

XXX International School of Biophysics



PROGRAM

Monday 2nd February 2026

8:30 9:00	Registration
9:00 10:00	Official Opening Andrea Rinaldo (IVSLA President) <i>Welcome from IVSLA</i> Giorgio Giacometti (Univ Padova) <i>Welcome from SIBPA – The International School of Biophysics turns 30</i> Cesare Montecucco (Univ. Padova, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei) <i>Current events and perspectives of biophysical research</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	Annette Dolphin (UCL, London, UK) <i>Voltage gated calcium channels, assembly, trafficking, function and dysfunction.</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

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>The physical chemistry of K⁺ channel gating</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
16:00 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 17:30	Poster session

Wednesday 4th February 2026

9:00 10:00	Maurizio Taglialatela (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
15:00 16:00	FREE
16:00 16:30	FREE
16:30 17:30	FREE

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**
- 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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