



International Parkinson and  
Movement Disorder Society  
European Section

Lübeck, Germany | May 8-10, 2026

**Focused Workshop: Parkinson's Disease Decoded: Genes, Environment, and the Epidemiological Challenge**

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### **Commercial Support Opportunities**

#### **Opportunities to Support the Course**

The International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS) is offering commercial support opportunities for the above program. Commercial support opportunities are sought via multiple means, unrestricted medical education grants, advertisements, or exhibits. Please see page 3 for more information. Anticipated attendance is: 275-325 attendees.

#### **Professional Practice Gap**

The evolving landscape of Parkinson's Disease (PD) research—including breakthroughs in genomics, environmental health, and epidemiological modeling—demands a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach that is not yet standard in current practice. This program addresses the need for enhanced understanding and application of this integrative knowledge to improve diagnostic accuracy, therapeutic decision-making, and preventive interventions in Parkinson's disease.

#### **Course Description**

Parkinson's Disease Decoded: Genes, Environment, and the Epidemiological Challenge program brings together leading experts in the field to explore the complex interplay of genetics, environmental exposures, and emerging epidemiological trends in Parkinson's disease (PD). Through a mix of plenary lectures, interactive panel discussions, and abstract presentations, participants will gain critical insights into the biological, molecular, and clinical dimensions of PD, as well as the translational challenges in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.

#### **Intended Audience**

This course is designed for Movement Disorder specialists, general neurologists, Movement Disorders fellows, neurology residents and basic scientists and researchers who wish to enhance their knowledge of Movement Disorders. No specific or prior experience in treating people with Parkinson's disease or movement disorders is required.

Focused Workshop Oversight Committee	
<b>Jean-Christophe Corvol, MD, PhD</b> Hôpital Pitié-Salpêtrière, Paris, France <b>Chair, Focused Workshop Oversight Committee</b>	<b>Christine Klein, MD, FEAN</b> University of Lübeck, Lübeck, Germany <b>Chair, Local Organizing Committee</b>
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Learning Objectives	Comp Change <sup>1</sup>
Evaluate the current epidemiological trends in Parkinson's disease, including the potential global rise in incidence and the multifactorial contributors to its prevalence	2
Analyze the major genetic contributors to PD, including the role of monogenic mutations and genetic risk factors (e.g., <i>LRK2</i> , <i>GBA</i> ), the known modifiers of penetrance and the influence of gene-environment interactions.	2,3
Discuss the significance of genome-wide association studies (GWAS), epigenetic mechanisms, and transcriptomic data in advancing precision medicine approaches for PD.	2,3
Understand the pathogenic role of $\alpha$ -synuclein, including its interactions with mitochondrial damage, protein clearance systems, and its relevance to glial and neuronal dysfunction.	2
Explore the gut-brain axis and microbiota-based therapies as emerging fields in PD pathogenesis and intervention strategies.	2
Investigate the roles of neuroinflammation and immune response, with a focus on lipid metabolism and targeted therapeutic opportunities.	2
Critically appraise the use of artificial intelligence in stratifying disease trajectories and improving personalized care models for Parkinson's disease.	2,3

### Outcomes Assessment:

All participants complete an onsite evaluation at the conclusion of the course. A follow-up evaluation is emailed to participants approximately 3 months after the program to evaluate changes in behavior following the new skills and approaches taught. Evaluation results are tabulated and reviewed with the Course Director and faculty following the program. As this is an annual course, the evaluation summaries for previous courses have been provided to the Course Directors during the planning stages. Evaluation data is also provided to the MDS-European Section Education Committee, MDS Education Committee, and MDS Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee for review.

<sup>1</sup> \* **Intended Physician Competency Change** - Sources: OIM, ACGME

1. Roles/responsibilities
2. Increase medical knowledge
3. Values/Ethics for Inter-professional practice

## Opportunities for Corporate Support

All supporters will receive acknowledgement on the MDS course website, and in an attendee, handout separate from the course program and verbally from the course directors on the first day of the course. Deadlines and additional specifications are provided at the time of confirmation. Offerings are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To confirm participation or inquire please email [development@movementdisorders.org](mailto:development@movementdisorders.org).

