

## Wednesday, 16 September 2026

12:30 - 12:50	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	Emanuele Angelucci (IT) Josu de la Fuente (UK) Selim Corbacioglu (DE)
12:50 - 14:30	<b>Session I: The Hematopoietic Microcosm in Haemoglobinopathies</b> <b>Chairs:</b> <i>Emanuele Angelucci (IT) &amp; Josu de la Fuente (UK)</i>	
12:50 - 13:10	Clonal haematopoiesis in sickle cell disease	
13:10 - 13:30	Iron and inflammation: are two sides of the same coin	Sarita Rani Jaiswal (IN)
13:30 - 13:50	Senescence targeting therapies can improve hematopoietic stem cell function during sickle cell disease	
13:50 - 14:10	The bone disease in haemoglobinopathies	Shannon McKinney-Freeman (US) Andrea Giusti (IT)
14:10 - 14:30	Round Table Discussion	All
14:30 - 15:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15:00 - 15:45	<b>Industry Symposium Slot</b>	
15:45 - 17:15	<b>Session II: From Pathophysiology to Clinical Presentation and Social Impact</b> <b>Chairs:</b> <i>Sarita Rani Jaiswal (IN)</i>	
15:45 - 16:05	New insights into pathophysiology and therapeutic pathways	
16:05 - 16:25	Sickle cell disease	
16:25 - 16:45	Transfusion-dependent thalassemia	Lucia de Franceschi (IT)
16:45 - 17:05	Epidemiology of the diseases and social impact	Khaled M. Musallam (AE)
17:05 - 17:15	Round Table Discussion	
17:15 - 17:30	<b>Break</b>	
17:30 - 18:50	<b>Session III: Update in Gene Therapy</b> <b>Chairs:</b> <i>Mohsen Al Zahrani (SA) &amp; Selim Corbacioglu (DE)</i>	
17:30 - 17:50	Advances in hematopoietic stem cell gene editing and conditioning for sickle cell disease	Selami Demirci (US)
17:50 - 18:10	Turning CRISPR Into therapies: precision, pitfalls, and clinical Impact	Toni Cathomen (DE)
18:10 - 18:30	Toward in vivo gene therapy for hemoglobinopathies	Hans-Peter Kiem (US)
18:30 - 18:50	The chemo-free conditionings in haemoglobinopathies	Lukas Jeker (CH)

