra Vukucic
16.15 - 16.45	Social Break	
16.45 - 17.15	Inauguration	
Session IV - Neuromuscular Junction Disorders		
17.15 - 17.35	Neuromuscular Junction: Pathophysiology	Dr. Stephen Reddel
17.35 - 17.55	When Weakness Misleads: The Many Mimics of Myasthenia Gravis	Dr. Jeanine Heckmann
17.55 - 18.15	When to Suspect Congenital Myasthenic Syndromes in Limb - Girdle Weakness	Dr. A. Nalini
18.15 - 18.35	Ocular Myasthenia Gravis: When and How to Use Immunotherapy	Dr. Umapathi Thirugnanam
18.35 - 18.50	Q & A	
18.50 - 19.30	Staying Protected on Immunotherapy: Vaccination and Risk Mitigation Strategies in Neuroimmunology	Dr. Sandra Vukucic & Dr. Stephen Reddel
19.30 Onwards	Welcome Dinner	



DAY - 2

25-07-2026 | SATURDAY

Time	Topic	Speaker
Session V - Peripheral Nerve Diseases		
8.00 - 8.20	Diabetic Neuropathy: New Concepts in an Old Disease	Dr. Umapathi Thirugnanam
8.20 - 8.40	The Many Faces of Leprosy: Recognizing Atypical Clinical Features	Dr. Jayantee Kalita
8.40 - 9.00	Systemic and Non-Systemic Vasculitic Neuropathy: What's New in Diagnosis and Management	Dr. Stephen Reddel
9.00 - 9.20	Anti-MAG Neuropathy: Clinical, Electrophysiological, and Serological Clues	Dr. Vaibhav Wadwekar
9.20 - 9.35	Q & A	
9.35 - 10.05	Plenary Lecture II: Clinical and Biological Markers in ALS: Current Concepts and Recent Advances	Dr. Jeanine Heckmann
10.05 - 10.30	Social Break	
Session VI - Anterior Horn Cell & Peripheral Nerve Diseases		
10.30 - 10.50	Spinal Muscular Atrophy: From Fatal to Treatable disorder	Dr. Ramesh Konanki
10.50 - 11.10	Hirayama Disease: The Cervical Flexion Induced Myelopathy	Dr. Seena Vengalil
11.10 - 11.30	Understanding Small Fiber Neuropathies in Clinical Practice	Dr. T. Suryaprabha
11.30 - 11.50	Autoimmune Autonomic Neuropathies: An Update	Dr. T. Madhu Nagappa
11.50 - 12.05	Q & A	
12.05 - 12.45	Panel Discussion I: Behind the Report: Techniques in Antibody Detection	Dr. Y. Muralidhar Reddy Dr. Monalisa Vegda Dr. Nagashree Sharma Dr. Manod Reddy
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch	
Session VII - CNS Demyelinating Disorders		
13.45 - 14.05	Many Faces of MS: Understanding the Expanding Spectrum of MS Variants	Dr. M Netravathi
14.05 - 14.25	Tracking Patient of MS in a Clinic: Clinical, Radiological and Biological Monitoring	Dr. Thomas Mathews
14.25 - 14.55	Therapeutic Decision-Making in MS: Real-World Insights from an Expert	Dr. Helmut Butzkueven
14.55 - 15.15	MS Therapy in India: Bridging Evidence and Affordability	Dr. Tapas Kumar Banerjee
15.15 - 15.35	After the First Attack: What Next in MOGAD and NMOSD ?	Dr. Lekha Pandit
15.35 - 15.50	Q & A	
15.50 - 16.20	Social Break	
16.20 - 17.00	Debate II: Should Rituximab Replace Azathioprine/Mycophenolate in Maintenance Therapy of AChR-Positive gMG?	Yes - Sandhya Manorenj & No - Umamathi Thirugnanam
Session VIII - Muscle Disorders		
17.00 - 17.20	Approach to Myopathies at the Bed side	Dr. A Nalini
17.20 - 17.40	Pattern Recognition in Muscular Dystrophy: Decoding Selective Muscle Involvement	Dr. Jeanine Heckmann
17.40 - 18.00	Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies: Diagnostic and Treatment Strategy	Dr. Vishnu Y
18.00 - 18.20	Muscle Biopsy in the Age of Next-Generation Sequencing	Dr. C. Sundaram
18.20 - 18.35	Q & A	
18.35 - 19.15	Panel Discussion II: Behind the Report: Understanding Genetic Testing Techniques	Dr. Prajnaya Ranganath Dr. Ashwin Dalal
19.30 Onwards	Cultural Dinner	



