

# ECM2026



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## Tentative Program

14-17 June 2026

Tivoli Congress Center  
Copenhagen, Denmark

## Sunday, June 14

14:00 - 16:00	<b>Registration</b>	Reception
15:00 - 16:00	<b>Break-out session:</b> Translational ECM research Harlekin	<b>Break-out session:</b> Fibroaging Columbine
16:00 - 17:30	<b>Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chair's welcome and introduction</li> <li>○ Keynote: Dr. Maja Sofie Thiele</li> </ul>	Congress hall
17:30 - 19:00	<b>Welcome reception</b> Cocktails and celebration Reception	<b>Poster session A</b> Poster talk at 18:00 Congress hall (rear section)

## Monday, June 15

08:00 - 08:45	<b>Speed networking</b>	Harlekin
08:00 - 08:45	<b>Scientific industry session: Precision medicine and the ECM</b>	Pjerrot
09:00 - 10:30	<b>Plenary session 1: Intestines and the ECM: a target to treat?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Florian Rieder</li> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Bram Verstockt</li> <li>○ Abstract 1: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 2: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 3: TBD</li> </ul>	Congress hall
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee break and exhibition</b>	Reception
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Plenary session 2: Fibroblasts vs cancer cells - who is in control?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Thomas R. Cox</li> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Don Lynn Gibbons</li> <li>○ Abstract 1: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 2: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 3: TBD</li> </ul>	Congress hall



Monday, June 15

12:30 - 13:15	<b>Lunch and exhibition</b>		
13:15 - 14:15	<b>Break-out session:</b> Degradomics and proteomics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dr. Alexander Eckersley</li> <li>◦ Abstract 1: TBD</li> <li>◦ Abstract 2: TBD</li> <li>◦ Abstract 3: TBD</li> </ul>	Harlekin	<b>Break-out session:</b> Young investigators, Biotech/pharma career paths & entrepreneurship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dr. Lykke Hinsch Gylvin</li> <li>◦ Dr. Mads Bastrup Israelsen</li> </ul>
14:30 - 16:00	<b>Plenary session 3: Tissue destruction in autoimmunity and chronic inflammation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Invited speaker: Dr. Dana Orange</li> <li>◦ Invited speaker: Dr. Kevin Wei</li> <li>◦ Abstract 1: TBD</li> <li>◦ Abstract 2: TBD</li> <li>◦ Abstract 3: TBD</li> </ul>		
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Coffee break and exhibition</b>		
16:30 - 17:30	<b>Lightning talks</b> Title: TBD	Harlekin	<b>Lightning talks</b> Title: TBD
17:30 - 18:30	<b>Break-out session:</b> ECM biomarkers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dr. Philipp Scherer</li> </ul>	Harlekin	<b>Break-out session:</b> The role of B-cells in inflammation regression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dr. Detlef Schuppan</li> </ul>



Tuesday, June 16

08:00 - 08:45	<b>Fun Run</b>		Meeting point: reception
08:00 - 08:45	<b>Break-out session:</b> Harlekin ECM Pharmacology: Liver disease	<b>Break-out session:</b> Columbine ECM Pharmacology: IBD and skin	
09:00 - 10:30	<b>Plenary session 4: Dermatology - a sign of a systemic disease</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Andrea Heinz</li> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Christian Vestergaard</li> <li>○ Abstract 1: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 2: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 3: TBD</li> </ul>		Congress hall
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee break and exhibition</b>		
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Plenary session 5: Drivers of multi-organ fibrosis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Dinesh Khanna</li> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Manu Chakravarthy</li> <li>○ Abstract 1: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 2: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 3: TBD</li> </ul>		Congress hall
12:30 - 14:15	<b>Lunch, posters and exhibition</b> 13:00 - 14:00 Poster session B 13:30 - 14:00 Poster talks		Reception and congress hall (rear section)
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Break-out session:</b> Cancer biology and the ECM Harlekin	<b>Break-out session:</b> Fibroblast heterogeneity Columbine	
14:30 - 16:00	<b>Plenary session 6: The epithelium as a barrier: IPF &amp; COPD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Gisli Jenkins</li> <li>○ Invited speaker: Dr. Eric White</li> <li>○ Abstract 1: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 2: TBD</li> <li>○ Abstract 3: TBD</li> </ul>		Congress hall
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Coffee break and exhibition</b>		
16:30 - 17:15	<b>Keynote session: Dr. Scott Friedman</b>		Congress hall
18:00 - 24:00	<b>Congress dinner</b> Separate ticket needed		Meeting point: reception

Wednesday, June 17

08:00 - 09:00	<b>ECM biomarker consortia – cross organ inspiration</b>	
09:00 - 11:00	<b>Plenary session 7: ECM in health and disease – a target to treat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Dr. Thomas Barker</li><li>◦ Dr. John Varga</li><li>◦ Lightning talks</li></ul>	Congress hall
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Close of congress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Award ceremony</li><li>◦ Keynote: Dr. Alexandra Naba</li></ul>	Congress hall