

# Speakers



## Gavin Giovannoni

Chair of Neurology, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, UK

Gavin Giovannoni's research is focused on Epstein-Barr virus as a possible cause of MS, MS-related neurodegeneration, biomarker discovery, MS clinical outcome measures, MS clinical trials and immune tolerance strategies.



## Joanne Jones

Wellcome Trust Beit Fellow and Honorary Consultant Neurologist, University of Cambridge, UK

Joanne Jones specialized in neuroimmunology and her laboratory focuses on regulatory T cells, their mechanisms of suppression and why they often fail in the setting of lymphopenia.



## Jan Lünemann

Professor of Neurology, University of Münster, Germany

Jan Lünemann received his doctoral training at the German Rheumatism Research Center in Berlin, Germany, and his postdoctoral training at the National Institutes of Health and at the Rockefeller University in New York, USA. Before his tenure in Münster, he was Assistant Professor and head of the Department of Neuroinflammation at the Institute of Experimental Immunology, University of Zurich, and Consultant at the Department of Neurology, University Hospital of Zurich, Switzerland.



## Saúl Reyes Niño

Clinical Fellow, Blizzard Institute at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, UK

Saúl Reyes Niño completed his MD at the Universidad de los Andes, Colombia and was the winner of theECTRIMS Clinical Training Fellowship 2018.



## Stephen Reddel

Staff Specialist Neurologist, Concord Repatriation General Hospital, Sydney and Consultant Neurologist, Brain and Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney, Australia

Stephen Reddel's research interests include myasthenia gravis (examining the function of anti-MuSK antibodies and the homeostasis of the neuromuscular junction), neuroimmunology and MS, and neurogenetics, including the muscular dystrophies and inherited neuropathies.



## Farrah Mateen

Associate Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School, MA, USA

Farrah Mateen leads a clinical trial funded by the National MS Society on light therapy for MS-related fatigue. Currently, she is the principal investigator of several multi-country studies.



## Laura Airas

Professor of Neuroimmunology, University of Turku, Finland

Laura Airas's main interest is in pathological mechanisms of progressive MS. She was among the first in the world to apply PET imaging to the study of neuroinflammation in MS.



## Martin Weber

Professor of Translational Neuroinflammation, University of Göttingen and head of the Department of Neurology, University Medicine Göttingen, Germany

Martin Weber's research focuses on the role of antigen-presenting cells and B cells in MS and its experimental models. His primary interest is to elucidate the functional diversity of different phenotypes of B cells and antigen-presenting cells and to understand how these findings can be harnessed to accelerate therapeutic innovation in MS.



## Jan Lycke

Professor/Senior Consultant in Clinical Neurology, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg University and head of the MS Research Centre, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden

Jan Lycke is a Swedish delegate of the council of the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ECTRIMS). He has published scientific papers on the epidemiology, virology and immunology of MS and is currently researching biological markers for characterizing the immune-pathogenesis of MS, how to monitor disease activity and therapeutic interventions for MS.



## Angela Vidal-Jordana

Consultant Neurologist, Neurology-Neuroimmunology Department, MS Centre of Catalonia, Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona, Spain

Angela Vidal-Jordana's clinical interests include optical coherence tomography and non-conventional MRI techniques in MS. Most recently, she has been working on a research project studying the visual pathway in patients presenting with clinically isolated syndrome. This project encompasses non-conventional neuroimaging techniques, mainly volumetric analysis, and optical coherence tomography in patients with MS.



## Noriko Isobe

Associate Professor, Department of Neurological Therapeutics, Kyushu University, Japan

Noriko Isobe's current research interests include genetic susceptibility to MS, genetic determinants of disease progression in MS and T-cell receptor repertoires in MS.



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