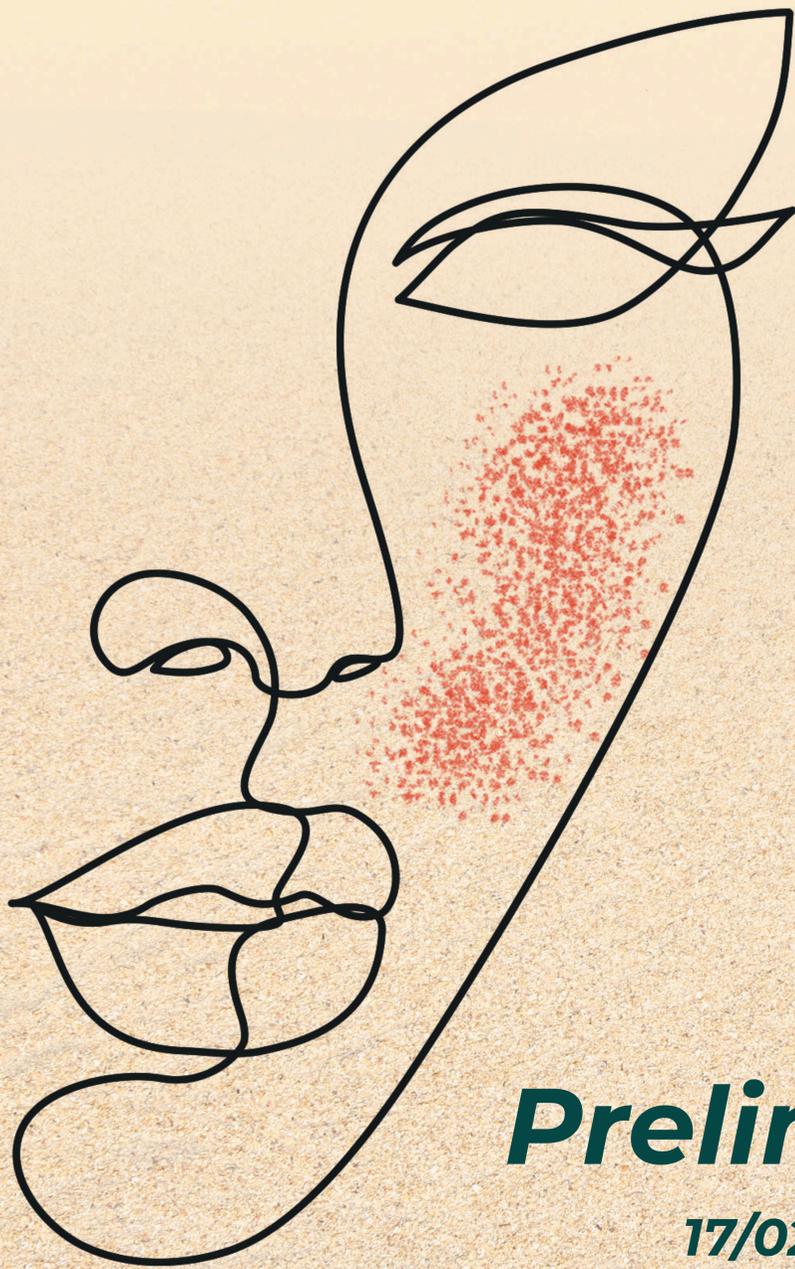




3rd World Congress on
RARE SKIN DISEASES



01-02-03
July 2026

*Palais des congrès
de Versailles*
France

Preliminary program

17/02/2026 - Subject to change



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OBJECTIVES

1

To learn on diagnosis (including pathophysiology and disease classification) and management of rare and complex skin disorders (skin cancers and aggressive tumors, autoimmune bullous diseases, complex vascular malformations and tumors, auto-inflammatory and autoimmune cutaneous disorders, toxiderma, ectodermal dysplasia and incontinentia pigmenti, DNA Repair Disorders & photosensitivity, monogenic fibrosing diseases, epidermolysis bullosa and skin fragility, epidermal differentiation disorders).

2

To develop a multidisciplinary approach and improve their skills to manage common problems in rare and complex skin disorders;

3

To know more on last research findings and tools in the field of skin biology, genetics, therapeutics.

4

To learn more on patient engagement and empowerment as well as patient education programs.

