

# Program



## Program IDMC-14

### TUE 9 April

- 14:30-16:30 Registration
- 16:30-19:00 **Opening**  
*Chairs: Baziel van Engelen/Rick Wansink*
- 16:30-16:45 Welcome Address - *Rick Wansink*
- 16:45-17:15 History of DM: past, present, future  
*Prof. dr. Bé Wieringa, Radboudumc, Nijmegen, NL*
- 17:15-17:30 Musical Intermezzo Q lite
- 17:30-18:00 History of Neurology  
*Dr. Peter Koehler, MUMC+, Maastricht, NL*
- 18:00-18:15 Musical Intermezzo Q lite
- 18:15-18:45 Lessons Learned from DMD for DM  
*Prof. dr. Annemieke, Aartsma-Rus, LUMC, Leiden, NL*
- 18:45-19:00 Closing & housekeeping remarks - *Rick Wansink*
- 19:00-20:30 **Welcome Reception**

### WED 10 April

- 08:00-08:30 Registration
- 08:30-10:00 **Session 1a: Pathogenic Mechanisms I**  
*Chairs: Mario Gomes Pereira/Darren Monckton*
- 08:30-09:00 Why do CTG18.1 expansions in TCF4 not cause myotonic dystrophy type 3 (or do they)?  
*Prof. dr. Alice Davidson, University College, London, UK*
- 09:00-09:15 Smooth muscle specific loss of MBNL1 and MBNL2 causes muscle hypercontraction and delayed gastrointestinal motility  
*Janel AM Peterson*
- 09:15-09:30 Investigating global and cell type-specific transcriptomic dysregulation in the DM1 brain  
*Emily E. Davey*
- 09:30-09:45 Isolating the role of myotonia in DM1 pathogenesis through a novel myotonia resistant mouse model  
*Matthew Sipple*
- 09:45-10:00 Differentiation shifts from a reversible to an irreversible heterochromatin state at the DM1 locus  
*Rachel Eiges*
- 10:00-10:30 **Speed Dating**  
*Chair: Peter-Bram 't Hoen*
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee break with refreshments and games**

- 11:00-12:15 **Session 1b: Pathogenic Mechanisms II**  
*Chairs: Analisa Botta/Krzysztof Sobczak*
- 11:00-11:30 Primate-specific factors in disease-associated somatic repeat instability: RPA and Alt-RPA suppress and drive expansions  
*Prof. dr. Christopher Pearson, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada*
- 11:30-11:45 Actin cytoskeleton abnormalities triggered by toxic CUG RNA in DM1 brain cells  
*Paul Magneron*
- 11:45-12:00 Expression levels of core spliceosomal proteins modulate the MBNL-mediated spliceopathy in myotonic dystrophy  
*Jiss Louis*
- 12:00-12:15 Sense and antisense RAN proteins in DM1 brain and skeletal muscle  
*Eduardo Rijos*
- 12:15-12:30 **Flash Posters (2.5 min. each)**  
*Chair: Renéeuurman - Raaijmakers*
- Quantification of DMPK transcript modulation by antisense oligonucleotides using digital PCR and in-cell western techniques  
*Andrea López-Martinez*
- Congenital and Childhood Myotonic Dystrophy Health Index (CCMDHI): Italian validation of a disease specific measure of perceived burden  
*Susanna Pozzi*
- Endogenous modulation of MBNL1 expression via RNA activation (RNAa) as a novel therapeutic approach towards myotonic dystrophy type 1 (DM1)  
*Nikola Musiala-Kierklo*
- Physiological routine blood test fluctuations in myotonic dystrophy type 1 (DM1): implications for safety monitoring in clinical trials  
*Elena Aragona*
- Comprehensive transcriptome analysis of the liver from patients with myotonic dystrophy type 1  
*Aono Fukumoto*
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch (with posters)**
- 13:30-14:30 **Poster Session A (uneven numbers)**
- 14:30-15:30 **Session: Patient Engagement**  
*Chairs: Hilde Braakman/Renéeuurman - Raaijmakers*
- 14:30-14:35 Introduction: experiences in the clinic - *Hilde Braakman*
- 14:35-14:40 Viewpoint from a partner & mother - *Cathy Gibson*
- 14:40-14:50 What role can patients and patients' caregivers play - *Peter Ashley*
- 14:50-15:00 What role can patient organizations play - *Alain Geille*
- 15:00-15:15 Patient participation in research - *Charlotte van Esch*
- 15:15-15:30 Open discussion - *Hilde Braakman/Renéeuurman - Raaijmakers*
- 15:30-16:00 **Session 2a: Biomarkers and Outcome Measures I**  
*Chairs: Elise Duchesne/Fernando Morales*
- 15:30-16:00 Clinimetrics in DM1  
*Prof. dr. Ingemar Merkies, MUMC+ Maastricht, The Netherlands*
- 16:00-16:30 **Coffee break with refreshments and games**

