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biophysics in health and disease**

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FINAL PROGRAM

Monday 2nd February 2026

8:30 9:15	Registration
9:15 10:00	Official Opening Andrea Rinaldo (IVSLA President) <i>Welcome from IVSLA</i> Carlo Musio (IBF-CNR Trento) <i>Welcome from SIBPA</i> Fernanda Laezza (UTMB Galveston), Carlo Musio (IBF CNR Trento), Ildikò Szabò (Univ. Padova) <i>Introduction to the XXX SIBPA/IVSLA International School of Biophysics</i>
10:00 11:00	Keynote Lecture: Frances Ashcroft (Oxford University, UK) <i>ATP-sensitive potassium channels in health and disease</i>
11:00 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 12:30	Paolo Bernardi (University of Padova, IVSLA, Italy) <i>The unexpected transition of the mitochondrial ATP synthase into a channel</i>
12:30 14:00	Lunch
14:00 15:00	Fernanda Laezza (University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, USA) <i>Sodium channels: function and pharmacology</i>
15:00 16:00	Raimund Dutzler (University of Zurich, CH) <i>Volume regulated anion channels: from mechanisms to disease</i>
16:00 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 17:30	Attendees' Flash Presentations Session I

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

9:00 10:00	Anna Moroni (University of Milano, Italy) <i>A synthetic potassium channel reduces oxidative stress via cellular adaptronics</i>
10:00 11:00	Gerhard Thiel (Technische Universität, Darmstadt, Germany) <i>TMEM175 functions as lysosomal ion channel, but what does it conduct?</i>
11:00 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 12:30	Gyorgy Panyi (University of Debrecen, Hungary) <i>Targeting Kv1.3 with peptide toxins</i>
12:30 14:00	Lunch
14:00 15:00	Sara Liin (Linköping University, Sweden) <i>Ion channels in cardiac physiology and pathology – key players and promising therapeutic targets</i>
15:00 16:00	Technical talks by sponsor companies: 3Brain / Elements
16:00 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 17:00	Attendees' Flash Presentations Session II
17:00 17:45	Poster Session

Wednesday 4th February 2026

9:00 10:00	Maurizio Tagliafata (University of Naples "Federico II", Naples, Italy) <i>Genotype-phenotype correlations and therapeutic targeting in KCNQ2-related disorders: challenges and opportunities</i>
10:00 11:00	Marzia Martina (National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Canada) <i>The Quest for the Ideal Painkiller: Small molecules vs biologic to modulate Nav1.7 channels activity</i>
11:00 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 12:30	Gyorgy Panyi (University of Debrecen, Hungary) <i>Conformational rearrangements in the Shaker K⁺ channel during inactivation gating</i>
12:30 14:00	Lunch
14:00 15:00	Free Time
15:00 16:00	Free Time
16:00 16:30	Free Time
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Thursday 5th February 2026

9:00|10:00 **Georg Nagel** (University of Würzburg, Germany)
Biophysics matters! A tale of misinterpreting electrophysiological data

10:00|11:00 **Vanessa Checchetto** (University of Padova, Italy)
Decoding the interactome of ion channels: proximity-labeling approaches to unveil channel-associated signaling networks

11:00|11:30 Coffee break

11:30|12:30 **Agenor Limon** (University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, USA)
Reactivating human synaptic receptors to decode brain remodeling in disease

12:30|14:00 Lunch

14:00|15:00 **Georg Nagel** (University of Würzburg, Germany)
From channelrhodopsins to optogenetics: A brief account of a (leading) witness

15:00|16:00 Technical talks by sponsor companies: *Nanion | Crisell Instruments*

16:00|16:30 Coffee break

16:30|17:30 Poster session

Friday 6th February 2026

9:00|10:00 The EMBO Keynote Lecture:
Thomas J. Jentsch (FMP, MDC and Charité, Berlin, Germany)
Vesicular anion transport in health and disease

10:00|11:00 Thematic meetings & tutorials

11:00|11:30 Coffee break

11:30|12:30 Conclusive remarks, feedback and final salutation

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