

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Monday 20 April 2026			
09:00-17:30	Tinto + Moorfoot		
	EFI Inspectors' Workshop		
	Carrick 1 + 3		
	ESHI Diploma Examination		
Tuesday 21 April 2026			
08:30-16:30	Carrick 2		
	Executive Committee Meeting		
09:30-14:00	Harris 2		
	EPT Committee Meeting		
08:30-17:00	Ochil 1 + 2		
	Accreditation Committee Meeting		
08:30-17:00	Carrick 1		
	Standards Committee Meeting		
13:30-17:00	Carrick 3		
	Education Committee Meeting		
11:00-14:00	Harris 1		
	IT & Bioinformatics Committee Meeting		
14:00-16:00	Ochil 3		
	Scientific Committee Meeting		
16:00-17:30	Harris 1 + 2		
	EFI Population Genetics Working Group		
17:30-19:45	Pentland Suite		
	Opening Ceremony And Awards		
17:30-17:45	Welcome addresses (Chairs: Marco Andreani, David Turner, Ann-Margaret Little, Olivia Shaw)		
17:45-17:55	BSHI Honorary Membership Award (Chair: James Robinson)		
17:55-18:10	HLA Award (Chair: Steven Marsh)		
18:10-18:35	Julia Bodmer Award (Chair: Luca Vago)		
18:35-18:45	Special Ceppellini Award (Chair: Luca Vago)		
18:45-19:30	Ceppellini Lecture (Chair: Marco Andreani)		
19:30-19:45	Traditional Scottish Welcome!		
19:45-21:30	Cromdale		
	Welcome Drink Reception		
Wednesday 22 April 2026			
08:30-10:00	Pentland Suite		
	Plenary Session I - Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Chairs: Neema Mayor, Esteban Arrieta-Bolaños		
08:30-09:00	The evolving landscape of donor selection: HLA and beyond Bronwen Shaw, USA		
09:00-09:30	Cord blood as an HLA-mismatched Stem Cell Source: Past Present and Future Rob Wynn, UK		
09:30-10:00	Old dogmas and new opportunities for HLA in Donor selection: Lessons learned from bench to bedside Katharina Fleischhauer, Germany		
	BSHI Award (Festenstein)		
10:00-10:30	Refreshments, Poster and Exhibition Viewing		
10:30-12:00	Pentland	Sidlaw	Fintry
	Teaching Session 1: Non-HLA antibodies in SOT Chairs: Deborah Pritchard, Raphael Carapito Deborah Pritchard, UK Raphael Carapito, France Clare Collins, UK	Oral Abstract Session 1: Population genetics, infection & disease Chairs: Joannis Mytilineos, Natasja de Groot	Oral Abstract Session 2: Bioinformatics Chairs: Michaela Agapiou, Martin Maiers
12:00-14:00	Lunch BREAK, Poster and Exhibition Viewing		
12:00-13:00		Sidlaw	
		Industry Symposium 1 Thermo Fisher Scientific	
13:00-14:00			Fintry
			Industry Symposium 2 Werfen
			Ochil 2
			EFI EDC session: EFI Educational Drop In Session
14:00-15:00	Pentland	Sidlaw	Fintry
	Teaching Session 2: HLA and Cancer: From HLA antigen presentation modeling to personalized tumor vaccines Chairs: Timo Olieslagers, Anders Hedin Nicola Ternette, UK Morten Nielsen, Denmark	Oral Abstract Session 3: HSCT Chairs: Antonij Slavčev, Sharon Vivers	Industry Symposium 3 Hansa Biopharma
15:00-15:30			Industry Symposium 4 Insight Molecular Diagnostics (IMDx)
15:30-16:00	Refreshments, Poster and Exhibition Viewing		
16:00-17:30	Pentland Suite		
	Plenary Session II - Cell Therapies and Regenerative Medicine (Pentland Suite) Chairs: Constanca Figueiredo, Jean Villard		
16:00-16:30	Dopamine cell therapies for Parkinson's Disease- Is it ready for primetime? Roger Barker, UK		