### PLATINUM SUPPORTER

#### Support Includes

\$8,500 USD

**Tabletop Exhibit** from May 8-10, 2026, in a high traffic location, located near the course's main session room, separate from the educational space.

- Exhibitors are provided with a 6' skirted table **WITH ELECTRICITY**, and 2 chairs.
- Four (4) Exhibitor Registrations

**Pre-Course Email Advertisement** an email banner that is placed in pre-course email to participants.

The email contains only logistical information regarding the course and is void of any scientific content.

**Advertisement in Attendee Handout** a full page, full color ad for inclusion in the printed and electronic attendee handout (separate from the course program and placed away for all scientific content.)

### GOLD SUPPORTER

#### Support Includes

\$6,000 USD

**Tabletop Exhibit** on May 8-10, 2026, located near the course's main session room, separate from the educational space.

- Exhibitors are provided with a 6' skirted table, **WITH ELECTRICITY**, and 2 chairs.
- Two (2) Exhibitor Registrations

**Pre-Course Email Advertisement** an email banner that is placed in pre-course email to participants.

The email contains only logistical information regarding the course and is void of any scientific content.

### SILVER SUPPORTER

#### Support Includes

\$3,500 USD

**Tabletop Exhibit** on May 8-10, 2026, located near the course's main session room, separate from the educational space.

- Exhibitors are provided with a 6' skirted table and 2 chairs. **ELECTRICITY IS NOT PROVIDED**
- One (1) Exhibitor Registration

### REDUCED FEE EXHIBIT

#### Support Includes

\$1,750 USD

**Tabletop Exhibit** on May 8-10, 2026, located near the course's main session room, separate from the educational space.

- Exhibitors are provided with a 6' skirted table and 2 chairs. **ELECTRICITY IS NOT PROVIDED**
- One (1) Exhibitor Registration

**PLEASE NOTE:** Reduced Fee exhibits are only available to companies that meet the following criteria: Startups or those without a product currently on the market, sales of less than \$10M annually, or focus on products marketed to allied health professionals or patients. **All Reduced Fee Tabletop Exhibits are sold on a space-available basis, with regular Tabletop Exhibitors receiving priority.**

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## Medical Education Grants

**\$1,000 USD and greater**

The program offers sessions that include didactic, case-based, and interactive sessions.

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## Promotional Opportunities – a la carte

Additional opportunities for promotion of your company are noted below

### Welcome Reception (Non-Exclusive)

**\$5,000 USD**

Friday, May 8, 2026, 19:30 – 20:30

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are served to all attendees on the. Event sponsors will be acknowledged verbally and in the course program.

### Pre-Course Email Advertisement

**\$2,000 USD per email**

Email banner that is placed in pre-course email to participants. The email contains only logistical information regarding the course and is void of any scientific content.

### Advertisement in Attendee Handout

**\$2,500 USD per handout**

Full page, full color ad for inclusion in the printed and electronic attendee handout (separate from the course program and placed away for all scientific content.)

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#### Disclaimer:

MDS will disclose all commercial support to learners in advance of the activity starting; however, the disclosure will not include logos, product names, or promotion. Disclosure will occur separate from the course program, via an additional attendee handout.

MDS must ensure that all decisions related to the planning, faculty selection, delivery, and evaluation of education are made without any influence or involvement from the owners and employees of commercial interest companies. This policy applies to MDS course directors, faculty, co-chairs, and planners.

#### Compliance:

**2026 MDS-ES Focused Workshop found Provisionally Compliant:** MDS submitted the 2026 MDS-ES Focused Workshop to the Conference Vetting System (CVS) and has been assessed and deemed Pre-Cleared. Details are available [here](#) with the reference EMT-25-02220.

Any sponsor showcasing pharmaceutical (or pharma-dependent) products is advised to consult the EFPIA Code of Practice and the MedTech Europe Code of Ethical Business Practice before applying. It is the exhibitor's or sponsor's responsibility to comply with all national and international laws and regulations that pertain to its particular industry, and to ensure that a compliance officer has approved the specific sponsorship items prior to the application.

MDS is not liable in any way for sponsors not complying with legal, ethical and industry standards.

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