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Dr. Christine Lebrun-Frenay
France

Christine Lebrun Frenay is a professor of neurology who leads the Inflammatory Neurological Disorders Clinical Research Unit and MS Centre at the University of Nice Côte d'Azur, France. She has served as president of the French MS Society. She was the first to describe a cohort with a subclinical form of MS in 2008. Subsequently, she co-founded the RIS Consortium with colleagues worldwide. Her research interests include therapeutic and MRI studies in MS.

She is also the co-editor of MS-related recommendations for the French MS Society. In 2020, she received the Excellence Prize from Côte d'Azur University. Since 2023, she has been a member of the McDonald Committee.



Dr. Helmut Butzkueven
Australia

Helmut Butzkueven is an academic neurologist specialising in Multiple Sclerosis research. He is the Van Cleef Roet Professor of Neuroscience at Monash University and the Director of Neurology at Alfred Health in Melbourne, Australia. He is the Managing Director of the MS Base Foundation, a global MS registry established in 2004 that monitors outcomes of MS patients across 46 countries. He also co-leads international drug safety cohort studies in MSBase.

His primary research focus includes the use of registry data, clinical and MRI data, cognitive testing, genomics, and patient self-monitoring tools to optimise the benefits and safety of MS therapies and to identify strong predictors of disability progression.



Dr. Sandra Vukusic
France

Sandra Vukusic is a professor of neurology and head of the Multiple Sclerosis clinic at Lyon University Hospital, France. She serves as the scientific coordinator of the Observatoire Français de la Sclérose en Plaques (French MS registry). Her research mainly focuses on pregnancy in women with MS, contributing to a better understanding of the natural history (predicting post-partum relapses, the long-term impact of pregnancy on disability, subsequent pregnancies, and locoregional analgesia), and the use of DMTs in this context.

She coordinated the 2022 French MS Society recommendations on pregnancy and MS. She led the development of French andECTRIMS recommendations on immunisation in MS.





Dr. Jeannine M Heckmann
South Africa

Jeannine M Heckmann is a professor of neurology at the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa. She leads the neurology research group within the UCT Neurosciences Institute. Her research primarily focuses on neuromuscular diseases affecting Africans, particularly Myasthenia Gravis, MND/ALS, and inherited neuromuscular conditions. Her work explores various clinical and translational aspects of myasthenia.

Her clinical and genomics research on MND and inherited neuromuscular diseases is ongoing, in collaboration with the UCT Clinical Omics & Informatics Unit, the International Centre for Genomic Medicine in Neuromuscular Diseases consortium, and the CREATE consortium led by the University of Miami. She established and led the ALS Africa network.



Dr. Umapathi N Thirugnanam
Singapore

Umapathi N Thirugnanam is a Senior Neurologist at the National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore. His subspecialty interests include neuromuscular disorders, electrophysiology, neuroimmunology, autonomic nervous system, and ocular movements. He has undertaken numerous teaching initiatives in Southeast Asian and African countries. He has received multiple teaching awards. He leads various health projects named Albatross, Woodpecker, Nightingale, and Crane,

all aimed at providing access to neurology services in under-resourced regions. He was awarded “Outstanding contribution to GBS100 book” in 2016. He received the “Honorary Membership” of the Association of Sri Lankan Neurologists in appreciation of the immense service he has provided towards the improvement of neurology care standards.



Dr. Stephen Reddel
Australia

Stephen Reddel is a staff specialist neurologist at Concord Repatriation & General Hospital in Sydney and a consulting neurologist at the Brain & Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney. He leads the neuroimmunology clinic at Concord Hospital, which specialises in the safe treatment of various neuroimmunological disorders of the CNS and PNS. His research interests include myasthenia gravis, focusing on the role of anti-MuSK antibodies and neuromuscular junction

homeostasis; neuroimmunology, such as multiple sclerosis; and neurogenetics, including muscular dystrophies and inherited neuropathies. He is the chair of the National Blood Authority Neurology specialist working group and co-chair of MGBase, a global myasthenia gravis registry.



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Diagnosis and Differential Diagnosis of CNS Demyelinating Diseases

- ▶ Mimics and Masqueraders in CNS Demyelinating Disorders
- ▶ New McDonald, IPND, and MOGAD Criteria: Advantages, and Limitations
- ▶ The Hidden Beginning: Prodromal MS and Radiologically Isolated Syndrome
- ▶ Beyond the Classical Phenotype: Expanding Clinical Spectrum of MOGAD and NMOSD

KEYNOTE LECTURE: The Next Frontier in Neuroimmunology: CAR T-Cell Therapy**Diagnostics of CNS Demyelinating Diseases**

