

Scientific programme

Tuesday **27 November 2018** | 14:00–17:00 GMT | 09:00–12:00 EST | 15:00–18:00 CET

14:00 Opening remarks
Gavin Giovannoni, UK

Progressive MS: is it modifiable?

14:05 Keynote presentation
When does progressive MS begin?
Shibeshih Belachew, Switzerland

**14:15 Redefining secondary progressive MS:
the case for metrics**
Tomas Kalincik, Australia

**Upper limb function as a primary
outcome measure in progressive MS
clinical trials**
Maria Pia Sormani, Italy

**The visual system as a window into the
study of progressive MS**
Ari Green, USA

**Spinal cord imaging in progressive MS:
current and future prospects**
Carmen Tur, UK

**Cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers
in progressive MS trials**
Sharmilee Gnanapavan, UK

15:05 Keynote presentation
**The pathogenesis of progressive MS:
making the case for one, two or
three diseases?**
Bruce Trapp, USA

Company-sponsored satellites

15:15 F. Hoffmann-La Roche
**Is chronic inflammation present from
the inception of MS? Insights from
pathology and imaging**
Assunta Dal-Bianco, Austria

15:35 Novartis Pharma AG
**Looking at the opposite side of the
disease continuum: Acting early –
new evidence in the treatment of
paediatric-onset MS**
Brenda Banwell, USA

Exhibitions

15:55 Free time to explore exhibit hall

Hot topic debate: cognition in MS

**16:15 Motion: 'We should routinely monitor
cognition in standard MS clinical
practice'**
Chair's introduction and audience vote
on the motion
Gavin Giovannoni

Keynote presentations
For: *James Sumowski, USA*
Against: *Anneke Van Der Walt, Australia*

Seconds
For: *Dawn Langdon, UK*
Against: *Jiwon Oh, Canada*
Moderated discussion and Q&A

16:55 Final summing up and close

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