COMMITTEE



Prof. Christine Bodemer



Dr Ivona Aksentijevich



Prof. Bert Callewaert



Prof. Pascal Joly



Prof. Dedee Murrell



Dr Eli Sprecher



Dr Antonio Torello

Day 1 - Wednesday July 1st

Amphitheater

Colbert room

9.00am - 10.00am

OPENING PLENARY Skin biology : Tissue Repair

> **Decoding the Molecular Architecture of Skin Through Single-Cell Transcriptomics**

Maria Kasper (Sweden)

> **The skin barrier and the role and the pathophysiological consequences of the PH progressions**

Keitaro Fukuda (Japan)

10.05am - 11.35am

WORKSHOP 1 New and recent classification: Ichthyosis / Palmoplantar Keratoderma

Chair: Cristina Has (Germany) - **Cochair:** Marie Claude Boiteux (France)

> **Syndromic epidermal differentiation disorders**

Amy Paller (USA)

> **Non syndromic epidermal differentiation disorders**

Judith Fischer (Germany)

> **Palmoplantar Keratoderma**

Edel O'Toole (UK)

> **Round table**

Marie Claude Boiteux (France), Maya El-Hachem (Italy), Cristina Has (Germany), Antonio Torrelo (Spain)

WORKSHOP 2 Autoimmune Bullous Diseases

Chair: Pascal Joly (France) - **Cochair:** Hayato Takahashi (Japan)

> **Double blind double dummy randomised control trial comparing rituximab versus cyclophosphamide in severe types of mucous membrane pemphigoid,**

Pascal Joly (France)

> **The contribution of keratinocytes in responses to autoantibodies in Bullous pemphigoid,**

Manuela Pigors (Germany)

> **Antigen-specific immunosuppression by Treg cell therapy in pemphigus,**

Hayato Takahashi (Japan)

11.45am - 12.30pm

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 1

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 2

12.45pm - 1.30pm

DIAMOND INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM & LUNCH BAGS

1.30pm - 2.15pm

COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER WALK

Day 1 - Wednesday July 1st (continued)

Amphitheater

Colbert room

2.15pm - 2.45pm

PLENARY 2

- > **Role of fascia and immunological cells in wound healing and fibrosis**
Yuval Rinkevich (China)

2.50pm - 4.20pm

WORKSHOP 3

Monogenic skin fragility

Chair: Eli Sprecher (Israel)

- > **Are monogenic skin fragility disorders truly monogenic?**

Eli Sprecher (Israel)

- > **Epidermolysis Bullosa: To biopsy or not to biopsy?**

Reuven Bergman (Israel) and Martin Laimer (Austria)

- > **Skin-directed therapeutic approaches to disorders of skin fragility,**

Christina Has (Germany)

- > **Systemic therapeutic approaches to disorders of skin fragility,**

Johann Bauer (Austria)

WORKSHOP 4

Research Update on Ectodermal dysplasia and Incontinentia

Chair: Smail Hadj-Rabia (France)

- > **RIP Kinases and Necroptosis in the Neurocutaneous Disease Incontinentia Pigmenti and Beyond,**

Markus Schwaninger (Germany)

- > **Mechanisms of murine skin appendage formation,**

Catherin Niemann (Germany)

- > **Oral and dental manifestations, diagnostic clues, and comprehensive management strategies for Ectodermal Dysplasia,**

Yiqun Wu (China)

- > **Oral manifestations of ectodermal dysplasia, pathophysiology and consequences**

Hilde Norgarden (Norway)

- > **Ectodermal Dysplasia: What else?**

Smail Hadj-Rabia (France)

4.20pm - 4.50pm

COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER WALK

4.50pm - 5.05pm

FLASH SYMPOSIUM 1

FLASH SYMPOSIUM 2

5.05pm - 6.35pm

WORKSHOP 5

Skin and Eyes

- > **Ocular involvement in TEN/SJS,**

Chie Sotozono (Japan)

- > **Regenerative medicine approaches for Stevens–Johnson syndrome and ocular mucous membrane pemphigoid**

Koji Kitazawa (Japan)

- > **p63-Driven Ectodermal Disorders: From Stem Cell Dysfunction to Therapeutic Rescue**

Ruby Shalom Feuerstein (Israel)

- > **Incontinentia pigmenti and the retina: beyond peripheral and early manifestations,**

Matthieu Robert (France)

WORKSHOP 6

Pigmentation disorders

Chair: Antonio Torrelo (Spain)

- > **The challenge of rare skin diseases with café au lait macules,**

Elena Pope (Canada)

- > **Reticulated pigmentary disorders and dyschromatoses,**

Maria Teresa Garcia (Mexico)

- > **Rare pigment dilution conditions**

Antonio Torrelo (Spain)

- > **Genetic basis of mosaic hypopigmentation,**

Pierre Vabres (France)

6.35pm - 8.00pm

WELCOME DRINK

END OF THE DAY

Day 2 - Thursday, July 2nd

Amphitheater

Colbert room

8.15am - 9am

PLATINIUM INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM & BREAKFAST

9am - 10.15am

PLENARY 3 Patient organisation - What's new Successes and Difficulties

WORKSHOP 7

**Outcome mesasure in rare skin diseases from
the concept to the practice: expectations**

Chair: Dedee Murell (Australia), **Co-chair:** May El-Hachem (Italy)