- 16:30-17:30 **Session 2b: Biomarkers and Outcome Measures II**  
*Chairs: Elise Duchesne/Fernando Morales*
- 16:30-16:45 A central role for disordered renal metabolism in myotonic dystrophy type 1  
*Preeti Kumari*
- 16:45-17:00 Large-scale proteomics profiling of peripheral blood of DM1 patients identifies biomarkers for disease severity and physical activity  
*Daniël van As*
- 17:00-17:15 The Splice Index as a prognostic biomarker of strength and function in myotonic dystrophy type 1  
*Melissa A. Hale*
- 17:15-17:30 Strength training improves transcriptomic alterations in DM1 patients  
*Cécilia Légaré*
- 17:30-18:40 **Session 3: Clinical Manifestation and Quality of Life**  
*Chair: Masanori Takahashi*
- 17:30-17:45 Costs and healthcare resource utilization evaluation in myotonic dystrophy type 1: Results from the real-world CARE-DM1 Study  
*Johanna Hamel*
- 17:45-18:00 Mortality rate and predictors of death in the DM1 population, a registry-based study  
*Guillaume Bassez*
- 18:00-18:25 Women Health in DM1  
*Cynthia Gagnon*  
Enhancing Dysphagia Assessment in DM1: Identifying Promising PROMs and Key Symptomatic Insights  
*Claudia Côté*
- 18:25-18:40 The Myotonic Dystrophy Health Index: a valid measure to detect disease burden changes over time  
*Carola Ferrari Aggradi*

#### **THU 11 April**

- 08:00-08:30 Registration
- 08:30-10:00 **Session 4: Cell and Animal Models**  
*Chairs: Geneviève Gourdon/Rachel Eiges*
- 08:30-08:45 Natural antioxidants reduce oxidative stress and the toxic effects of RNA-CUG(exp) in an inducible glial myotonic dystrophy type 1 cell model  
*Fernando Morales*
- 08:45-09:00 3D skeletal muscle constructs from human pluripotent stem cells for myotonic dystrophy Type 1 modeling  
*Lise Morizur*
- 09:00-09:15 Development of a new inducible mouse model for myotonic dystrophy  
*Alain Sureau*
- 09:15-09:30 Brain and muscle phenotypes in a novel BAC transgenic mouse model of myotonic dystrophy type 2  
*Tala Ortiz*
- 09:30-09:45 Modeling neurodevelopmental defects in congenital dystrophy using forebrain organoids  
*Thierry De Serres-Bérard*
- 09:45-10:00 DM1 in mice with expanded repeats in Dmpk  
*Zhenzhi Tang*

- 10:00-10:30 **Fringe Session I**  
*Chair: Rick Wansink*  
Deciphering RNA foci: Unveiling the hallmark of myotonic dystrophy  
*David Brook and Cameron Niaz*
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee break with refreshments and games**
- 11:00-12:15 **Session 5: Clinical Trials and Trial Design**  
*Chairs: Charles Thornton/Guillaume Bassez*
- 11:00-11:15 Avidity trial  
*Dr. Nick Johnson MD, Virginia Commonwealth, University, Richmond, VA, USA*
- 11:15-11:30 AMO trial  
*Prof. dr. Hanns Lochmüller, Univ. Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada*
- 11:30-11:45 Initial data from the ACHIEVE trial of DYNE-101 in adults with myotonic dystrophy type 1 (DM1)  
*Baziel van Engelen*
- 11:45-12:00 Efficacy and safety of metformin on mobility and strength in myotonic dystrophy type 1: the Metmyd study demographics, baseline data and lessons learnt  
*Roberto Massa*
- 12:00-12:15 Erythromycin for myotonic dystrophy type 1: a multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 2 trial  
*Masayuki Nakamori*
- 12:15-12:30 **Flash Posters (2.5 min. each)**  
*Chair: Anne Bruijnes*
- Galectin-3 as potential biomarker of cardiac conduction disorders in myotonic dystrophy type 1  
*Vukan Ivanovic*
- Masseter muscle size as a proxy of disease severity in myotonic dystrophy type 2  
*Diana A. Madrid*
- Modified polycyclic compounds as a new class of DM1 small molecule therapeutics  
*Jesus Frias*
- Deciphering the consequences of SORBS1 mis-splicing in myotonic dystrophy type 1  
*Morgan Gazzola*
- Characterization of sleep phenotypes and underlying mechanisms in mouse models of myotonic dystrophy type 1  
*Juan D. Arboleda*
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch** (with posters)
- 13:30-14:30 Poster Session (even numbers)
- 14:45-19:30 **Walking Tour Nijmegen + Drinks at [De Hemel](#)**

