

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

DAY 1 MARCH 23, 2026

08:00 - 08:40 | Registration Desk Opens

08:40 - 09:00 | Opening Ceremony & Inaugural Address

KEYNOTE FORUM

09:00 - 09:40

Knut Möller, *Furtwangen University, Germany*

Title: ETAP: First results on game-based social training for ASD

09:40 - 10:20

Stephen Mark Shore, *Adelphi University of New York, USA*

Title: 4 A's of autism: Awareness, acceptance, appreciation and action as a pathway to fulfilling and productive lives

10:20 - 11:00

Thomas Iland, *Come To Life Coaching, Ireland*

Title: My glass is full: Stories of putting mental health first

GROUP PHOTO & COFFEE BREAK | 11:00 - 11:15

11:15 - 11:55

Magdalena Cubala-Kucharska, *Arcana Institute, Poland*

Title: Pathogen-targeted treatment of gastrointestinal disorders and reduction of autism symptom severity assessed by ATEC: A case series

11:55 - 12:35

Suzanne Fox, *The Yellow Tulip Project, USA*

Title: Planting hope and smashing the stigma-one yellow tulip bulb at a time. Innovative approaches to addressing youth mental health through the arts, storytelling and gardens

Sessions: Sensory Processing Differences in Autism | Sibling Mental Health and Family Dynamics | Gender Diversity and Autism Spectrum Disorders | Breakthroughs in Autism Research and Neurodevelopment | Strengthening Parent-Professional Partnerships | Autistic Advocacy: Voices and Perspectives | Mental Health and Well-being | Cultural Competency in Autism Diagnosis and Care | Advances in Neurobiology and Brain Imaging | Overlapping Neurodivergences: ADHD, Dyslexia, and Autism | Neurorehabilitation | Advocacy, Activism, and Policy Development for Autism Rights

Session Chair: Rashmi Das, Higashi Autism School, India

Session Chair: Joachim Lee, PBM, Neuro-Therapy, Singapore

12:35 - 13:00

Rashmi Das, *Higashi Autism School, India*

Title: The daily life therapy method of higashi for educating autistic children

13:00 - 13:25

Irina Diyankova, *Healing Trauma, USA*

Title: Making psychotherapy space and process more neuroinclusive for autistic adults and adolescents

GROUP PHOTO & LUNCH BREAK | 13:25 - 14:10

14:10 - 14:35

Libby Bagno-Simon, *Tipul-li, Israel*

Title: The invisible ones: A personal journey from motherhood to diagnosis and advocacy

Wynn Smith, *Foundation L'Élan Retrouvé, France*

14:35 – 15:00

Title: Building continuity in complex autism care: A coordinated pathway at Fondation l'Élan Retrouvé in Paris, France

Neda Maki, *University of Toronto, Canada*

15:00 – 15:25

Title: "I can make it friendly": Reimagining art therapy as evidence-based innovation in autistic imagination

Yamilka L. Schumacker-Robles, *Institute of Sexology, Education, and Psychology of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico*

15:25 – 15:50

Title: The need for sexuality education in school-aged children with autism spectrum disorder in Puerto Rico

Hamlatul Hawary Azizan, *Hawary Sports Centre, Malaysia*

15:50 – 16:15

Title: Evaluating the autism swim program: Behavioural and attentional outcomes in children with ASD

REFRESHMENT BREAK | 16:15 – 16:30

WORKSHOP

Joachim Lee, *PBM, Neuro-Therapy, Singapore*

16:30 – 17:10

Title: Brain-switch 2.0® a neuroscience-informed approach to rapid and lasting change

SESSIONS TO BE CONTINUES

Subrata Kumar Mallick, *University of Manchester, UK*

17:10 – 17:35

Title: Positivity within negativity: Developing parental self and social identity through long-term care and group connections

Anupa Devi, *Root to Resilience, UK*

17:35 – 18:00

Title: The 4Rs to resilience: Strengthening mental health through inner leadership

Mohammed Alzayer, *Independent Researcher & Autism Advocate, Saudi Arabia*

18:00 – 18:25

Title: The survival–authenticity spectrum: Reframing emotional posture across neurotypes

