MS Frontiers Programme 2024



	Wednesday 3 July	
	Early Career Researcher afternoon (pre-booking required) flash talks from ECRs	
14.00 -	a patient and public involvement (PPI) showcaseinformal breakout table discussions to help you in your own research	
17.00	talks from Stuart Nixon MBE (MS Society Ambassador) and Amy Thompson (founder of MS Together), who are both living with MS	
	G-Flex	
	Thursday 4 July	
09.00 - 10.00	Registration with coffee	
10.00 - 10.20	Sasha Leigh (co-chair of the MS Society Research Strategy Committee)	
	Dr Ian Pomeroy (Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust) Lecture Theatre A (LTA)	
10.20 -		
11.00	Professor Anna Williams (University of Edinburgh)	
11.00 -	Lecture Theatre A (LTA) Parallel session 1:	Parallel session 2:
12.15	Cellular and molecular players in MS	The personalised approach: from research to changing how we treat people
	With talks from: Dr Alexandra Nicaise,	living with MS
	Dr Stavros Vagionitis, Dr Lauren Griffiths, Helgi Valur Danielsson	With talks from: Dr Gavin Brittain, Dr Charlotte Wicks, Dr Blanca de Dios Pérez, Dr
	Chaired by Dr Karim Kreft and Dr Donia	Sharifa Battashi, Amy Webster
	Arafa	Chaired by Joela Mathews, Dr Blanca De
	Locture Theatre A // TA)	Dios Pérez and Amy Webster
12.15 - 13.15	Lunch and poster exhibition The Atrium and G-Flex	Lecture Theatre B (LTB)
13.15 - 14.15		
14.10	Helena Jidborg Alexander (MS Trust)	
14.15 -	Lecture Theatre A (LTA) Parallel session 3:	Parallel session 4:
15.15	Targeting progression: new insights and opportunities from pathology	Wellbeing of people affected by MS
	With talks from: Professor Gabriele de	With talks from: Dr Laura Edwards, Dr Eva
	Luca, Dr Jonathan Pansieri, Dr Melissa Grant-Peters, Dr Ben Newland, Dr	Fragkiadaki, Dr Peter Foley, Dr Ekaterina Bordea
	Benjamin Cooze	Dordea
	Chaired by Dr Owain Howell and Dr Jonathan Pansieri	Chaired by Dr Annie Hawton and Dr Prince Nwaubani
	Lecture Theatre A (LTA)	Lecture Theatre B (LTB)
15.15 - 15.45	Coffee break The Atrium	Lecture Medire B (ETB)
15.45 - 16.45	Parallel session 5: Neuroimmunology in MS	Parallel session 6: MS Society's UK MS Prevention
10.10	With talks from:	Taskforce: making progress towards preventing MS
	Rachel Coulombeau, Timothy Jamieson, Molly Raikes, Dr Patrick	With talks from: Professor Parth Narendran,
	Kearns, Dr Omar de Faria Jr.	Dr Will Brown, Dr Alison Thomson and Dr Clare Walton.
	Chaired by Dr Yvonne Dombrowski and Dr Gavin Brittain	Chaired by Dr Emma Tallantyre and Dr
	Dr Gavin Britain	Rebecca Smith
16.45 -	Lecture Theatre A (LTA) Lecture Theatre B (LTB) Conference debate:	
17.30	7.30 Artificial Intelligence is ready to personalise care for people with MS – for and against Dr Kate Petheram (South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust) - for the motion Dr Arman Eshaghi (University College London) - against the motion Chaired by Dr Nikos Evangelou (University of Nottingham) Panelists: Professor Helen Ford (University of Leeds), Stuart Nixon MBE (MS Society Ambassador), Courtney Kremler (University of Cambridge)	
17.30 -	Lecture Theatre A (LTA) Drinks reception and poster exhibition	
19.15 19.15 -	The Atrium and G-Flex Gala dinner from 7.15pm	
23.00	Mountford Hall, The Guild	
09.00 -	Friday 5 July Keynote lecture: The impact of age on MS	
10.00		
10:00 -	Lecture Theatre A (LTA) Parallel session 7:	Parallel session 8:
11.15	Using "big data" at an individual level	Measuring and managing the cognitive impacts of MS
	With talks from: Dr Karim Kreft, David	With talks from: Dr Lauren A Taylor,
	Ellenberger, Emily Tregaskis-Daniels, Dr Will Brown	Annalaura Lerede, Hajer Karoui, Clara Atiyeh
	Chaired by Professor Ruth Dobson and	Chaired by Dr Rachael Hunter and Dr
	Marie Braisher	Thomas Williams
11.15 -	Lecture Theatre A (LTA) Coffee break	Lecture Theatre B (LTB)
11.45 11.45 -	Poster prizes and 3-min poster flash talks	
12.15	Flash talks from: Emily Davis, Kellie Horan, Dr Jonathon Holland, Millie Taylor	
12.15 -	Lecture Theatre A (LTA) lan McDonald Memorial Lecture:	
13:05	Cognition in MS: current advances and future perspectives Professor Maria Pia Amato (University of Florence) Introduced by Professor Jeremy Chataway Lecture Theatre A (LTA)	
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13:05 - 13.15	Wrap up and final reflections Dr Emma Tallantyre and Dr Yvonne Dombrowski (co-chairs of the Frontiers Scientific Committee)	

Committee)
Dr Clare Walton (Head of Research at the MS Society)

Lecture Theatre A (LTA)

Takeaway lunch and networking
The Atrium

13.15 -14.30