

1ST INTERNATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
From Help-Seeking to Precision Medicine
23-25 October 2026. Hotel Concorde Paris, Tunis



Program

October 23, 2026 (Afternoon)

Time	Session
From 13:00	Registration, Welcome Refreshments And Poster Installation
14:00– 14:40	Official Opening And Welcome Ceremony (Minister And Organizing Committee - Followed by a Featured Lecture by Prof Hechmi Louzir (Tunis, Tunisia) (Title TBD)
14:40 – 15:25	Opening plenary lecture: Prof. Philip McGuire (London, UK) (Title TBD)
15:25-15:45	Welcome Address by the Tunisian Ministry of Health
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 – 17:55	Symposium: Early Psychosis – From First Episode to Early Intervention Format: 20-min talk + 5-min Q&A per speaker Dr Sara Camporesi – Lausanne & Geneva, Switzerland “ <i>Clinical Stratification and Mechanism-Based Biomarkers in Treatment-Resistant Schizophrenia: Toward Personalized Treatment Strategies</i> ” Prof. Philippe Conus – Lausanne, Switzerland - Live via Zoom “Two Decades of Early Psychosis Care: Insights and Lessons from the TIPP Program” Prof. Rym Ghachem (Tunis, Tunisia) “ <i>The Psychiatrist in the Community</i> ” Prof. Mehdi Karoui (Tunis, Tunisia) “ <i>Neurophenomenology of Self-Disturbance : Bridging Lived Experience and Neurobiology in Ultra-High Risk (UHR) for Psychosis</i> ”
17:55 – 18:40	Plenary lecture: Prof. James Maccabe (London, UK) “ <i>Treatment resistant psychosis: how can we improve outcomes?</i> ”
18:40 – 20:40	Welcome Reception And Networking

October 24, 2026

Time	Session
From 08:00	Registration
09:00 – 9:45	Plenary Lecture - Prof. Peter Uhlhaas (Berlin, Germany) “ <i>Towards A Neurobiology of Early Intervention</i> ”
09:45 – 10:20	Featured Lecture - Prof. Daniel Mathalon (California, San Francisco, USA) “ <i>Electrophysiological Predictors of Psychosis in Individuals with the Clinical High Risk Syndrome.</i> ”
10:20 – 10:50	Coffee Break
10:50 – 12:30	Symposium: Ultra-High Risk and Mood Disorders - Prediction, Biomarkers and Prevention, Format: 20-min talk + 5-min Q&A per speaker Dr Stergios Tsarsalis (Geneva and Lausanne, Switzerland) “ <i>Glia- enriched single nucleus RNA sequencing reveals altered microglial and astrocytic stats in bipolar disorder</i> ” Prof. Saeed Farouq (Keele, UK) “ <i>Early intervention in psychosis in the Arab world: Translating evidence into practice.</i> ” Prof. Asma Bouden (Tunis, Tunisia) “ <i>Early detection and intervention for CHR adolescents: The pioneer experience of the department of child and adolescent psychiatry</i> ” Prof. Rahma Damak (Tunis, Tunisia) “ <i>Bipolar Disorder Screening in Clinical Practice: Results from a Clinical Sample</i> ”

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12:30 – 14:30	Lunch & Poster Session
14:30 – 15:15	Plenary Lecture - Prof. Sohee Park (Nashville, USA) “ Schizophrenia in the Flesh; Towards the Science of Self Disorders.”
15:15 – 15:50	Featured Lecture – Prof. Sabina Berretta (Boston, USA) “Investigating the Biology of Psychiatric Disorders and Building Global Capacity for Human Postmortem Brain Research: The Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center and Opportunities for International Collaboration”
15:50 – 16:20	Coffee break & Informal Networking
16:20 – 17:35	Symposium: From Neurodevelopment To Neurodegeneration: Cognitive Impairment From Childhood To Late Life: Format: 20-min talk + 5-min Q&A per speaker Prof. Junghee Lee (Birmingham, USA), (Title TBD) Prof. Ichraf Kraoua (Tunis, Tunisia) (Title TBD) Prof. Lamia Ben Jemaa (Tunis, Tunisia), (Title TBD)
17:35 – 18:10	Featured Translational Neuroscience Lecture - Prof. Judith Ford (California, San Francisco, USA) <i>“Metabolic improvements with a ketogenic diet correlate with symptom improvement in psychosis.”</i>
18:10 -18:30	Closing Remarks and Best Poster Awards
18:30	Official Dinner For Speakers

October 25, 2026

This day is exclusively reserved for Steering Committee members, Speakers, and other invited guests.

Time	Session
09:00	Reception & Visit to Razi Hospital (Psychiatric Hospital)
09:30 – 10:30	Discussion: Potential Collaborations and International Outreach
10:30 – 11:30	Next Editions: Dates, Planning, Venue
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00	Guided Visit