

# 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

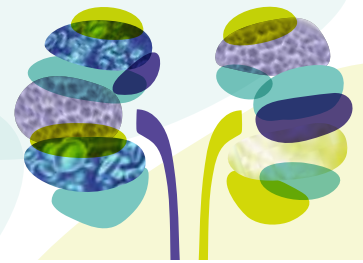
**17:45** **POSTER SESSION**  
**19:00** **BASIC SCIENCE OF COMPLEMENT IN KIDNEY DISEASE**  
Moderators: **Seppo Meri** (*Finland*), **Matthew Pickering** (*United Kingdom*)

**19:00** Free time  
**20:00**

**20:00** *Dinner*

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## Friday, 13 March 2026

- 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  
Marloes 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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**12:45** Lunch  
**14:00**

**14:00** **SESSION 3**  
**15:30** **COMPLEMENT-MEDIATED TMA**

**14:00** Role of complement in pediatric TMA with pathogenic variants  
**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** **POSTER SESSION**  
**16:30** **CLINICAL FEATURES OF COMPLEMENT-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASES**  
 Moderators: **Sophie Chauvet** (*France*), **Caroline Duineveld** (*The Netherlands*)

**16:45** **SESSION 4**  
**17:45** **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

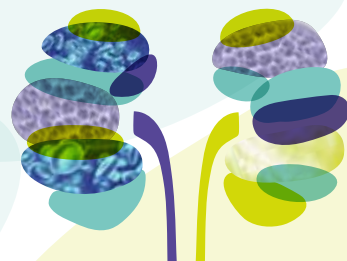
**17:15** Treatment options targeting complement in IgAN and IgA  
**Louise Oni** (*United Kingdom*)

**17:35** Discussion

**18:00** **POSTER SESSION**  
**19:00** **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 Dimedi-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*)

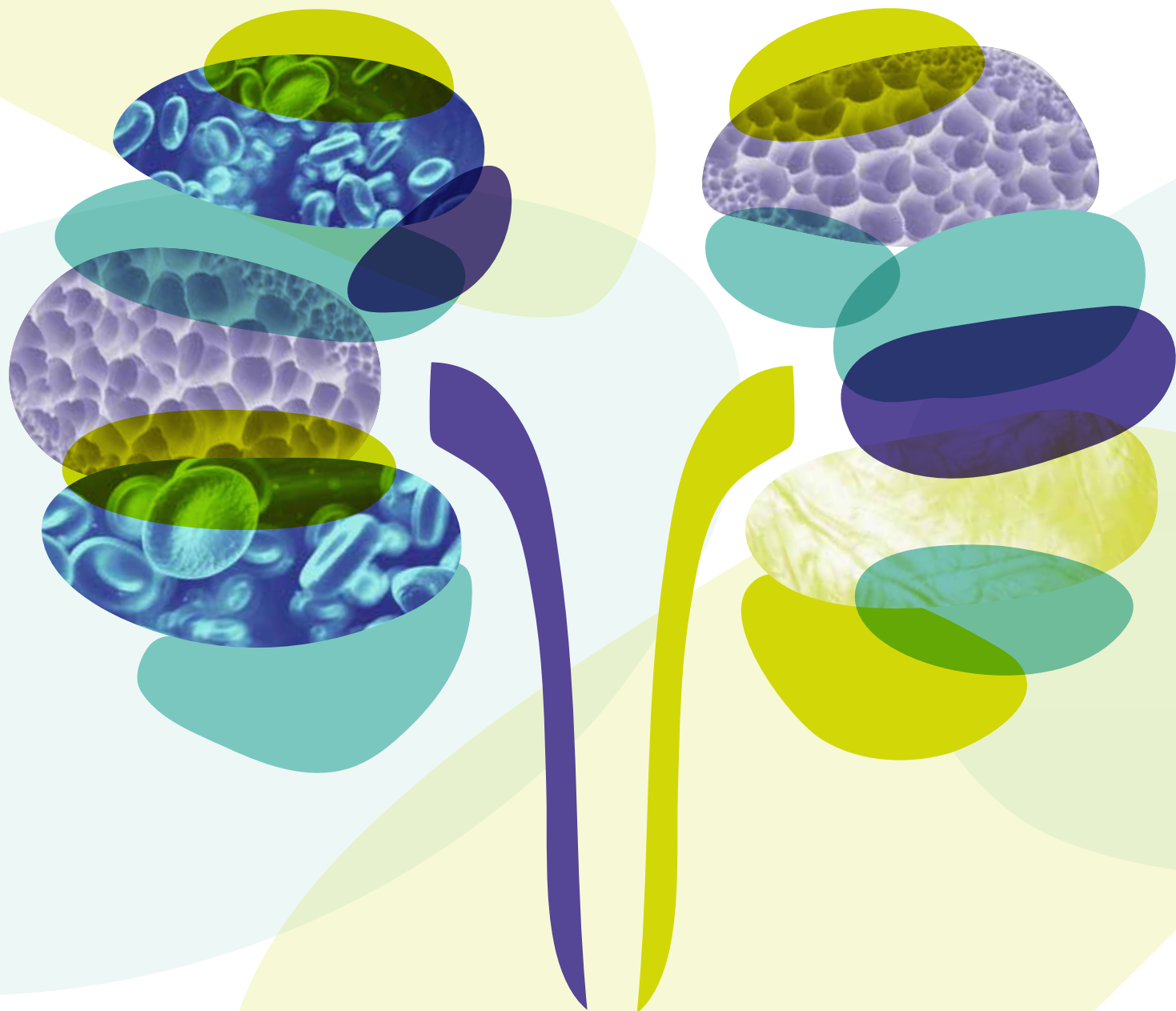
**11:30** Discussion

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

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

**12:15** Discussion

**12:45** Lunch  
**14:00**



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