

ISMND 2026 HONG KONG

October 20–23, 2026



“Cell Biology and Therapeutics of Neurodegenerative Diseases”



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**Abstract submission
deadline: July 6, 2026!**

**Early-bird registration
deadline: August 24, 2026!**

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researchers!**

ISMND 2026 conference will be held on October 20–23, 2026, at the Shaw Auditorium, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). Co-organized by ISMND and the journal *Molecular Neurodegeneration*, and hosted by HKUST, the conference receives generous support from the BrightFocus Foundation and the Korean Society for Neurodegenerative Diseases (KSND). The program focuses on cellular mechanisms and innovative therapeutic strategies for neurodegenerative diseases, featuring keynote lectures by **Nobel laureates Thomas Südhof and Randy Schekman** alongside over 40 world-leading experts. The scientific program also includes short talks, poster sessions, panel discussions, and exhibition opportunities. Researchers worldwide are warmly invited to participate and contribute to advancing frontier research and international collaboration!

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Program at a Glance

DAY 1, October 21 Talk sessions

- Keynote: Randy Schekman, UC Berkeley, USA
"Cell Biology of Parkinson's Disease"
- Session I: Biochemical and Structural Insights of Neurodegeneration
- Session II: Cell Biological Insights of Neurodegeneration
- Session III: Cell Biological Insights — Neurons

Poster Sessions &
Short Talks &
Exhibition &
Welcome
Reception

DAY 2, October 22 Talk sessions

- Session IV: Cell Biological Insights — Immune Systems
- Session V: Cell Biological Insights — Lipids and Glia Crosstalk
- Session VI: Genetic/Genomic/Proteomic Insights of Neurodegeneration
- Panel Discussion I: Cell Biology of Neurodegeneration

Poster Sessions,
Short Talks &
Exhibition

DAY 3, October 23 Talk sessions

- Keynote speaker: Thomas Südhof, Stanford University, USA
"Towards a Cell Biology of Alzheimer's Disease"
- Session VII: Biomarkers and circulating factors of Neurodegeneration
- Session VIII: Therapeutic Insights I
- Session IX: Therapeutic Insights II
- Panel Discussion II: Therapeutic Strategies

Short Talks &
Exhibition



Registration Fee

Students can register for ISMND membership free of charge and enjoy discounted conference registration rates!

Type	ISMND Member(HKD)	Non-ISMND Member(HKD)
Early-bird Rate (Before August 24, 2026)		
Professionals	HK\$4,700	HK\$7,400
Postdocs/Fellows/Residents	HK\$2,300	HK\$3,500
Students	HK\$800	HK\$1,600
Regular & On-Site Registration Fee		
Professionals	HK\$5,500	HK\$8,600
Postdocs/Fellows/Residents	HK\$2,700	HK\$3,900
Students	HK\$1,200	HK\$2,000
Virtual Registration Fee		
Professionals	HK\$2,300	HK\$5,100
Postdocs/Fellows/Residents	HK\$1,600	HK\$2,700
Students	HK\$600	HK\$1,200



Call for Abstracts

Topics:

- Biochemistry & Protein Structure
- Neuronal Cell Biology
- Neuroimmune Interactions
- Lipid & Glial Biology
- Multi-Omics & Genetics
- Biomarkers & Circulating Factors
- Therapeutic Development
- Other Areas in Neurodegeneration Research

Presentation Formats:

• **Short Talk Presentations:**
8 - minute presentations followed by 2 minutes of Q & A. Selected from the abstracts by the scientific committee.

• **Poster Presentations:**

Interactive poster sessions
For details, please visit the official website:
<https://ismnd2026.org/call-abstracts>



Submission deadline:

July 6, 2026!

Sponsorship and exhibition partnerships are welcome !

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