NETWORKING & B2B MEETINGS

AWARDS & CLOSING CEREMONY



DAY-2 MARCH 24, 2026

Registration Desk Opens

Opening Ceremony & Inaugural Address

KEYNOTE FORUM

Hanna A. Alonim, *The Mifne Center and Bar Ilan University, Israel*

09:00 - 09:40

Title: Bridging the gap between early detection of autism prodrome in infants, assessment and intervention

Gregory S Anderson, *Thompson Rivers University, Canada*

09:40 - 10:20

Title: An ecological model of resilience for public safety and frontline health care organizations

Julius Melvin Jefferies, *Simply Healing LLC, USA*

10:20 - 11:00

Title: Spectrum of Kindness Therapy (SKT): A compassion-centered feasibility pilot for neurodiverse adults

COFFEE BREAK 11:00 - 11:15

Sessions: Autism and Employment: Building Inclusive Workplaces | Family-Centered Models for Support and Intervention | Addressing Anxiety, Depression, and Mental Health in Autism Genetics and Molecular Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders | Human Resilience | Psychology and Psychiatry | Inclusive Education Strategies for Students with Autism | Enhancing Social Communication and Interaction Skills | Human Resilience | Designing Autism-Friendly and Accessible Environments

Session Chair: Diana Damilatis-Kull, Adelphi University of New York, USA

WORKSHOP

Mofijul Islam, *Moonflower Autism Foundation, Bangladesh*

11:15 - 11:35

Title: Navigating challenges and opportunities to adulthood with Moonflower Autism Foundation in Bangladesh

Marja Helinä Nuutinen, *Moonflower Autism Foundation and EETE, Finland*

11:35 - 11:55

Title: Empowerment, resilience, and overcoming obstacles for adults with Autism in Finland and Bangladesh: Innovative approaches by evert

SESSIONS TO BE CONTINUES

Rosetta Walker-Iland, *Rosetta Creations, Ltd, Ireland*

11:55 - 12:20

Title: Navigating autism, relationships & dating

Diana Damilatis-Kull, *Adelphi University of New York, USA*

12:20 - 12:45

Title: Addressing depression and anxiety in adults with autism: A neurodiversity-affirming group support model

Wynn Smith, *Foundation L'Élan Retrouvé, France*

12:45 - 13:10

Title: Recognizing the unspoken: Identifying and managing constipation in autistic adults

LUNCH BREAK | 13:10 – 14:00

Jude Merit, *University of Sunderland, UK*

14:00 - 14:25

Title: “You don’t need anyone to validate that” interviewing transgender autistic millennials as experts on their own experiences

Anastasia Trofilova, *Cognitivebotics Technologies MENA, UAE*

14:25 - 14:50

Title: AI-powered gamified learning for autistic children: A development and feasibility project

SESSIONS TO BE CONTINUES

Jill Bradford, *The Autistic Adult Choir, UK*

14:50 - 15:15

Title: The impact of a user-led autistic adult choir on social connection and empowerment for autistic adults

Anna Trubitsyna, *Novosibirsk State University, Russia*

15:15 - 15:40

Title: Differential diagnosis of ASD and related neurodevelopmental conditions

Petra Amchová, *Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

15:40 - 16:05

Title: Microbiota-driven modulation of brain metabolism in an animal model of autism

COFFEE BREAK | 16:05 - 16:20

Carla Labarthe, *PUCRS, UFCSPA, Brazil*

16:20 - 16:45

Title: Neuronal thermodynamics in autism etiopathology

William Albert Bill Peters, *Global Disability Consultant & Community Inclusion Advocate, Azerbaijan*

16:45 - 17:10

Title: Strength-based work and life through community inclusion: Lessons from global practice

Shanglin Li, *Adelphi University, USA*

17:10 - 17:35

Title: The introduction of special education in Germany

Exhibitor Presentation

Faiza Abdulaziz, *Independent Learning Center, Saudi Arabia*

17:35 - 18:05

Title: Raising the standard: Integrated autism care from the Middle East

Santhisree Bheesetti, *Sree Prathama Ayurvedam, India*

18:05 - 18:35

Title: Neuroregulation of social communication in autism: An integrative ayurvedic–neuroscience framework

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