

TITOLO: CONGRESSO CONGIUNTO AIM-ASNP

DATA: MAY 13TH-16TH, 2026

SEDE CONGRESSUALE: Palazzo dei Congressi | Piazza della Costituzione, 4 – 40128 Bologna

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OBIETTIVO FORMATIVO: 18 - Contenuti tecnico-professionali (conoscenze e competenze) specifici di ciascuna professione, di ciascuna specializzazione e di ciascuna attività ultra-specialistica, ivi incluse le malattie rare e la medicina di genere

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Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

PARALLEL ROOM ITALIA

11.30-14.00 | Pre-congress course | NO CME

Chairs: Maurizio Moggio, Lucio Santoro

Distal Amyotrophy: a cross-sectional clinical presentation in neuromuscular disorders

Distal neuropathic amyotrophy | Stefano Previtali

Distal myopathic amyotrophy | Marina Grandis

Diagnostic tools in differential diagnosis: pathology | Daniele Velardo

Diagnostic tools in differential diagnosis: neurophysiology | Stefano Tozza

Diagnostic tools in differential diagnosis: imaging | Giorgio Tasca

RATIONALE

The organization of a joint congress between the Associazione Italiana di Miologia (AIM) and the Associazione per lo Studio del Sistema Nervoso Periferico (ASNP) arises from the increasingly urgent need to address neuromuscular disorders in an integrated manner, in light of therapeutic and diagnostic advances that require a translational and multidisciplinary vision.

In 2026, the decision was made to organize this joint congress with the aim of building a scientific bridge between two communities that share research areas, advanced technologies, and clinical challenges. The meeting is intended to represent a crucial opportunity to unite expertise, share scientific evidence, and define new strategies in the field of neuromuscular diseases.

Today, an interdisciplinary approach represents the only effective way to address the biological and clinical complexity of these conditions, promote cutting-edge research, and improve patient care.

The 2026 Bologna Congress aims to establish a scientific connection between the fields of muscle and peripheral nervous system research, bringing together basic and clinical expertise in neuromuscular regeneration, genetic and inflammatory diseases, immune-mediated complications, advanced imaging, artificial intelligence, and novel therapies. Through plenary and parallel sessions, the program will foster dialogue among research groups and specialists from different backgrounds, encouraging the critical sharing of data, updates on ongoing clinical trials, and the development of biomarkers and quantitative tools for diagnosis, stratification, and disease monitoring.

The ultimate goal of the congress is to stimulate long-term scientific collaborations between the two communities, promote multicenter studies and joint projects, and contribute to shaping future research directions in neuromuscular diseases, with a truly integrated perspective between muscle and peripheral nerve.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

13.00-14.00 | Opening Registration

PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

14.00-14.30 | Greetings and introduction | Rocco Liguori, Fiore Manganelli, Vincenzo Nigro

14.30-15.15 | Main Lecture

Chair: Rocco Liguori

Multisystem Proteinopathies | Bjarne Udd

15.15-16.30 | Parallel Workshop 1

Chairs: Claudio Bruno, Gabriele Siciliano

Muscle Plasticity: from normal to pathological conditions

Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Skeletal Muscle Plasticity in the Era of Omics | Roberto Bottinelli

HMGB1 as a Central Regulator of Skeletal Muscle Homeostasis: Implications for Disease and Ageing

| Emilie Vénéreau

Dissecting the cachexia signature for developing a RNA-based therapy | Marco Sandri

MODULAR PARALLEL ROOM 1-2

16.30-18.00 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairs: Caterina Garone, Chiara Pisciotta

Each Presenting Authors will be given 13 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion

16.30-16.45 | HETEROZYGOUS TUBB3 VARIANTS CAUSE ISOLATED OR COMPLEX, AXONAL OR INTERMEDIATE CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH DISEASE | Alessandro Bertini

16.45-17.00 | SERUM POLYOLS AS DISEASE BIOMARKERS IN SORD NEUROPATHY | Ilaria Quartesan

17.00-17.15 | A NOVEL 5' UTR CCG EXPANSION IN TBC1D7 CAUSES OCULOPHARYNGODISTAL MYOPATHY | Riccardo Currò

17.15-17.30 | IN VITRO VARIANT SCREENING IMPROVES VARIANT INTERPRETATION IN ACTN2-RELATED MYOPATHIES | Ranta-aho Johanna

17.30-17.45 | GENETIC MODIFIERS IN HEREDITARY TRANSTHYRETIN AMYLOIDOSIS: A GENOME-WIDE ASSOCIATION STUDY | Elisa Vegezzi

17.45-18.00 | BEYOND DISTAL ARTHROGRYPOSIS: REFINING THE PHENOTYPIC
LANDSCAPE OF PIEZO2-RELATED DISORDERS | Giuliana Capece