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<b>08:00 - 09:00</b>	<b>Session IV: Curative Therapy in Haemoglobinopathies Part I: Alternative Donor Transplantation</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Akshay Sharma (US) & Sonali Chaudhury (US)	
<b>08:00 - 08:15</b>	Alternative transplantation in TDT: PTCY	Suradej Hongeng (TH)
<b>08:15 - 08:30</b>	Alternative transplantation in thalassemia: a $\beta$ T-Haplo	Sunil Bhat (IN)
<b>08:30 - 08:45</b>	Alternative transplantation in SCD: PTCY	Josu de la Fuente (UK)
<b>08:45 - 09:00</b>	Alternative transplantation in SCD: a $\beta$ T-Haplo	Selim Corbacioglu (DE)
<b>09:00 - 10:00</b>	<b>Session V: Curative Therapy in Haemoglobinopathies Part II: Real World Data Gene Therapy</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Hemalatha Rangarajan (US) & Selami Demirci (US)	
<b>09:00 - 09:15</b>	GT Real World: Saudi Arabia	Mohsen Al Zahrani (SA)
<b>09:15 - 09:30</b>	GT Real World experience: <i>what have we learnt?</i>	Sonali Chaudhury (US)
<b>09:30 - 09:45</b>	GT Real World data on TDT	Janet L. Kwiatkowski (US)
<b>09:45 - 10:00</b>	Longterm F/U of gene therapy for SCD and TDT	
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>Session VI: Transplantation Hot Topics</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Janet L. Kwiatkowski (US) & Toni Cathomen (DE)	
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	Mobilization and collection of HSC: New strategies and agents (Motixafortide)	Akshay Sharma (US)
<b>10:45 - 11:00</b>	Novel strategies to minimize graft failure	Hemalatha Rangarajan (US)
<b>11:00 - 11:15</b>	Busulfan-based conditioning: Are there ways to improve safety?	
<b>11:15 - 11:30</b>	Is there still a role for CB in Hemoglobinopathies	Eliane Gluckman (FR)
<b>11:30 - 12:00</b>	Round Table Discussion: <i>Curative therapies in Hemoglobinopathies</i>	All
<b>12:00 - 12:30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>12:30 - 13:15</b>	<b>Industry Symposium Slot kindly sponsored by Vertex</b>	
<b>13:15 - 13:45</b>	<b>Session VII: Is it time for a practice change in 2026?</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Lucia de Franceschi (IT)	
<b>13:15 - 13:30</b>	Overview: Integrating conventional care, transplantation & gene therapy (SCD)	Josu de la Fuente (UK)
<b>13:30 - 13:45</b>	Overview: Integrating conventional care, transplantation & gene therapy (TDT)	Emanuele Angelucci (IT)
<b>13:45 - 14:30</b>	<b>Round Table Discussion</b> Sunil Bhat (IN) Emanuele Angelucci (IT) Josu de la Fuente (UK) Suradej Hongeng (TH) Mohsen Al Zahrani (SA)	Janet L. Kwiatkowski (US) Selim Corbacioglu (DE) Sonali Chaudhury (US)
<b>14:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>15:00 - 15:45</b>	<b>Industry Symposium Slot</b>	
<b>15:45 - 16:15</b>	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> <b>Chair:</b> Hans-Peter Kiem (US) <i>In vivo gene therapy and mRNA-based medicine - where are we now?</i>	Neva Caliskan (DE)
<b>16:15 - 17:00</b>	<b>Poster Session</b>	

Friday, 18 September 2026

08:00 - 09:30	<b>Haemoglobinopathies Working Party Annual Meeting Business Meeting</b> <i>Open to all.</i>	
09:30 - 10:50	<b>Session VIII: Developing Countries</b> <b>Chairs:</b> <i>Lawrence Faulkner (IT) &amp; Fabio Giglio (IT)</i>	
09:30 - 09:50	HSCT for SCD in Tanzania	Happiness Igogo (TZ)
09:50 - 10:10	HSCT In the Near East	Miguel Abboud (LB)
10:10 - 10:30	Increasing Access to Transplantation: A DKMS Program for LMIC	Isabel Auer (DE)
10:10 - 10:30	Haploidentical HCT in Brazil	Luiz Guilherme Darrigo (BR)
10:30 - 10:50	Round Table Discussion	All
10:50 - 11:20	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:20 - 11:50	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> <b>Chair:</b> <i>Donatella Baronciani (IT)</i> Reducing intensity in conditioning for allogeneic transplantation in haemoglobinopathies: challenges and successes	Greg Guilcher (CA)
11:50 - 13:20	<b>Session IX: Focus on Special Issues</b> <b>Chairs:</b> <i>Sunil Bhat (IN) &amp; Miguel Abboud (LB)</i>	
11:50 - 12:10	Late graft failure	Emanuele Angelucci (IT)
12:10 - 12:25	EBMT/EHA guidelines for GT in TDT	Lucia de Franceschi (IT)
12:25 - 12:40	The role of fibrosis as a biomarker of iron damage	Valeria Pinto (IT)
12:40 - 13:00	Growth, development and organ monitoring after treatment	Erfan Nur (NL)
13:00 - 13:20	Fertility in HCT and gene therapy: counselling, risk, preservation and outcome	Tamara Diesch-Furlanetto (CH)
13:20 - 13:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Emanuele Angelucci (IT) Josu de la Fuente (UK) Selim Corbacioglu (DE)