16:30-17:00	Tissue Engineered Heart Repair Wolfram-Hubertus Zimmermann, Germany		
17:00-17:30	Reducing immunogenicity in bile-duct cellular therapies Sandra Petrus-Reurer, UK		
17:30-19:00	Wine & Cheese Poster Session		

Thursday 23 April 2026			
08:30-10:00	<b>Pentland Suite</b>		
	<b>Plenary Session III – Joint With Esot: Increasing Access To Transplantation</b> <i>Chairs: Lorna Marson, Jean-Luc Taupin</i>		
08:30-09:00	<b>Organ perfusion: local service or centralised national facilities?</b> Gabriel Oniscu, Sweden		
09:00-09:30	<b>Xenotransplantation, the European approach</b> Eckhard Wolf, Germany		
09:30-10:00	<b>Optimising islet transplantation for Type 1 diabetes</b> Shareen Forbes, UK		
10:00-10:30	<b>Refreshments, Poster and Exhibition Viewing</b>		
10:30-12:00	<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>
12:00-14:00	<b>Lunch Break, Poster and Exhibition Viewing</b>		
12:00-13:00	<b>Pentland</b>		
	<b>Industry Symposium 5 GenDx</b>		
13:00-14:00		<b>Sidlaw</b>	<b>Kilsyth</b>
		<b>Industry Symposium 6 CareDx</b>	<b>EBTI Assembly</b>
14:00-15:00	<b>Pentland</b>	<b>Sidlaw</b>	<b>Fintry</b>
15:00-15:30	<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>
15:30-16:00	<b>Refreshments, Poster and Exhibition Viewing</b>		
16:00-17:30	<b>Pentland Suite</b>		
	<b>Plenary Session IV – HLA and Disease (Pentland Suite)</b> <i>Chairs: Olivia Shaw, Jill Hollenbach</i>		
16:00-16:30	<b>Evolutionary origin of risk to multiple sclerosis</b> Lars Fugger, UK		
16:30-17:00	<b>HLA-B27 and Spondyloarthritis, back to the future?</b> Paul Bowness, UK		
17:00-17:30	<b>Exploring somatic evolution and immune escape in lung cancer</b> Nicholas McGranahan, UK		
17:30-19:00	<b>Pentland Suite</b>		
	<b>EFI General Assembly, EFI Medal Ceremony</b>		
19:30-01:00	<b>National Museum of Scotland</b>		
	<b>Networking Event</b>		
Friday 24 April 2026			
09:00-10:30	<b>Pentland Suite</b>		
	<b>Best Oral Abstract Session</b> <i>Chairs: Marco Andreani, Luca Vago</i>		
10:30-11:00	<b>Refreshments</b>		
11:00-12:30	<b>Pentland Suite</b>		
	<b>Plenary Session V – Antigen Presentation, Neoantigens and MiHAs</b> <i>Chairs: Sebastiaan Heidt, Pietro Crivello</i>		
11:00-11:30	<b>Minor Histocompatibility Antigens to Monitor, Predict, and Shape Immune Responses After HLA-Matched Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation</b> Marieke Griffioen, Netherlands		
11:30-12:00	<b>The Secret Messengers: Extracellular Vesicles in Transplant Rejection</b> Carla Baan, Netherlands		
12:00-12:30	<b>From discoveries to therapy: overcoming challenges in neoantigen-driven cancer immunotherapy</b> Michal Bassani-Sternberg, Switzerland		
12:30-13:30	<b>Pentland Suite</b>		
	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> <i>Chairs: Marco Andreani, David Turner</i>		
12:30-12:45	<b>Jon van Rood Award, Best Abstract Awards</b>		
12:45-13:15	<b>Closing Lecture: The cost of a comprehensive immune defence</b> Prof John Trowsdale		
13:15-13:25	<b>19<sup>th</sup> IHIWS Presentation</b>		
13:25-13:30	<b>Welcome to Essen and final remarks</b>		