

**IPSO 2026 Congress Program Preview**  
**Inspiring Innovation, Transforming Care and Improving Outcomes in Pediatric Stroke**  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Cite Internationale Universitaire de Paris**  
**Paris, France**

*\*Please Note: This is a preliminary preview, program is subject to change*

**Pre-Congress: Wednesday, May 27th, 2026**

- 7:30AM-8:50AM: Check-In & Poster Set Up (Wednesday Session Only)

**DAY 1: Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 9:00AM- 5:20PM**

**1. 9:00AM: Opening Remarks**

**2. 9:10AM: Keynote: Pierre Lasjaunias Memorial, The History of Congenital Arteriovenous Fistulas**

- a. **Moderator:** Manoelle Kossorotoff, MD | Neurology | Paris, France
- b. **Speaker:** Guillaume Saliou, MD, PhD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Lausanne, Switzerland

**3. 9:40AM: Clinical Debate Session: Management of Cervical Arteriopathies**

**Moderators:**

Christine Fox, MD, MAS | Neurology | San Francisco, United States

Fernanda Balut Oyarzun, MD | Neurology | Santiago, Chile

**Speakers:**

- a. **Management of Cervical Artery Dissection: Adult Neurologist's Perspective**  
Mikael Mazighi, MD, PhD | Neurology | Paris, France
- b. **Management of Cervical Artery Dissection: Pediatric Neurologist's Perspective**  
Carolina Vargas, MD | Neurology | Toronto, Canada
- c. **Rotational Vertebral Arteriopathy: Recognition, Etiologies, and Treatment**  
Todd Abruzzo, MD | Neuroradiology | Phoenix, United States

**10:40AM Break (Light Refreshments)**

**4. 11:10AM: Clinical Advances Session: New Tools/ Treatments for Identifying Patients at High Risk for Stroke**

**Moderators:**

Greg James, PhD FRCS | Neurosurgery | London, United Kingdom

Olivier Naggara, MD, PhD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Paris, France

**Speakers:**

- a. **Imaging Cerebral Perfusion and Cerebrovascular Reserve**  
Jorn Fierstra, MD, PhD | Neurosurgery | Zurich, Switzerland
- b. **Real-Time Stroke Detection in High-Risk Cardiac Patients**  
Mauro Caffarelli, MD | Neurocritical Care Neurology | San Francisco, United States
- c. **New Approaches to Moyamoya Revascularization: Burr Holes with Erythropoietin**  
Yong Cheol Lim, MD, PhD | Neurosurgery | Suwon, Korea

#### 5. 12:05PM: Clinical Advances Session: Venous Sinus Thrombosis

**Moderators:**

Kevin O'Connor, MD | Neurology | Lexington, United States

Romain Briest, MBBS, FRACP | Neurology | Adelaide, Australia

**Speakers:**

**a. KidsDOTT Trial and CSVT: Shorter Anticoagulation Treatment? Anticoagulation for Infection-provoked CSVT?**

Gary Woods, MD | Hematology & Oncology | Atlanta, United States

**b. Venous Thrombosis Secondary to Infection: from Lemierre Syndrome to Otitic Hydrocephalus**

Romain Luscan, MD | ENT | Paris, France

#### 12:45PM: Poster Session Day 1 & Lunch

#### 6. 2:15PM: Clinical Advances Session: Perinatal Stroke: From Pathophysiology to Recovery

**Moderators:**

Nana Nino Tatishvili, MD, PhD | Neurology | Tbilisi, Georgia

Joel Fluss, MD | Neurology | Geneva, Switzerland

**Speakers:**

**a. Pathophysiology of Fetal and Perinatal Stroke: Sex Differences and the Role of the Placenta**  
Mary Dunbar, MD MSc FRCPC | Neurology | Alberta, Canada

**b. Anatomic and Functional Neuroimaging After Perinatal Stroke**

Lucie Hertz Pannier, MD, PhD | Neuroradiology | Paris, France

**c. Improving Outcomes After Perinatal Stroke: The Results of the Dinosaur Trial (Darbepoetin for Ischemic Neonatal Stroke to Augment Regeneration)**

Manon Benders, MD, PhD | Neonatal Neurology | Utrecht, Netherlands

**d. Improving Outcomes After Perinatal Stroke: The Results of the I-ACQUIRE Trial**

Warren Lo, MD | Neurology | Columbus, United States

**e. A Multimodal Approach to Neonatal Stroke Recovery: Clinical Outcomes and Their Evolution Over Childhood**

Mathilde Chevignard MD, PhD | Rehabilitation | Paris, France

#### 3:45PM: Break (Light Refreshments)

#### 7. 4:15PM: Clinical Review Session: The Role of Infection in Intracranial Vasculopathies

**Moderators:**

Raluca Tudorache, MD | Neurology | Bucharest, Romania

Maja Steinlin, MD | Neurology | Bern, Switzerland

**Speakers:**

**a. Global Perspective: HIV-Related Intracranial Vasculopathies in Africa**

Alvin Ndondo, MBChB, FCPaed (SA) | Neurology | Cape Town, South Africa

**b. Global Perspective: Intracranial Vasculitis Due to Tuberculosis Meningitis in India**

Minal Kekatpure, MBBS, MD | Neurology | Bangalore, India

**c. Focal Cerebral Arteriopathy as a Post-infectious Arteriopathy: The Role of VZV, SARS-CoV2, and Other Infections**

Robin Munger, MD | Neurology | Bern, Switzerland

**d. Oral Abstract: Variability in the Management of Pediatric Infection-Related Cerebral Venous Sinus Thrombosis: A Multi-Institutional Cross-Sectional Survey of U.S. Pediatric Neurologists**