- ▶ Multimodal Visual Assessment in Optic Neuropathies: OCT and Advanced Visual Diagnostics
- ▶ Imaging the Fire and the Smolder: Acute and Chronic Inflammation in MS
- ▶ Signature Imaging Patterns in MOGAD and NMOSD: Diagnostic Pearls and Pitfalls
- ▶ Decoding Disease Activity: Fluid Biomarkers in MS and NMOSD

Management Nuances of CNS Demyelinating Diseases in Special Populations

- ▶ Understanding Paediatric MS: Unique Challenges Across the Disease Course
- ▶ Pregnancy in MS: Navigating Treatment Across the Maternal Journey
- ▶ Motherhood in NMOSD and MOGAD: Managing Relapse Risk Safely
- ▶ Ageing and Immunosenescence in MS: Clinical and Therapeutic Challenges

Neuromuscular Junction Diseases

- ▶ Neuromuscular Junction: Pathophysiology
- ▶ When Weakness Misleads: The Many Mimics of Myasthenia Gravis
- ▶ Ocular Myasthenia Gravis: When and How to Use Immunotherapy
- ▶ New Targeted Therapies in Myasthenia Gravis: Complement, FcRn, and Beyond

DEBATE: Long-term DMT in stable MS: Necessity or Overtreatment?**PANEL LECTURE:** Staying Protected on Immunotherapy: Vaccination and Risk Mitigation Strategies in Neuroimmunology**PANEL DISCUSSION:** Behind the Report: Techniques in Antibody Detection

Inflammatory Neuropathies

- ▶ GBS & CIDP Treatment Update: What's Changing?
- ▶ Nodopathies and Paranodopathies: A New Frontier in Immune Neuropathies
- ▶ Anti-MAG Neuropathy: Clinical, Electrophysiological, and Serological Clues
- ▶ Systemic and Non-Systemic Vasculitis: What's New in Diagnosis and Management
- ▶ Autoimmune Autonomic Neuropathies: An Update

Anterior Horn Cell & Peripheral Nerve Diseases

- ▶ Hirayama Disease: The Cervical Flexion Induced Myelopathy
- ▶ Spinal Muscular Atrophy: From Fatal to Treatable disorder
- ▶ Lumbosacral Plexopathy: Update for Clinical Practice
- ▶ Understanding Small Fiber Neuropathies in Clinical Practice

KEYNOTE LECTURE: Clinical and Biological Markers in ALS: Current Concepts and Recent Advances

Therapies in CNS Demyelinating Disorders

- ▶ The Invisible Burden: Measuring Cognition in MS
- ▶ Tracking Patient of MS in a Clinic: Clinical, Radiological and Biological Monitoring
- ▶ Older High Efficacy drugs vs Newer Anti-CD20 Therapies
- ▶ Therapeutic Decision-Making in MS: Real-World Insights from an Expert
- ▶ MS Therapy in India: Bridging Evidence and Affordability
- ▶ Managing Acute Attacks in MOGAD & NMOSD
- ▶ After the First Attack: What next in MOGAD & NMOSD?

Peripheral Nerve Diseases

- ▶ The Many Faces of Leprosy: Recognizing Atypical Clinical Features
- ▶ Peripheral Nerve Hyperexcitability: Clinical Spectrum, Evaluation and Management
- ▶ Diabetic Neuropathy: New Concepts in Old Disease
- ▶ Nerve Biopsy in 2026: Where it Still Matters

DEBATE: Should Rituximab Replace Purine Inhibitors in Maintenance Therapy of AChR-Positive gMG?

PANEL DISCUSSION: Behind the report: Understanding Genetic Techniques



Other Autoimmune CNS diseases

- ▶ Many Faces of MS: Understanding the Expanding Spectrum of MS Variants
- ▶ Seronegative Autoimmune Encephalitis: Diagnostic Challenges and Clinical Approach
- ▶ Revisiting ADEM: Evolving Concepts in Acute CNS Demyelination
- ▶ GFAP Astrocytopathy: A New Player in the Neuroimmunology Spectrum

Neuromuscular Junction and Muscle Diseases (Bedside to Biopsy)

- ▶ Clinical Pattern Recognition in Myopathies: Reading the Muscle at the Bedside
- ▶ Pattern Recognition in Muscular Dystrophy: Decoding Selective Muscle Involvement
- ▶ Congenital Myasthenic Syndromes: Clinical Clues Across Diverse Phenotypes
- ▶ Muscle Biopsy in the Age of Next-Generation Sequencing

Therapies in Neuromuscular Diseases

- ▶ Understanding Myotonic Dystrophy: Current Concepts and Emerging Therapies
- ▶ Treatable Metabolic Myopathies: When Diagnosis Changes Outcome
- ▶ Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies: Diagnostic and Treatment Strategy
- ▶ Available and Potential Therapies to Look for CMT
- ▶ Interventional Neuromuscular Ultrasound



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