DAY - 3

26-07-2026 | SUNDAY

Time	Topic	Speaker
Session IX - CNS Demyelinating Diseases		
8.00 - 8.20	Revisiting ADEM: Evolving Concepts in Acute CNS Demyelination	Dr. Sowmya Sundaram
8.20 - 8.40	Understanding Paediatric MS: Unique Challenges Across the Disease Course	Dr. Reshma Sultana Shaik
8.40 - 9.00	GFAP Astrocytopathy: A New Player in the Neuroimmunology Spectrum	Dr. Ayush Agarwal
9.00 - 9.20	Managing Acute Attacks in MOGAD and NMOSD	Dr. Shripad Pujari
9.20 - 9.35	Q & A	
9.35 - 9.50	Social Break	
Session X - Peripheral Nerve Diseases		
9.50 - 10.10	AIDP & CIDP Treatment Update: What's Changing?	Dr. S V Khadilkar
10.10 - 10.30	Lumbosacral Plexopathy: Update for Clinical Practice	Dr. Ajith Sivasadan
10.30 - 10.50	Peripheral Nerve Hyperexcitability: Clinical Spectrum, Evaluation and Management	Dr. Sharath Menon
10.50 - 11.10	Nodopathies and Paranodopathies: A New Frontier in Immune Neuropathies	Dr. S V Khadilkar
11.10 - 11.30	Nerve Biopsy in 2026: Where It Still Matters	Dr. Megha Uppin
11.30 - 11.45	Q & A	
11.30 - 12.00	Social Break	
Session XI - Neuromuscular Diseases & Therapeutics		
12.00 - 12.20	Understanding Myotonic Dystrophy: Current Concepts and Emerging Therapies	Dr. Vineeth Jaison
12.20 - 12.40	Treatable Metabolic Myopathies: When Diagnosis Changes Outcome	Dr. Rakesh Singh
12.40 - 13.00	New Targeted Therapies in Myasthenia Gravis: Complement, FcRn, and Beyond	Dr. Sireesha Y
13.00 - 13.20	Available and Potential Therapies to Look for CMT	Dr. Jeannine Heckmann
13.20 - 13.40	Interventional Neuromuscular Ultrasound	Dr. Ujjawal Roy
13.40 - 13.55	Q & A	
14.00 Onwards	Valedictory & Closing Lunch	



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- 1 Multiple Sclerosis
- 2 NMOSD & MOGAD
- 3 Autoimmune Encephalitis
- 4 Other CNS Autoimmune diseases
- 5 Anterior horn cell diseases
- 6 Radiculopathies
- 7 Plexopathies
- 8 Peripheral Neuropathies
- 9 Neuromuscular Junction Diseases
- 10 Myopathies



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SUBMIT ABSTRACT





Dr. Christine Lebrun-Frenay
France

Christine Lebrun Frenay is a professor of neurology who leads the Inflammatory Neurological Disorders Clinical Research Unit and MS Centre at the University of Nice Côte d'Azur, France. She has served as president of the French MS Society. She was the first to describe a cohort with a subclinical form of MS in 2008. Subsequently, she co-founded the RIS Consortium with colleagues worldwide. Her research interests include therapeutic and MRI studies in MS.

She is also the co-editor of MS-related recommendations for the French MS Society. In 2020, she received the Excellence Prize from Côte d'Azur University. Since 2023, she has been a member of the McDonald Committee.



Dr. Helmut Butzkueven
Australia

Helmut Butzkueven is an academic neurologist specialising in Multiple Sclerosis research. He is the Van Cleef Roet Professor of Neuroscience at Monash University and the Director of Neurology at Alfred Health in Melbourne, Australia. He is the Managing Director of the MS Base Foundation, a global MS registry established in 2004 that monitors outcomes of MS patients across 46 countries. He also co-leads international drug safety cohort studies in MSBase.

His primary research focus includes the use of registry data, clinical and MRI data, cognitive testing, genomics, and patient self-monitoring tools to optimise the benefits and safety of MS therapies and to identify strong predictors of disability progression.



Dr. Sandra Vukusic
France

Sandra Vukusic is a professor of neurology and head of the Multiple Sclerosis clinic at Lyon University Hospital, France. She serves as the scientific coordinator of the Observatoire Français de la Sclérose en Plaques (French MS registry). Her research mainly focuses on pregnancy in women with MS, contributing to a better understanding of the natural history (predicting post-partum relapses, the long-term impact of pregnancy on disability, subsequent pregnancies, and locoregional analgesia), and the use of DMTs in this context.

She coordinated the 2022 French MS Society recommendations on pregnancy and MS. She led the development of French andECTRIMS recommendations on immunisation in MS.





Dr. Jeannine M Heckmann
South Africa

Jeannine M Heckmann is a professor of neurology at the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa. She leads the neurology research group within the UCT Neurosciences Institute. Her research primarily focuses on neuromuscular diseases affecting Africans, particularly Myasthenia Gravis, MND/ALS, and inherited neuromuscular conditions. Her work explores various clinical and translational aspects of myasthenia.

Her clinical and genomics research on MND and inherited neuromuscular diseases is ongoing, in collaboration with the UCT Clinical Omics & Informatics Unit, the International Centre for Genomic Medicine in Neuromuscular Diseases consortium, and the CREATe consortium led by the University of Miami. She established and led the ALS Africa network.



Dr. Umapathi N Thirugnanam
Singapore

Umapathi N Thirugnanam is a Senior Neurologist at the National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore. His subspecialty interests include neuromuscular disorders, electrophysiology, neuroimmunology, autonomic nervous system, and ocular movements. He has undertaken numerous teaching initiatives in Southeast Asian and African countries. He has received multiple teaching awards. He leads various health projects named Albatross, Woodpecker, Nightingale, and Crane,

all aimed at providing access to neurology services in under-resourced regions. He was awarded “Outstanding contribution to GBS100 book” in 2016. He received the “Honorary Membership” of the Association of Sri Lankan Neurologists in appreciation of the immense service he has provided towards the improvement of neurology care standards.



Dr. Stephen Reddel
Australia

Stephen Reddel is a staff specialist neurologist at Concord Repatriation & General Hospital in Sydney and a consulting neurologist at the Brain & Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney. He leads the neuroimmunology clinic at Concord Hospital, which specialises in the safe treatment of various neuroimmunological disorders of the CNS and PNS. His research interests include myasthenia gravis, focusing on the role of anti-MuSK antibodies and neuromuscular junction

homeostasis; neuroimmunology, such as multiple sclerosis; and neurogenetics, including muscular dystrophies and inherited neuropathies. He is the chair of the National Blood Authority Neurology specialist working group and co-chair of MGBase, a global myasthenia gravis registry.



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