Nehali Mehta, MD | Neurology | Palo Alto, United States

**5:20PM: Day 1 Ends**

**5:30PM-6:00PM: Day 1 Poster Removal**

**Pre-Congress: Thursday, May 28th, 2026**

• **7:00AM-8:20AM: Poster Set Up (Thursday Session Only)**

**DAY 2: Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8:30AM- 5:30PM**

**1. 8:30AM: Clinical Review Session: Rare Neurovascular Diseases that You Should Not Miss**

**Moderators:**

Kittiphop Somboonnithiphol, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Bangkok, Thailand

Stuart Fraser, MD | Neurology | Houston, United States

**Speakers:**

**a. The Eye/Brain Connection: Bonnet-Dechaume-Blanc or Wyburn-Mason Syndrome**

Annouk Bisdorff, MD | Neuroradiology | Paris, France

**b. The Eye/Brain/Gut/Bladder Connection: ACTA2 Deficiency and Other Smooth Muscle Disorders**

Dianna Milewicz, MD, PhD | Genetics | Houston, United States

**c. Deficiency of Adenosine Deaminase 2 (DADA2): A Rare but Treatable Monogenic Vasculitis**

Isabelle Metys, MD, PhD | Hematology & Oncology | Leuven, Belgium

**d. Dural Sinus Malformation: Diagnosis and Management**

Amanda Baker, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | New York, United States

**e. Oral Abstract: Somatic Mutations in Vein of Galen Malformation**

Jesse Jones, MD | Neurosurgery | Birmingham, United States

**9:55AM: Break (Light Refreshments)**

**2. 10:25AM: Clinical Advances Session: Bridging Gaps in Stroke Systems**

**Moderators:**

Eva Jung, MD | Neurology | Munich, Germany

Rachel Pearson, MD | Neurology | Orange County, United States

**Speakers:**

**a. Integrating Children into Adult Stroke System of Care**

Guillaume Turc, MD, PhD | Neurology | Paris, France

**b. Setting Up Pediatric Systems of Care**

Mark Mackay, MD, PhD | Neurology | Melbourne, Australia

**c. Global Perspective: Pediatric Stroke Care in South America**

Maria Fernanda Rios Pistoia, MD | Neurology | Buenos Aires, Argentina

**d. Global Perspective: Pediatric Stroke Care in Egypt**

Sahar Hassanein, MD, PhD | Pediatric Neurology | Cairo, Egypt

### 3. 11:30AM: Clinical Advances Session: Acute Arterial Ischemic Stroke Management

**Moderators:**

Sheffali Gulati, MBSS, MD, FRCPC, FAMS | Neurology | New Delhi, India

Peter Sporns, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Basel, Switzerland

**Speakers:**

**a. Selecting Patients for Thrombectomy: Imaging for a Pediatric Stroke Code**

Aikaterini Anastasiou, MD | Neuroradiology | Basel, Switzerland

**b. Current Approaches to Thrombolytics: Tenecteplase Versus Alteplase**

Lisa Sun, MD | Neurology | Baltimore, United States

### 12:15PM: Poster Session Day 2 & Lunch

### 4. 1:45PM: Oral Abstracts Session One

**Moderators:**

Marta Bertamino, MD, PhD | Neurology | Genoa, Italy

Jaspal Singh, MD | Neurology | Southampton, United Kingdom

**Speakers:**

**a. Quality of Life in Adults Living with Perinatal Stroke**

Lauran Cole, MD, MSc | Neurology | Edmonton, Canada

**b. Paediatric Stroke in Africa: A Scoping Review of Clinical, Imaging, and Social Determinants**

Rajeshree Govender, MBChB | Neurology | Durban, South Africa

**c. Reducing Access Site Complications: Safety and Feasibility of Using a Femoral Access Site Cocktail for Pediatric and Neonatal Neuroendovascular Procedures**

Natasha Hongsermeier-Graves, MD, MPH | Neurosurgery | Salt Lake City, United States

**d. Predictors of Neoangiogenesis in Moyamoya Disease**

Fozia Saeed, BSc (Hons), MBBS, FRCS (SN) | Neurosurgery | London, United Kingdom

**e. Psychiatric Comorbidity Among Pediatric and Young Adult Hemorrhagic Stroke Survivors: A Retrospective Cohort Study**