## **FRI 12 April**

08:00-08:30 Registration

### **08:30-10:00 Session 6: Therapeutic Strategies and Drug Development**

*Chairs: Eric Wang/Cécile Martinat*

08:30-08:45 Repeat length and genetic background as driving forces for disease heterogeneity and therapeutic response in myotonic dystrophy type 1

*Najoua El Boujnouni*

08:45-09:00 Primary pericytes as muscle progenitors in cell therapy for myotonic dystrophy

*Renée Raaijmakers*

09:00-09:15 Use of lipophilic-conjugation to deliver anti-miR-23b into skeletal muscle and nervous system with a dual therapeutic approach to DM1

*Beatriz Llamusi*

09:15-09:30 Therapeutic tuning of MBNL1 expression in myotonic dystrophy

*Ewa Stępnia-Konieczna*

09:30-09:45 Treatment of a severe DM1 mouse model with verapamil, amlodipine, and ranolazine

*Lily Cisco*

09:45-10:00 Early signs of efficacy: Using an EEV-PMO(CAG) to identify the first markers of rescue in HSA<sup>LR</sup> mice

*Emma N. Shea*

### **10:00-10:30 Fringe Session II**

*Chair: Karin Faber*

Myotonic dystrophy in promising times of RNA therapeutics, mind the illness!

*Baziel van Engelen*

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break with refreshments and games**

### **11:00-12:00 Session 7: Biomarkers and Outcome Measures III**

*Chair: Cynthia Gagnon*

11:00-11:15 Exploring the role of serum NFL and IL-6 as biomarkers for CNS affection in DM1

*Joana Garmendia*

11:15-11:30 Muscle MRI in DM1: long term follow-up analysis

*Matteo Garibaldi*

11:30-11:45 Beyond traditional tests: Video-based metrics for advancing precision in movement analysis

*Tina Duong*

11:45-12:00 Splicing alterations are common among muscular dystrophies – what is different in myotonic dystrophy?

*Vanessa Todorow*

### **12:00-12:30 Making a Career in DM**

*Chair: Peter-Bram 't Hoen*

*with Melissa Hale and Benedikt Schoser*

12:30-13:30 **Lunch** (with posters)

### **13:30-14:15 Session 8: Children with DM**

*Chair: Anne-Berit Ekström*

13:30-13:45 Splicing dysregulation in adults and children with myotonic dystrophy type 1 is associated with physical function

*Julia M. Hartman*

- 13:45-14:00 Understanding swallowing, mastication and speech difficulties in children with myotonic dystrophy type 1: Insights from clinical and ultrasound assessments  
*Saskia Scholten*
- 14:00-14:15 Theory of mind – Virtual reality training in children with DM1  
*Nathalie Angeard*
- 14:15-15:00 **Fringe Session III**  
*Chair: Hans van Bokhoven*  
*The impact of artificial intelligence on research and clinical practice in DM*
- 14:45-15:15 **Session 9 Clinical Manifestation and Quality of life II**  
*Chair: Anne Bruijnes*
- 14:45-15:00 Palliative care guidelines for patients with myotonic dystrophy type 1  
*Derek Willis*
- 15:00-15:15 A cognitive and social portrait of adults presenting the infantile DM1 phenotype  
*Benjamin Gallais*
- 15:15-15:45 **Coffee break with refreshments and games**
- 15:45-16:30 **Session 10: Clinical Management and Rehabilitation**  
*Chair: Benedikt Schoser*
- 15:45-16:00 Respiratory muscle strength and respiratory endurance training in myotonic dystrophy type 1: results from a controlled, randomized, three-arm interventional study  
*Stephan Wenninger*
- 16:00-16:15 Surface electromyography thresholds as a measure for performance fatigability during incremental cycling in patients with myotonic dystrophy type 1  
*Nicoline Vloet*
- 16:15-16:30 Substantial improvement of shoulder function with a new physiotherapy approach in children with myotonic dystrophy  
*Maaïke Pelsma*
- 16:30-17:00 **Awards and Closing Remarks**  
*Rick Wansink*
- 17:45-23:00 **Gala dinner at [Fort Lent](#)**

## **SAT 13 April**

Family day: more information [Spierziekten Nederland: Bijeenkomst](#)