

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Monday 20 April 2026	
09:00	EFI Inspectors Workshop (Tinto + Moorfoot)
	ESHI Diploma Examination

Tuesday 21 April 2026	
08:00	EFI Committee Meetings tbc
17:30	OPENING CEREMONY AND AWARDS (PENTLAND SUITE)
19:00	WELCOME DRINK

Wednesday 22 April 2026			
08:30-10:00	PLENARY SESSION I – HAEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION (PENTLAND SUITE)		
08:30	Prof Bronwen Shaw, USA: Donor selection		
09:00	Prof Rob Wynn, UK: Cord blood		
09:30	Prof Katharina Fleishhauer, Germany: Research		
10:00-10:30	REFRESHMENTS, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
10:30-12:00	Pentland	Sidlaw	Fintry
	TEACHING SESSION 1: Non-HLA antibodies in SOT Deborah Pritchard, UK Raphael Carapito, France Clare Collins, UK	ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 1: Population genetics, infection & disease	ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 2: Bioinformatics
12:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
12:00-13:00		Sidlaw	
		Industry Symposium 1	
13:00-14:00			Fintry
			Industry Symposium 2
14:00-15:30	Pentland	Sidlaw	Fintry
	TEACHING SESSION 2: HLA and Cancer: From HLA antigen presentation modeling to personalized tumor vaccines Nicola Ternette, UK Morten Nielsen, Denmark	ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 3: HSCT	Industry Symposium 3
15:30-16:00	REFRESHMENTS, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
16:00-17:30	PLENARY SESSION 2 – CELL THERAPIES AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (PENTLAND SUITE)		
16:00	Prof Roger Barker, UK: Dopamine cell-based replacement therapies		
16:30	Prof Wolfram-Hubertus Zimmermann, Germany: Engineered heart muscle allografts for heart repair in primates and humans		
17:00	Sandra Petrus-Reurer, UK: Reducing immunogenicity		
17:30	SCIENTIFIC POSTER SESSION		

Thursday 23 April 2026			
08:30-10:00	PLENARY SESSION III – JOINT WITH ESOT: INCREASING ACCESS TO TRANSPLANTATION (PENTLAND SUITE)		
08:30	Prof Gabi Oniscu, Sweden: Assessment and Recovery Centres (ARCs)/ organ reperfusion		
09:00	Prof Eckhard Wolf, Germany: Xenotransplantation (Euro approach)		
09:30	Prof Shareen Forbes, UK: Current and future treatments for β cell replacement therapy		
10:00-10:30	REFRESHMENTS, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
10:30-12:00	Pentland	Sidlaw	Fintry
	TEACHING SESSION 3: Non-HLA and non-classical HLA genes in the MHC Lotte Wieten, Netherlands Katarzyna Bogunia-Kubik, Poland Michael Eikmans, Netherlands	ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 4: Solid organ transplantation	ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 5: Antigen processing & NK cells
12:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
12:00-13:00		Sidlaw	
		Industry Symposium 4	
13:00-14:00			Fintry
			Industry Symposium 5
14:00-15:30	Pentland	Sidlaw	Fintry
	TEACHING SESSION 4: New methods for post transplant monitoring in SOT Manuel Muro, Spain Jakob Nilsson, Switzerland Stefan Schaub, Switzerland	ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 6: Immunotherapy	Industry Symposium 6
15:30-16:00	REFRESHMENTS, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
16:00-17:30	PLENARY SESSION IV- HLA AND DISEASE (PENTLAND SUITE)		
16:00	Prof Lars Fugger, UK: Evolution of Multiple Sclerosis risk		
16:30	Prof Paul Bowness, UK: HLA-B27, spondyloarthritis (innate and adaptive immunity)		
17:00	Prof Nicholas McGranahan, UK: MHC Hammer and cancer evolution		
17:30	EFI MEDAL CEREMONY (PENTLAND SUITE)		
18:00	EFI GENERAL ASSEMBLY (PENTLAND SUITE)		
19:30	NETWORKING EVENT (National Museum of Scotland)		

Friday 24 April 2026	
09:00-10:30	BEST ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION (PENTLAND SUITE)
10:30-11:00	REFRESHMENTS
11:00-12:30	PLENARY SESSION V – ANTIGEN PRESENTATION, NEOANTIGENS AND MiHAs (PENTLAND SUITE)
11:00	Prof Marieke Griffioen, Netherlands: Minor antigens
12:00	Prof Carla Baan, Netherlands: Extracellular vesicles in solid organ transplantation
12:30	Prof Michal Bassani-Sternberg, Switzerland: Cancer immunotherapy
12:30-13:00	CLOSING LECTURE (PENTLAND SUITE)
12:30	Prof John Trowsdale: tbc
13:00-14:00	CLOSING CEREMONY (PENTLAND SUITE)