Rachel Vassar, MD | Neurology | San Francisco, United States

### 3:05PM: Break (Light Refreshments)

### 5. 3:35PM: Clinical Advances Session: Preventing Hemorrhagic Stroke in Children

**Moderators:**

Flavio Requejo, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Buenos Aires, Argentina

Elisabeth Tournier-Lasserre, MD | Neurology | Paris, France

**Speakers:**

**a. Fetal ICH and COL4A1/ A2**

Thibault Coste, PharmD, PhD | Genetics | Paris, France

**b. Genetics in Vascular Malformations**

Miikka Vikkula, MD, PhD | Genetics | Brussels, Belgium

**c. Complex Case Presentation**

Vanessa Chalumeau, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Paris, France

**d. Global Perspective: Management of Pediatric Arteriovenous Malformations in Kazakhstan**

Mynzhylky Berdikhojayev, MD | Neurosurgeon | Astana, Kazakhstan

#### 6. 4:50PM: Business Affairs & Research Collaborative Updates

##### Speakers:

##### a. Vein of Galen Malformation Registry Update

Silvia Buratti, MD | Neuro-Critical Care | Genoa, Italy

#### 5:30PM: Day 2 Ends

#### 5:30PM-6:00PM: Day 1 Poster Removal

#### Congress Dinner (Ticketed Event)

### DAY 3: Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8:00AM- 1:00PM

#### 1. 8:00AM: Challenging Case Conference, INR Focused

#### 2. 9:00AM: Clinical Review Session: Improving Recovery After Pediatric Stroke

##### Moderators:

Mathilde Chevignard, MD, PhD | Rehabilitation | Paris, France

Yenny Zuniga, MD | Neurology | Bogota, Colombia

##### Speakers:

##### a. Patient Family Centered Care

Sarah Knight, PhD | Neuropsychology | Melbourne, Australia

##### b. Goal Oriented Intensive Therapies

Yannick Bleyenheuft, PhD | Rehabilitation | Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

##### c. Oral Abstract: Pilot Study for an Exergaming System for Children With Stroke

Stuart Fraser, MD | Neurology | Houston, United States

##### d. IPSO Hemorrhagic Stroke Guideline: Rehab/Outcomes

Christine Mrakotsky, PhD | Neuropsychology | Boston, United States

Janette Mailo, MD, PhD, FRCPC | Neurology | Phoenix, United States

#### 3. 10:15AM: Clinical Review Session: IPSO Clinical Guidelines

##### Moderators:

Peter Dirks, MD, PhD, FRCSC | Neurosurgery | Toronto, Canada

Manish Parakh, MD | Neurology | Jodhpur, India

##### Speakers:

##### a. IPSO Hemorrhagic Stroke Guidelines: Acute Management

Gregoire Boulouis, MD, PhD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Tours, France

Laura Lehman, MD, MPH | Neurology | Boston, United States

##### b. Best Practices in Pediatric Interventional Neuroradiology (INR): Results of a Delphi Consensus Survey

Kartik Bhatia, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Sydney, Australia

Darren Orbach, MD, PhD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Boston, United States

##### c. IPSO Guidelines: How to Set Up a New Working Group

Lori Jordan, MD, PhD | Neurology | Tennessee, United States

#### 11:00AM: Break (Light Refreshments)

#### 4. 11:30AM: INR Session: Debate on Acute Endovascular Management

##### Moderators:

Hugo Gortais, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Paris, France

Sarah Lee, MD | Neurology | Palo Alto, United States

##### Speakers:

##### a. Consortia to Discuss Real-world Outcomes, Device Selection, and System-of-Care Implications

Mario Psychogios, MD | Neuroradiology | Basel, Switzerland

##### b. Discuss 'Small Child' Dedicated Devices / Access

#### 5. 12:20PM: Oral Abstracts Session Two

##### Moderators:

Ilona Kopyta, PhD, MD | Neurology | Katowice, Poland

Jenny Wilson, MD | Neurology | Portland, United States

##### Speakers:

##### a. Plasma B Cell-Derived IgG Induces Endothelial Senescence and Vascular Dysfunction in Cerebral Cavernous Malformations

Olivia Lu, PhD | Professor | San Francisco, United States

##### b. Predictive Factors of Success for Indirect Revascularization Using Multiple Burr Holes in Pediatric Moyamoya

Matei Militaru, MD | Neurosurgery | Paris, France

#### 6. 12:52PM: Closing Remarks

#### 1:00 PM: Congress Ends

#### 1:15PM- 5:00PM: Post Congress Meetings

##### Location: Adenauer Auditorium

- 1:15PM- 2:45PM: IPSS (International Pediatric Stroke Study) Meeting *\*open to all*
- 3:00PM- 5:00PM: IPSO Committee/ Working Group Meetings (TBD)

##### Location: Gulbenkian Salon Meeting Room

- 1:15PM- 2:15PM: IPSO Board of Directors Meeting
- 2:15PM- 2:45PM: IPSO Steering Committee Meeting
- 3:00PM- 4:00PM: IPSO/IPSS Hemorrhagic Stroke Meeting
- 4:00PM-5:00PM: Moyamoya Meeting

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