



3rd World Congress on
RARE SKIN DISEASES



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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. Dede 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)

10.00am - 11.40am

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)

> Autoreactive Treg in Pemphigus,

Hayato Takahashi (Japan)

11.40am - 12.40pm

LUNCH BREAK

12.40pm - 1.40pm

DIAMOND INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM & LUNCH BAGS

1.40pm - 2.25pm

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 1

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 2

2.25pm - 2.55pm

COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER WALK

Day 1 - Wednesday July 1st (continued)

	Amphitheater	Colbert room
3.00pm - 3.30pm	PLENARY 2 > Role of fascia and immunological cells in wound healing and fibrosis Yuval Rinkevich (China)	
3.35pm - 5.05pm	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)
5.05pm - 5.35pm	COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER WALK	
5.35pm - 5.50pm	FLASH SYMPOSIUM 1	FLASH SYMPOSIUM 2
5.50pm - 7.20pm	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)
7.20pm - 9.30pm	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	
10.20am - 11.50am	WORKSHOP 7 Outcome mesure in rare skin diseases from the concept to the practice: expectations Chair: Dede Murell (Australia), Co-chair: May El-Hachem (Italy) > Outcome measures in Rare Skin Diseases: an overview of available tools and challenges, Dede 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)
12pm - 12.45pm	DIAMOND INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM & LUNCH BAGS	
12.55pm - 1.40pm	SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 3	SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM 4
1.40pm - 2.10pm	COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER WALK	

Day 2 - Thursday, July 2nd (continued)

	Amphitheater	Colbert room	Condé room
2.10pm - 3.10pm	<p>PLENARY 4 Science and Ethics: we are all concerned</p> <p>> Modeling human embryogenesis with stem cells: the science and the ethics Nicolas Rivron (Austria)</p>		
3.10pm - 3.40pm	<p>PLENARY 5 Immunity and Inflammation</p> <p>> Monogenic type I interferonopathies Yanick Crow (UK)</p>		
3.45pm - 5.15pm	<p>WORKSHOP 9 Monogenic autoimmune, autoinflammatory, immune deficiency diseases</p> <p>> Monogenic systemic vasculitis, Ivona Aksentijevitch (USA)</p> <p>> NEMO-NDAS, Raphaela Goldbach-Mansky (USA)</p> <p>> Polidase deficiency: Clinical spectrum, physiopathology, therapeutic options/successes Sean Sainsbury (Netherlands)</p> <p>> Plaid/APlaid syndrome, Michael Ombrello (USA)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 10 Mendelian Connective Tissue Disorders</p> <p>Chair: Bert Callewaert (Belgium)</p> <p>> A novel classification for congenital cutis laxa disorders Aude Beyens (Belgium)</p> <p>> Acquired cutis laxa sheds light on elastic fiber breakdown Bert Callewaert (Belgium)</p> <p>> Pseudoxanthoma elasticum: Update Ludovic Martin (France)</p> <p>> Tropoelastin Modulates Cell Performance and Tissue Repair, Ziyu Wang (Australia)</p>	<p>PARAMEDICS FORUM NURSING CARE</p>
5.15pm - 5.45pm		<p>COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER WALK</p>	
5.45pm - 6pm	<p>FLASH SYMPOSIUM 3</p>	<p>FLASH SYMPOSIUM 4</p>	
6pm			<p>END OF THE DAY</p>

Day 3 - Friday, July 3rd

Amphitheater

7.00am - 7.45am	Run / Walk in Chateau de Versailles Park
9.15am - 10.45am	SELECTED COMMUNICATIONS
10.45am - 11.45am	PLENARY 6 Therapeutic Progress and Drug Repurposing -> Evolving Therapies in vascular malformation, Beth Drolet (USA) -> Can autoantibodies prevent or precipitate cancer? Paul Bastard (France)
11.45am - 12.15pm	BRUNCH AND POSTER WALK
12.15pm - 1pm	PUZZLING CASES Let's all think together A face to face "Clinical Patient Management System" experience
1pm - 1.15pm	WCRSD 2026 awards
1.15pm - 2.15pm	RISING STARS
2.15pm - 2.40pm	PLENARY 7 - The future Rare skin diseases: how to continue to progress all together?
2.40pm	END OF THE MEETING
3pm - 4.30pm	SOCIAL PROGRAM OPTIONAL - ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION

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