



# MSFrontiers 2026

## Draft Conference Programme

John McIntyre Conference Centre, Edinburgh EH16 5AY

Thursday 18 June			
08.30-09.30	<b>Registration with coffee</b> Foyer		
09.30-09.50	<b>Welcome</b> <b>MS Society Research Strategy</b> Dr Caroline Dalton (MS Society) <b>PoeMS: an anthology by people living with MS</b> Dr Georgi Gill (University of Edinburgh)  Pentland		
09.50-10.50	<b>Opening plenary</b> <b>The multiple sclerosis prodrome: implications for prevention and management</b> Professor Helen Tremlett (University of British Columbia)  Pentland		
10.50-11.15	<b>ECR flash talks</b>  Pentland		
11.15-11.40	<b>Coffee Break</b> Concourse/Centro		
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15.00-15.30	<b>Coffee break</b> Coffee: Concourse/Centro; Poster exhibition: Prentonfield & Duddingston		

15.30-16.15	<b>Ian McDonald Memorial Lecture</b> <b>Can we develop a unifying hypothesis concerning how to stop MS progression?</b> Professor Richard Reynolds (Imperial College London)  Pentland
16.15-16.40	<b>ECR flash talks</b>  Pentland
16.40-16:50	<b>Stretch and move break</b> Pentland
16.50-17.30	<b>Interactive session: Myth, model or medicine</b>  Pentland
17.30-19.15	<b>Drinks reception and poster exhibition</b> Drinks: Concourse/Centro; Poster exhibition: Prenstonfield & Duddingston
19.15-23.00	<b>Gala dinner</b> South Hall

Friday 19 June			
	<b>Breakfast and networking</b> JMCC Restaurant		
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10.10-10.45	<b>Coffee break</b> Coffee: Concourse/Centro; Poster exhibition: Prenstonfield & Duddingston		
10.45-11.30	<b>EEDI showcase</b>  Pentland		
11.30-12.30	<b>Closing plenary</b> <b>Mechanisms of progression</b> Professor Benedetta Bodini (Sorbonne Université)  Pentland		
12.30-12.45	<b>Prizes, wrap up and final reflections</b> Dr Emma Gray (MS Society) Professor Anna Williams and Dr Owain Howell (Co-Chairs of the Frontiers Scientific Steering Committee)  Pentland		
12.45-14.00	<b>Takeaway lunch</b> Concourse/Centro		