

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Monday 20 April 2026			
09:00-17:30	EFI Inspectors Workshop (Tinto + Moorfoot)		
	ESHI Diploma Examination		
Tuesday 21 April 2026			
08:30-17:30	EFI Committee Meetings (tbc)		
17:30-19:45	OPENING CEREMONY AND AWARDS (PENTLAND SUITE)		
17:30	Welcome addresses (Chairs: Marco Andreani, David Turner, Ann-Margaret Little, Olivia Shaw)		
17:45	HLA Award (Chair: Steven Marsh)		
18:00	BSHI Honorary Membership Award		
18:10	Julia Bodmer Award (Chair: Luca Vago)		
18:35	Special Ceppellini Award (Chair: Marco Andreani)		
18:45	Ceppellini Lecture (Chair: Marco Andreani)		
19:30	Traditional Scottish Welcome!		
19:45-21:30	WELCOME DRINK (CROMDALE HALL)		
Wednesday 22 April 2026			
08:30-10:00	PLENARY SESSION I – HAEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION (PENTLAND SUITE) Chairs: Neema Mayor, Esteban Arrieta-Bolaños		
08:30	Bronwen Shaw, USA: The evolving landscape of donor selection: HLA and beyond		
09:00	Rob Wynn, UK: Cord blood as an HLA-mismatched Stem Cell Source: Past Present and Future		
09:30	Katharina Fleischhauer, Germany: Old dogmas and new opportunities for HLA in Donor selection: Lessons learned from bench to bedside		
	BSHI Award (Festenstein)		
10:00-10:30	REFRESHMENTS, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
10:30-12:00	<b>Pentland</b> <b>TEACHING SESSION 1: Non-HLA antibodies in SOT</b> <b>Chairs: Deborah Pritchard, Raphael Carapito</b> Deborah Pritchard, UK Raphael Carapito, France Clare Collins, UK	<b>Sidlaw</b> <b>ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 1: Population genetics, infection &amp; disease</b> <b>Chairs: Joannis Mytilineos, Natasja de Groot</b>	<b>Fintry</b> <b>ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 2: Bioinformatics</b> <b>Chairs: Michaela Agapiou, Martin Maiers</b>
12:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
12:00-13:00		<b>Sidlaw</b> <b>Industry Symposium 1</b> <b>Thermo Fisher Scientific</b>	
13:00-14:00		<b>Fintry</b> <b>Industry Symposium 2</b> <b>Werfen</b>	<b>Ochil 2</b> <b>EFI EDC session:</b> <b>EFI Educational Drop In Session</b>
14:00-15:00	<b>Pentland</b> <b>TEACHING SESSION 2: HLA and Cancer: From HLA antigen presentation modeling to personalized tumor vaccines</b> <b>Chairs: Timo Olieslagers, Anders Hedin</b> Nicola Ternette, UK Morten Nielsen, Denmark	<b>Sidlaw</b> <b>ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 3: HSCT</b> <b>Chairs: Antonij Slavčev, Sharon Vivers</b>	<b>Fintry</b> <b>Industry Symposium 3</b> <b>Hansa Biopharma</b>
15:00-15:30			<b>Kilsyth</b> <b>Industry Symposium 4</b> <b>Insight Molecular Diagnostics (IMDx)</b>
15:30-16:00	REFRESHMENTS, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING		
16:00-17:30	PLENARY SESSION II – CELL THERAPIES AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (PENTLAND SUITE) Chairs: Constanca Figueiredo, Jean Villard		
16:00	Roger Barker, UK: Dopamine cell therapies for Parkinson's Disease- Is it ready for primetime?		
16:30	Wolfram-Hubertus Zimmermann, Germany: Tissue Engineered Heart Repair		
17:00	Sandra Petrus-Reurer, UK: Reducing immunogenicity in bile-duct cellular therapies		
17:30-19:00	WINE & CHEESE POSTER SESSION		

