

ECM2026



the
**extracellular
matrix**
pharmacology
congress

Tentative Program

14-17 June 2026
Tivoli Congress Center
Copenhagen, Denmark

Sunday, June 14

- 14:00 - 16:00 Registration
- 15:00 - 16:00 Scientific industry sessions:
 - 1. Translational ECM Research
 - 2. Osteoarthritis – weight and inflammation
- 16:00 - 17:30 Opening session
 - Chair's welcome and introduction
 - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Maja Sofie Thiele
- 17:30 - 19:00 Cocktails and Poster session A (poster talks at 18:00)
- 17:30 - 19:00 Exhibition

Monday, June 15

- 08:00 - 08:45 Speed networking with breakfast
- 08:00 - 08:45 Scientific industry sessions:: Precision Medicine and the ECM
- 09:00 - 10:30 Plenary session 1: ECM in health and disease – a target to treat
 - Dr. Thomas Barker
 - Invited speaker: TBD
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break and exhibition
- 11:00 - 12:30 Plenary session 2: The fibrotic impact of obesity across organs
 - Invited speaker: Dr. Dinesh Khanna
 - Invited speaker: TBD
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD



Monday, June 15

- 12:30 - 14:15 Lunch and exhibition
- 13:15 - 14:15 Parallel break-out sessions with lunch
1. When the matrix hits the brain
 - Invited speaker: TBD
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD
 2. Fibrogenesis as a unifying mechanism underlying multiorgan diseases
 - Dr. John Varga
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD
- 14:30 - 16:00 Plenary session 3: Tissue destruction in autoimmunity and chronic inflammation
- Invited speaker: Dr. Dana Orange
 - Invited speaker: Dr. Kevin Wei
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD
- 16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break and exhibition
- 16:30 - 17:30 Lightning Talks I (parallel session)
- 17:30 - 18:30 Scientific industry sessions:
1. Precision Medicine and the ECM
 2. ECM Pharmacology: Lung Disease



Tuesday, June 16

- 08:00 - 08:45 Fun Run
- 08:00 - 08:45 Scientific industry sessions:
1. ECM Pharmacology: Liver Disease
 2. ECM Pharmacology: IBD and Skin
- 09:00 - 10:30 Plenary session 4: Dermatology - a sign of a systemic disease
- Invited speaker: Dr. Andrea Heinz
 - Invited speaker: TBD
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break and exhibition
- 11:00 - 12:30 Plenary session 5: Fibroblasts vs cancer cells - who is in control?
- Invited speaker: Dr. Thomas R. Cox
 - Invited speaker: TBD
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD
- 12:30 - 14:15 Lunch and exhibition
- 13:00 - 14:00 Scientific industry sessions:
1. Cancer biology and the ECM
 2. Proteases and tissue destruction
 - Dr. Alexander Eckersley
- 13:00 - 14:00 Poster session B (poster talks at 13:30)
- 14:15 - 15:45 Plenary session 6: Intestines and the ECM: a target to treat?
- Invited speaker: Dr. Florian Rieder
 - Invited speaker: TBD
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD
- 15:45 - 16:15 Coffee break and exhibition
- 16:15 - 17:00 Keynote session: Dr. Scott Friedman
- 18:00 - 24:00 Congress dinner

Wednesday, June 17

- 08:00 - 09:00 Young investigators – Biotech/pharma career paths & entrepreneurship
- 09:00 - 10:00 Plenary session 7: The epithelium as a barrier: IPF & COPD
- Invited speaker: TBD
 - Invited speaker: TBD
 - Abstract 1: TBD
 - Abstract 2: TBD
 - Abstract 3: TBD
- 10:00 - 11:00 Lightning Talks II
- 11:00 - 11:45 Close of congress
- Award ceremony
 - Keynote: TBD