

2026 JPND DELCAA SYMPOSIUM, JUNE 8, 2026

General University Hospital in Prague
Dept. of Neurology and Center of Clinical Neuroscience
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The symposium will be available online via Zoom

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- 9:00 – 9:05 AM** **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - Dr. Jiří Klempíř
- 9:05 – 9:25 AM** **Prague Huntington's Disease Centre — Past and Present**
Dr. Jiří Klempíř (General University Hospital in Prague)
- 9:25 – 9:50 AM** **Huntington's Disease in Turkey**
Dr. A. Nazlı Başak (Koç University, Turkey)
- 9:50 – 10:10 AM** **Huntington Disease: Beyond CAG Repeat Length – The Impact of Sequence Variants on Diagnosis and Disease Course**
Dr. Hoa Nguyen (Ruhr University, Germany)
- 10:10 – 10:30 AM** **HTT Repeat Variants in German and Turkish Huntington's Disease Cohorts**
Dr. Larissa Arning (Ruhr University, Germany)
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM** *Morning Coffee Break*
- 10:45 – 11:15 AM** **Recent advances and challenges in human genetic modifier discovery for Huntington's Disease**
Dr. Seung Kwak (CHDI Foundation, GeM-HD Consortium, New York, USA)
- 11:15 – 11:35 PM** **The DNA/RNA autophagy protein SIDT2 as a novel neuropathological hallmark in Huntington disease**
Dr. Asa Petersen (Lund University, Sweden)
- 11:35 – 12:00 PM** **Reading between the codons: repeat context versus instability as drivers of HTT LOI variant toxicity**
Dr. Mahmoud Pouladi (University of British Columbia, Canada)
- 12:00 – 12:20 PM** **Decoupling somatic expansion from neuropathology: AAV-vector based animal models with LOI and DOI in HTT**
Dr. Sofia Bergh (Lund University, Sweden)
- 12:20 – 1:20 PM** *Lunch Break*

- 1:20 – 1:40 PM** **Large Animal Model for Developing Therapeutic Agents to Treat Impaired Ophthalmic Function in Usher Syndrome**
 Dr. Jan Motlík (Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetics, Czech Academy of Science, Czech Republic)
- 1:40 – 2:05 PM** **Large animal models for Huntington's disease research**
 Dr. Zdenka Ellederová, Dr. Jiří Klíma (Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetics, Czech Academy of Science, Czech Republic)
- 2:05 – 2:30 PM** **Advances in Objective Voice and Speech Analysis in Neurodegenerative Diseases**
 Dr. Jan Rusz, De. Tereza Tykalová (Department of Circuit Theory Faculty of Electrical Engineering Czech Technical University in Prague)
- 2:30 – 2:45 PM** *Afternoon Coffee Break*
- 2:45 – 3:00 PM** **Crossroads of clinical Huntington disease and ALS in the emotion and metabolism regulating ventromedial hypothalamus**
 Jennifer Orahá (Lund University, Sweden)
- 3:00 – 3:25 PM** **Multi-omics characterisation of the TgHD minipig striatum reveals progressive neuronal vulnerability and cross-species convergence with human Huntington disease**
 Dr. Eva Kamenná Šviráková (Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetics, Czech Academy of Science, Czech Republic)
- 3:25 – 3:50 PM** **Mitochondrial Dysfunction in Huntington Disease**
 Dr. Marie Vanišová, Dr. Hana Hansíková (General University Hospital in Prague, Czech Republic)
- 3:50 – 4:05 PM** *Afternoon Coffee Break*
- 4:05 – 4:20 PM** **Czech Huntington Association** (presentation in Czech)
 Nikola Krejčířová (Czech Republic)
- 4:20 – 4:25 PM** **Predictive Protocol Testing in Huntington Disease** (presentation in Czech)
 Dr. Tereza Uhrová (General University Hospital in Prague, Czech Republic)
- 4:25 – 4:40 PM** **Slovak Huntington Association** (presentation in Slovak)
 Vladimír Václavík (Slovak Republic)
- 4:40 – 4:45 PM** **Closing Remarks** – Dr. Jiří Klempíř