## Thursday 23 April 2026

<b>08:30–10:00</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION III – JOINT WITH ESOT: INCREASING ACCESS TO TRANSPLANTATION (PENTLAND SUITE)</b> <i>Chairs: Lorna Marson, Jean-Luc Taupin</i>		
08:30	Gabriel Oniscu, Sweden: Organ perfusion: local service or centralised national facilities?		
09:00	Eckhard Wolf, Germany: Xenotransplantation, the European approach		
09:30	Shareen Forbes, UK: Optimising islet transplantation for Type 1 diabetes		
<b>10:00–10:30</b>	<b>REFRESHMENTS, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING</b>		
<b>10:30–12:00</b>	<b>Pentland</b>	<b>Sidlaw</b>	<b>Fintry</b>
	<b>TEACHING SESSION 3: Non-HLA and non-classical HLA genes in the MHC</b> <i>Chairs: Lotte Wieten, Katarzyna Bogunia-Kubik</i> Lotte Wieten, Netherlands Katarzyna Bogunia-Kubik, Poland Michael Eikmans, Netherlands	<b>ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 4: Solid organ transplantation</b> <i>Chairs: Catherine Hastie, Richard Battle</i>	<b>ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 5: Antigen processing &amp; NK cells</b> <i>Chairs: Paul Norman, Eric Spierings</i>
<b>12:00–14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING</b>		
<b>12:00–13:00</b>		<b>Sidlaw</b>	
		<b>Industry Symposium 5 GenDx</b>	
<b>13:00–14:00</b>		<b>Industry Symposium 6 CareDx</b>	<b>Kilsyth EBTI Assembly</b>
<b>14:00–15:00</b>	<b>Pentland</b>	<b>Sidlaw</b>	<b>Fintry</b>
	<b>TEACHING SESSION 4: New methods for post transplant monitoring in SOT</b> <i>Chairs: Jakob Nilsson, Manuel Muro</i> Manuel Muro, Spain Jakob Nilsson, Switzerland Stefan Schaub, Switzerland	<b>ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION 6: Immunotherapy</b> <i>Chairs: Arthi Anand, Rainer Blasczyk</i>	<b>Industry Symposium 7 Bag Diagnostics</b>
<b>15:00–15:30</b>			
<b>15:30–16:00</b>	<b>REFRESHMENTS, POSTER AND EXHIBITION VIEWING</b>		
<b>16:00–17:30</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION IV – HLA AND DISEASE (PENTLAND SUITE)</b> <i>Chairs: Olivia Shaw, Jill Hollenbach</i>		
16:00	Lars Fugger, UK: Evolutionary origin of risk to multiple sclerosis		
16:30	Paul Bowness, UK: HLA-B27 and Spondyloarthritis, back to the future?		
17:00	Nicholas McGranahan, UK: Exploring somatic evolution and immune escape in lung cancer		
<b>17:30–19:00</b>	<b>EFI GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EFI MEDAL CEREMONY (PENTLAND SUITE)</b>		
<b>19:30–01:00</b>	<b>NETWORKING EVENT (NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND)</b>		

## Friday 24 April 2026

<b>09:00–10:30</b>	<b>BEST ORAL ABSTRACT SESSION (PENTLAND SUITE)</b> <i>Chairs: Marco Andreani, Luca Vago</i>		
<b>10:30–11:00</b>	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>		
<b>11:00–12:30</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION V – ANTIGEN PRESENTATION, NEOANTIGENS AND MiHAs (PENTLAND SUITE)</b> <i>Chairs: Sebastiaan Heidt, Pietro Crivello</i>		
11:00	Marieke Griffioen, Netherlands: Minor Histocompatibility Antigens to Monitor, Predict, and Shape Immune Responses After HLA-Matched Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation		
12:00	Carla Baan, Netherlands: The Secret Messengers: Extracellular Vesicles in Transplant Rejection		
12:30	Michal Bassani-Sternberg, Switzerland: From discoveries to therapy: overcoming challenges in neoantigen-driven cancer immunotherapy		
<b>12:30–13:30</b>	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY (PENTLAND SUITE)</b> <i>Chairs: Marco Andreani, Steven Marsh</i>		
12:30	Jon van Rood Award, Best Abstract Awards		
12:45	Closing Lecture Prof John Trowsdale: The cost of a comprehensive immune defence		
13:15	19 <sup>th</sup> IHIWS Presentation		
13:25	Welcome to Essen and final remarks		