SHORT TANDEM REPEATS IN GENE REGULATION & DISEASES

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Monday, November 3 - Friday, November 7, 2025

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Thursday	5:00 pm	Cocktails and Banquet
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Oral presentation sessions are located in the CSHA Auditorium
Poster session is in the Lake Front Hall.
Cocktail social hour is held outside in the Suz Garden.
Old Suzhou visits depart from the CSHA lobby
*optional tour requires additional fee.

Meal locations and times are as follows: Lunch: Main Cafeteria 12:00pm - 1:30pm Dinner: Main Cafeteria 6:00pm - 7:30pm Banquet: Suz Garden 6:00pm

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Chairperson: Peng Jin, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mechanistic Steps in Huntington's disease—From somatic repeat expansion to selective neuronal pathogenesis

X. William Yang [35'+10']

Presenter affiliation: University of California at Los Angeles, Los

Angeles, California.

An emergent disease-associated motor neuron state precedes

cell death in a mouse model of ALS

Aaron D. Gitler [20'+10']

Presenter affiliation: Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Understanding human disease through millions of tandem repeats across millions of genomes

Wei Li [10'+5']

Presenter affiliation: University of California, Irvine, Irvine, California.

TUESDAY, November 4—9:00 AM

SESSION 2 TRANSPOSABLE ELEMENT-ASSOCIATED REPEAT

DISORDERS

Chairperson: Peter Todd, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor,

Michigan, USA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Expanding future of exploring tandem repeat expansions in human diseases

Shoji Tsuji [35'+10']

Presenter affiliation: International University of Health and Welfare,

Chiba, Japan; The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.

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Genetics and functional mechanisms of non-coding repeat expansion causing CANVAS and oculopharyngodistal myopathy Andrea Cortese [20'+10']	
Presenter affiliation: UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, London, United Kingdom; University of Milan, Pavia, Italy.	5
FNOP spectrum disorders caused by CGG and CCG repeat expansions Hiroyuki Ishiura [20'+10']	
Presenter affiliation: Okayama University, Okayama, Japan.	6
RE Pathways—A national program to improve diagnosis and management of cerebellar ataxia in Australia Haloom Rafehi, Penny Snell, Kayli Davies, Liam Fearnley, Lauren Sanders, Ian Harding, Martin Delatycki, David Szmulewicz, Melanie Bahlo, Paul J. Lockhart [20'+10'] Presenter affiliation: Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne, Australia.	7
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Small-molecules specific to GC-rich repeat DNA structures—A novel therapeutic avenue? David A. Ripsman, Terence Gall Duncan, Mahreen Khan, Amit L. Deshmukh, Gagan B. Panigrahi, Isha Singh, Bimolendu Das, Stella Lanni, Mila Mirceta, Peixiang Wang, Masayuki Nakamori, Kazuhiko Nakatani, Yuh-Hwa Wang, Bita Zamiri, Christopher E. Pearson [20'+10']	
Presenter affiliation: The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada.	8
Post-silencing pathogenic cascades in short tandem repeat initiated neurodegeneration Richard M. Albertson, Abby Cheng, Peter K. Todd [10'+5'] Presenter affiliation: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.	9
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