

ESPN RESEARCH CONFERENCE

FLORENCE 2026
12-14 MARCH

**Complement-mediated
kidney diseases in the era
of complement inhibitors:
future perspectives**

**PRELIMINARY
PROGRAMME**

Thursday, 12 March 2026

14:00 *Arrival*
16:00

16:00 Greeting by ESPN President
Francesco Emma (*Italy*)

16:05 Greetings by the Conference Chairs
Nicole Van De Kar (*The Netherlands*), **Marina Vivarelli** (*Italy*)

16:10 **KEYNOTE SESSION**
17:30 **INTRODUCTION TO THE COMPLEMENT SYSTEM**

16:10 The C cascade in health and disease
Leendert Trouw (*The Netherlands*)

16:40 Discussion

16:50 When and why does C dysregulation affect the kidney?
Matthew Pickering (*United Kingdom*)

17:20 Discussion

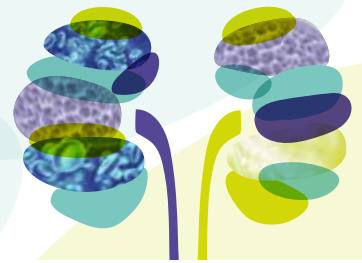
17:45 **POSTER SESSION**
19:00 **BASIC SCIENCE OF COMPLEMENT IN KIDNEY DISEASE**
Moderators: **Seppo Meri** (*Finland*), **Matthew Pickering** (*United Kingdom*)

19:00 Free time
20:00

20:00 *Dinner*

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- 08:00** MEET THE EXPERT
09:00 TOUGH GENETIC CASES
Mathieu Lemaire (*Canada*), Marina Noris (*Italy*)
- 09:00** SESSION 1
10:30 ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COMPLEMENT DIAGNOSTICS AND GENETICS
- 09:00** Functional tests
Prohaszka Zoltan (*Hungary*)
- 09:20** Discussion
- 09:30** Genetic diagnostics
Marina Noris (*Italy*)
- 09:50** Discussion
- 10:00** C3 nephritic factors and autoantibodies
Maroles Michels (*The Netherlands*)
- 10:20** Discussion
- 10:30** Coffee break
11:00
- 11:00** SESSION 2
12:30 ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COMPLEMENT THERAPEUTICS
- 11:00** Overview of C inhibitors: approved
Gema Ariceta (*Spain*)
- 11:20** Discussion
- 11:30** Overview of C inhibitors: the pipeline
Edwin Wong (*United Kingdom*)
- 11:50** Discussion
- 12:00** Infectious risk of C inhibitors in children
Carla M. Nester (*USA*)
- 12:20** Discussion
- 12:30** Group photo
12:45

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14:00

Lunch

14:00
15:30

**SESSION 3
COMPLEMENT-MEDIATED TMA**

14:00

Role of complement in pediatric TMA with pathogenic
Elena Goicoechea (*Spain*)

14:20

Discussion

14:30

Role of complement in other forms of pediatric TMA
Mathieu Lemaire (*Canada*)

14:50

Discussion

15:00

Future perspectives in treatment of complement-mediated TMA
Sally Johnson (*United Kingdom*)

15:20

Discussion

15:30
16:30

**POSTER SESSION
CLINICAL FEATURES OF COMPLEMENT-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASES**
 Moderators: **Sophie Chauvet** (*France*), **Caroline Duineveld** (*The Netherlands*)

16:45
17:45

**SESSION 4
IGA NEPHROPATHY AND IGA VASCULITIS**

16:45

Role of complement in the pathophysiology of IgAN and IgA vasculitis
Jonathan Barratt (*United Kingdom*)

17:05

Discussion

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Treatment options targeting complement in IgAN and IgA
Louise Oni (*United Kingdom*)

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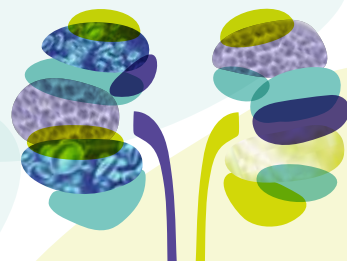
Discussion

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19:00

**POSTER SESSION
COMPLEMENT THERAPEUTICS"**
 Moderators: **Moglie Le Quintrec** (*France*), **Carla M. Nester** (*USA*)

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Saturday, 14 March 2026

08:00 MEET THE EXPERT
09:00 TOUGH PATHOLOGY CASES
Francesca Diomedi-Camassei (*Italy*), Ian Roberts (*United Kingdom*)

09:00 SESSION 5
10:30 C3 GLOMERULOPATHY AND IC-MPGN

09:00 Complement biomarkers in C3G and IC-MPGN
Sophie Chauvet (*France*)