- > **Outcome measures in Rare Skin Diseases: an overview of available tools and challenges,** Dedee Murrell (Australia)
- > **Outcome measures in clinical research: Bullous pemphigoid,** Pascal Joly (France)
- > **PROMS in Rare Skin Disease: generic, dermatology-specific and disease-specific tools,** May El Hachem (Italy)
- > **PROMS in Rare Diseases: the voice of patients.** Angélique Sauvestre (Debra)
- > **Towards a common outcome core set for Epidermolysis Bullosa, the COSEB initiative,** Marieke Bolling (Netherlands)

WORKSHOP 8

**Rare skin diseases predisposing to cancers:
Prevent, detect, treat?**

Chair: Sarah Guégan (France), **Co-chair:** Neil Rajan (UK)

- > **CYLD cutaneous tumor syndrome,** Neil Rajan (UK)
- > **DNA repair cancer syndromes,** Fanny Morice-Picard (France)
- > **Genetic susceptibility in melanoma,** Susana Puig (Spain)
- > **Genetic predisposition to cutaneous squamous cell and basocellular carcinomas** Sarah Guégan (France)

10.20am - 11.50am

12.05pm - 1.05pm

DIAMOND INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM & LUNCH BAGS

1.15pm - 2.00pm

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 3

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 4

2.00pm - 2.30pm

COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER WALK

Day 2 - Thursday, July 2nd (continued)

Amphitheater

Colbert room

Condé room

2.30pm - 3.30pm

PLENARY 4

Science and Ethics: we are all concerned

> **Modeling human embryogenesis with stem cells: the science and the ethics**

Nicolas Rivron (Austria)

3.30pm - 4.00pm

PLENARY 5

Immunity and Inflammation

> **Monogenic type I interferonopathies**

Yanick Crow (UK)

4.00pm - 4.30pm

COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER WALK

4.30pm - 6.00pm

WORKSHOP 9

Monogenic autoimmune, autoinflammatory, immune deficiency diseases

> **Monogenic systemic vasculitis,**
Ivona Aksentijevitch (USA)

> **NEMO-NDAS,**
Raphaëla Goldbach-Mansky (USA)

> **Prolidase deficiency: Clinical spectrum, physiopathology, therapeutic options/successes**

Sean Sainsbury (Netherlands)

> **Plaid/APLaid syndrome,**
Michael Ombrello (USA)

WORKSHOP 10

Mendelian Connective Tissue Disorders

Chair: Bert Callewaert (Belgium)

> **A novel classification for congenital cutis laxa disorders**
Aude Beyens (Belgium)

> **Acquired cutis laxa sheds light on elastic fiber breakdown**
Bert Callewaert (Belgium)

> **Pseudoxanthoma elasticum: Update**

Ludovic Martin (France)

> **Tropoelastin Modulates Cell Performance and Tissue Repair,**
Ziyu Wang (Australia)

**PARAMEDICS FORUM
NURSING CARE**

6.00pm - 6:15pm

**FLASH
SYMPOSIUM 3**

**FLASH
SYMPOSIUM 4**

6:15pm

END OF THE DAY

Day 3 - Friday, July 3rd

Amphitheater

7.00am - 8.15am

Run / Walk in Chateau de Versailles Park

9.00am - 10.30am

SELECTED COMMUNICATIONS

PLENARY 6

Therapeutic Progress and Drug Repurposing

10.30am - 11.30am

- > **Evolving Therapies in vascular malformation,**
Beth Drolet (USA)
- > **Can autoantibodies prevent or precipitate cancer?**
Paul Bastard (France)

11.30am - 12.30pm

BRUNCH AND POSTER WALK

PUZZLING CASES

Let's all think together

A face to face "Clinical Patient Management System" experience

Chairs: Amy Paller (USA), Eli Sprecher (Israel)

12.30pm -
12.45pm

- > **A homozygous start-loss mutation in TERF1 causes a syndrome associated with long telomeres**
Irene Lara-Corrales (Canada)
- > **Cutis Tricolor due to Melanocytic Chromosomal Imbalances originating from a Constitutional Robertsonian Translocation**
Aude Beyens (Belgium)
- > **Generalized Pan Sclerotic Morphea**
Maria Teresa García Romero (Mexico)
- > **Mandibuloacral dysplasia**
Arun Inamadar (India)

12.45pm - 1.00pm

WCRSD 2026 awards

RISING STARS

1.00pm - 2.20pm

- > **Pathophysiological mechanisms of fibrosis in different models of skin diseases**
Angelo Giuseppe Condorelli (Italy)
- > **Mechanisms driving cutaneous Neurofibromas . Therapeutic perspectives**
Laura Fertitta (France)
- > **Underlying mechanisms of central centrifugal cicatricial alopecia**
Noy Keller Rosenthal (Israel)
- > **Artificial Intelligence and cutaneous oncogenesis**
Antonia Reimer-Taschenbrecker (Switzerland)

2.20pm - 2.30pm

PLENARY 7 - The future

Rare skin diseases: how to continue to progress all together?

2.30pm

END OF THE MEETING

3pm - 4.30pm

SOCIAL PROGRAM
OPTIONAL - ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION

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