

**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: Carrying Pierre Lasjaunias' Legacy in Cerebral 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 Perfusion and Cerebrovascular Reserve with Advanced Contrast-Free MRI Techniques**  
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:**

**Clinical Characteristics, Treatment, and Outcomes of Provoked Acute Cerebral Sinovenous Thrombosis in Patients <21 Years Old: Findings from the Kids-DOTT Multinational Trial**

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

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

Romain Luscan, MD | ENT | Paris, France

**b. 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

#### 6. 12:55PM-1:55PM: Poster Session Day 1

**a. Location:** Galerie Wilson & Galerie Biermans

#### 12:55PM- 2:25PM: Lunch

#### 7. 2:25PM: 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. Long Term Developmental Trajectories Following Neonatal Stroke**

Mathilde Chevignard MD, PhD | Rehabilitation | Paris, France

**c. A Window on Early Plasticity: Long Term Anatomic and Functional Neuroimaging After Neonatal Stroke**

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

**d. Preliminary Results 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

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

Warren Lo, MD | Neurology | Columbus, United States

#### 3:55PM: Break (Light Refreshments)

#### 8. 4:25PM: 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

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. **Eye and Brain Involvement in Vascular Anomalies**  
Annouk Bisdorff, MD | Neuroradiology | Paris, France
- b. **ACTA2 and RNF213 Pathogenic Variants Trigger the Same Molecular Mechanism to Cause Moyamoya: Basis for Clinical Trial?**  
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: Experiences from One Center 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

### 4. 12:10PM-1:10PM: Poster Session Day 2

- a. **Location:** Galerie Wilson & Galerie Biermans

### 12:10PM-1:40PM: Lunch

### 5. 1:40PM: 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

### 3:00PM: Break (Light Refreshments)

### 6. 3:30PM: Clinical Advances Session: Preventing Hemorrhagic Stroke in Children

**Moderators:**

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

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

**Speakers:**

**a. The Genetic Landscape of Fetal Intracerebral Hemorrhage**

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

**a. Vascular Malformations: From Genetics to Therapeutic Trials**

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

**b. Complex Case Presentation**

Vanessa Chalumeau, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Paris, France

- c. **Global Perspective: Management of Pediatric Arteriovenous Malformations in Kazakhstan**  
Mynzhylky Berdikhojayev, MD | Neurosurgeon | Astana, Kazakhstan

## 7. 4:45PM: Business Affairs & Research Collaborative Updates

### **Moderators:**

Lori Jordan, MD, PhD | Neurology | Tennessee, United States  
Heather Fullerton, MD | Neurology | San Francisco, United States

### **Speakers:**

a. **Business Affairs: IPSO Update**

Lori Jordan, MD, PhD | Neurology | Tennessee, United States  
Heather Fullerton, MD | Neurology | San Francisco, United States

b. **Hemorrhagic Stroke Registry Update**

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

c. **Research Projects of the VOGM International Network**

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

d. **Pediatric Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms – Risk of Rupture and Risk of Intervention**

Rabia Qaiser, MD | Neurosurgery | Indianapolis, United States

e. **AANS/CNS Vascular Research Interest Group AVM and cSDH projects**

Alfred See, MD | Neurosurgery, Neurointerventional Radiology | Boston, United States

f. **PediSTEP and SaveChilds Updates**

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

g. **Moyamoya taxonomy - An Opportunity for Collaboration**

Edward Smith, MD | Neurosurgery | Boston, United States

d. **IPSO GAPSER Working Group: PedSTRes Update**

Ilona Kopyta, PhD, MD | Neurology | Katowice, Poland  
Manish Parakh, MD | Neurology | Jodhpur, India

e. **FOCAS and PASTA Trial Updates**

Heather Fullerton, MD | Neurology | San Francisco, United States  
Maja Steinlin, MD | Neurology | Bern, Switzerland

5:30PM: Day 2 Ends

5:30PM-6:00PM: Day 2 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 Cheignard, MD, PhD | Rehabilitation | Paris, France  
Yenny Zuniga, MD | Neurology | Bogota, Colombia

**Speakers:**

- a. **Family Partnerships in Pediatric Stroke Rehabilitation**  
Sarah Knight, PhD | Neuropsychology | Melbourne, Australia
- b. **Goal Oriented Intensive Therapies**  
Rodolphe Bailly, PhD | Physical Therapy | Brest, France
- 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. **Dedicated Training for Pediatric INR**  
Gregoire Boulouis, MD, PhD | Neurointerventional Radiology | Tours, France
- b. **Systems of Care for Interventional Pediatric Stroke Care**  
Steven Hetts, MD | Neurointerventional Radiology | San Francisco, United States
- c. **Device Considerations**
- d. **Industry Perspective: 'Small Child' Dedicated Devices**

**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. 12:52:PM: 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)**
  - IPSO Editorial Board *\*open to all*

**Location: Gulbenkian Salon Meeting Room**

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

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