Thursday October 17, 2019
Keynote Speaker: Elizabeth McNally, MD/PhD
Ward Professor and Director, Center for Genetic Medicine
Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

Friday October 18, 2019
Session 1: Innovations in NMD/Transformative Technologies
Matthew Wood, MD/PhD, University of Oxford, UK
Volker Straub, MD/PhD, Newcastle University, UK
Charlotte Sumner, MD, Johns Hopkins University, US
Ronald Cohn, MD, Sick Kids, CA

Session 2: New Developments in Spinal Muscular Atrophy
Thomas Gillingwater, PhD, University of Edinburgh, UK
Brunhilde Wirth, PhD, University of Cologne, DE
Christian Lorson, PhD, University of Missouri, US

Session 3a: Clinical – Advances in Clinical Myopathies
Bernard Brais MD/PhD, McGill University, CA
Nathalie Streichenberger, MD, Université Claude Bernard Lyon, FR
Hanns Lochmuller, MD/PhD, The Ottawa Hospital, CA

Session 3b: Basic – Advances in Muscle Stem Cells and Development
Christophe Marcelle, PhD, University of Lyon, FR
Emanuela Gussoni, PhD, Boston Children’s Hospital, US
Thomas Rando, MD/PhD, Stanford University, US

Session 4a: Clinical – Neuromuscular Clinical Care
Lawrence Korngut, MD, University of Calgary, CA
Gerald Pfeffer, MD/PhD, University of Calgary, CA
Bakri Elsheikh MD, Ohio State University, US

Session 4b: Basic - Muscle Disease Pathogenesis and Treatment
Lawrence Hayward, MD/PhD, U. of Massachusetts Medical School, US
Stephen Cannon, MD/PhD, University of California at Los Angeles, US
Kevin Campbell, PhD, University of Iowa, US

Saturday October 19, 2019
Session 5: Challenges and Opportunities in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
Michael Benatar, MD/PhD, University of Miami Health System, US
Laura Ranum, PhD, University of Florida, US
Robert Baloh, MD/PhD, Cedars-Sinai, US

Session 6: Phenotypic and Molecular Insights into Myopathies
Annemiek Aartsma-Rus, PhD, Leiden University Medical Center, NL
Michael Rudnicki, PhD, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, CA
Carsten Bonnemann, MD/PhD, National Institutes of Health, US

Session 7a: Clinical - Transformative Technologies in the Clinical World
Jodi Warman Chardon, MD, The Ottawa Hospital, CA
Jordi Diaz-Manera, MD/PhD, Universitari de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, ES
Stephan Zuchner, MD/PhD, University of Miami, US

Session 7b: Basic – Motor Neuronopathies/Mitochondrial Disorders
Christine Vande Velde, PhD, University of Montreal, CA
Carlos T. Moraes, PhD, University of Miami, US
Mary-Ellen Harper, PhD, University of Ottawa, CA

Session 8: Future Directions in Neuromuscular Disease Research
Rita Horvath, MD/PhD, Cambridge University, UK
Fabio Rossi, MD/PhD, University of British Columbia, CA
Rafael Yanez-Munoz, PhD, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
Charles Thornton, MD/PhD, University of Rochester Medical Centre, US

Jodi Warman Chardon MD, Robin J. Parks PhD, Bernard Jasmin PhD, and Rashmi Kothary PhD
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