09:20 Discussion

09:30 The clinical spectrum of C3G and IC-MPGN
Maddalena Marasà (*Italy*)

09:50 Discussion

10:00 Current challenges of complement therapeutics in C3G
David Kavanagh (*United Kingdom*)

10:20 Discussion

11:00 SESSION 6
12:30 COMPLEMENT DYSREGULATION IN OTHER KIDNEY DISEASES

11:00 Complement in kidney transplant humoral rejection
Moglie Le Quintrec (*France*)

11:15 Complement in ANCA vasculitis
Andreas Kronbichler (*Austria*)

11:30 Discussion

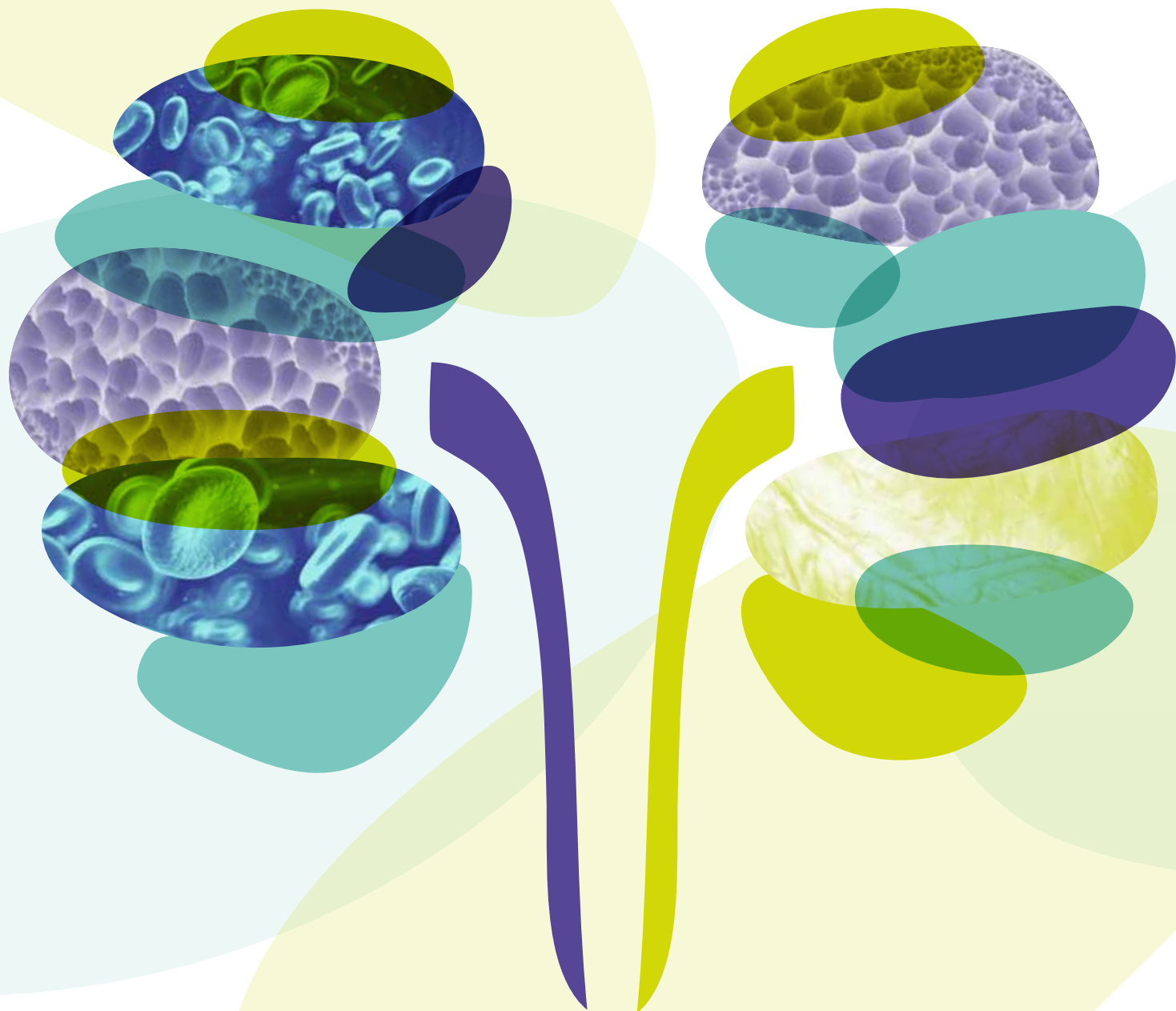
11:45 Complement in membranous nephropathy
Anne-Els Van De Logt (*The Netherlands*)

12:00 Complement in FSGS
Andrea Angeletti (*Italy*)

12:15 Discussion

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13:15 Lunch
14:00



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