20.15-21.45 | Welcome Cocktail

Thursday, May 14th, 2026

PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

09.15-10.30 | Parallel Workshop 3

Chairs: Fiore Manganelli, Elena Pegoraro

Inherited neuromuscular diseases mimicking immune disorders

Hereditary neuropathies presenting with CIDP-like features | Marco Luigetti

Hereditary myopathies misdiagnosed as inflammatory myopathies | Carmelo Rodolico

Neuromuscular junction disorders: mistaking genetic for acquired | Raffaele Iorio

10.30-11.00 | Coffee Break

12.30-13.30 | Lunch Buffet

15.00-16.30 | Poster Session | NO CME

16.30-17.00 | Coffee Break

PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

17.00-18.30 | Parallel Workshop 5

Chairs: Luca Padua, Giampietro Zanette

Neuromuscular imaging in the diagnosis of peripheral nerve and muscle disorders

Principles of neuromuscular ultrasound and clinical applications | Stefano Tamburin

Nerve Ultrasound in inflammatory neuropathies | Sara Carta

MRI Neurography in inflammatory neuropathies | Roberto Gasparotti

Muscle MRI in inflammatory myopathies | Anna Pichiecchio

PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

18.30-20.00 | Parallel Workshop 7

Chairs: Massimiliano Mirabella, Eduardo Nobile-Orazio

Neuromuscular complications of oncologic immunotherapies

Introduction | Lucia Festino

Myopathies | Massimiliano Mirabella

Neuropathies | Paola Alberti

Myasthenia Gravis | Maria Pia Giannoccaro

Friday, May 15th, 2026

09.15-10.30 | Parallel Workshop 8

Chairs: Giovanni Meola, Davide Pareyson

Repeats expansion

Myotonic Dystrophy type 1 | Darren G. Monckton

Oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophy, RFC1-CANVAS | Andrea Cortese

Kennedy's disease | Maria Pennuto

10.30-11.00 | Coffee Break

12.30-13.30 | Lunch Buffet

15.00-16.30 | Poster Session | NO CME

16.30-17.00 | Coffee Break

PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

17.00-18.30 | Round Table Meeting** with Patient's Associations

Chairs: Paola Mandich, Fiore Manganelli, Vincenzo Nigro, Luisa Politano, Cristina Sancricca, Antonio Trabacca

** It is a roundtable discussion, providing an opportunity for AIM (Italian Association of Myology) to present its various projects and updates to patients and patient associations, while also addressing any questions they may have.

PARALLEL ROOM ITALIA

17.00-18.30 | TRIVIAIM-ASNP Qualification Round | NO CME

Chairs: Luana Benedetti, Claudio Bruno, Massimiliano Filosto, Serenella Servidei

PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

18.30-19.30 | AIM General Assembly*** | NO CME

PARALLEL ROOM ITALIA

18.30-19.30 | ASNP General Assembly*** | NO CME

***AIM Members' Assembly (Italian Association of Myology) and ASNP Members' Assembly (Italian Association of Peripheral Nervous System), during which a report on the activities carried out by the Scientific Society throughout the year will be presented, along with the financial statement and plans for the upcoming year.

20.30-24.00 | Social Dinner

Saturday, May 16, 2026

PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

08.30-09.00 | Plenary Session

Chair: Tiziana Enrica Mongini

LAMA2-related disease: when a gene hits muscle and nerve | S. Previtali

09.00-09.30 | Plenary Session

Chair: Vincenzo Nigro

Lessons from Newborn Screening in SMA | Laurent Servais

PARALLEL ROOM ITALIA

09.30-10.45 | Parallel Workshop 11

Chairs: Gian Maria Fabrizi, Serenella Servidei

Nerve and muscle involvement in complex genetic diseases

Peripheral neuropathy in complex inherited disorders | Massimiliano Filosto

Beyond muscle weakness in muscle disorders | Giovanna Lattanzi

Nerve and muscle involvement in mitochondrial disorders | Olimpia Musumeci

10.45-11.15 | Coffee Break

PLENARY ROOM EUROPA

11.15-12.15 | TRIVIAIM-ASNP Contest Final | NO CME

Chairs: Luana Benedetti, Claudio Bruno, Massimiliano Filosto, Serenella Servidei

12.15-13.45 | Closing Ceremony & Awards