



**BCIG
SCOTLAND
2026**

British Cochlear Implant Group Meeting 2026

Programme Information

Glasgow, Crowne Plaza Hotel



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Day One – Tuesday 21st April 2026 Main Plenary Argyll Suite

Access session		Chair: Jane Gallacher
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome	Jane Gallacher, BCIG Chair Glasgow Lord Provost's representative
10.15 – 10.45	It's all about outcomes!	Keynote Speaker: Prof Sally Lewis
10.45 – 11.30	Removing barriers, strengthening enablers: Improving cochlear implant access in the UK	Panel: Pennie Taylor (Chair) Petrina Checkland Sally Lewis Martin O'Driscoll Carrie Drennan
11.30 – 11.40	Early findings from CIRCA 2 Project	Mr Jameel Muzaffar
11.40 – 12.10	How smart implants can deliver better hearing, for life	Cochlear Company presentation: Peter Van Gerwen Dr Brian Kaplan
12.10 – 13.30	Lunch and exhibition	

Graham Fraser Lecture session		Chair: Lyndsay Fraser
13.30 – 14.15	Music perception and cochlear implants: Challenges and opportunities This prestigious award and lectureship from the Graham Fraser Foundation is made at each BCIG annual meeting following nominations by the BCIG membership	Graham Fraser Lecturer 2026: Prof Andrew Oxenham
14.15 – 14.45	Built to perform, designed to evolve	Advanced Bionics Company presentation: Alistair Simpson Dr Patrick Boyle Sandra Driver
14.45 – 15.15	Coffee break	

AI session		Chair: Louise Craddock
15.15 – 15.40	AI in health and cochlear implant services: separating signal from noise	Keynote Speaker: Dr David Peebles
15.40 – 16.00	Using generative speech models to improve audiological testing capabilities How low can you go? The effect of reduced stimulation rates on the perception of phonemes, sentences, pitch, and prosody by cochlear-implant users	Invited Speaker: Dr Lidea Shahidi
16.00 – 16.10	REVs APP for rapid differential diagnosis of cochlear implant electrode issues	Dr Mary Grasmeyer
16.10 – 16.20	Pain management in cochlear implants – results of UK survey	Marette Ambler
16.20 – 16.30	Hearing every patient: The creation of a national implant registry	Katherine Wilson Prof Debi Vickers
16.30 – 16.35	Introduction to IMPACT and LUCIA clinical trials	Mr Matt Smith Dr Efstratia Papoutselou
16.35 – 17.15	Join us in the exhibition space for the Posters & Prosecco session, where delegates can engage directly with presenters, who will be on hand beside their posters to discuss their work and answer questions. This session aims to foster insightful dialogue, encourage critical reflection, and support the exchange of emerging ideas within our field. Delegates are invited to access Kubify, our online poster platform, in advance of the conference to review posters and explore supplementary materials.	Posters & Prosecco

18.15	Conference dinner at the Glasgow Science Centre Please meet us in the foyer of the Crowne Plaza hotel where we will take the short walk to the dinner venue accompanied by a piper.	
18.30 – 19.15	Drinks reception and opportunity to explore the science exhibits	
19.30	Toast (the Selkirk Grace)	
19.45	Dinner	
21.30	Live music from The Jets (bring your dancing shoes for a mixture of live music including some Scottish ceilidh dancing)	
Midnight	Carriages	

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Rehab session		Chair: Lise Henderson
9.00 – 9.25	Building language through interaction: The role of parents in supporting deaf children with cochlear implants	Keynote Speaker: Prof Evelien Dirks
9.25 – 9.50	The EPID: Early Parent Interaction with Deaf Children – A new tool co-produced with parents	Invited Speaker: Dr Martina Curtin
9.50 – 10.15	Infant mental health: Promoting positive relationships and self-esteem for deaf children	Invited Speaker: Dr Leah Cronin
10.15 – 10.25	Beyond the booth: Co-developing a digital testing platform with clinicians for speech assessments	Lisabeth Buelt
10.25 – 10.35	Empowering young people with cochlear implants in Scotland: Outcomes from the 2025 Scottish Cochlear Implant Programme transition event	Scottish Young Cochlear Implant Network William Palmer Kara Gillespie Iona Cavill Ciara McCarthy Gypsy Nardini Aiden Coll
10.35 – 11.05	Break	

Music / AGM session		Chair: Ying Guo
11.05 – 11.35	BCIG AGM	
11.35 – 12.00	Perception of voice cues and vocal emotions in children and adults with cochlear implants	Keynote Speaker: Prof Deniz Başkent
12.00 – 12.10	Indicators of progress (IoP) in the first year of cochlear implant use for adult patients	Anne Marie Marley
12.10 – 12.20	National Prospective Study of Cognitive assessment in cochlear implant patients	Dr Tamer el Natout
12.20 – 12.30	Socioeconomic deprivation and cochlear implantation in Scotland: A 35-year population-based equity analysis	Dr Chinaza Pearl Chukwujekwu
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	

Futures session		Chair: Jenny Townsend
13.30 – 14.00	New technologies in cochlear implants: Precision medicine, robotic and fully implantable devices	MED-EL Company presentation: Prof Philippe Lefebvre
14.00 – 14.25	Intracochlear and intraneural intraoperative stimulation of the human auditory nerve to measure auditory brainstem responses	Keynote Speaker: Prof Thomas Lennarz
14.25 – 14.35	The role of modiolar proximity for cochlear implant electrodes	Prof Andrzej Zarowski
14.35 – 14.45	Does the Symons and Fanning classification of otosclerosis correlate with surgical difficulty during cochlear implantation?	Ms Holli Coleman
14.45 – 15.20	The next big thing! A forward look at emerging technologies, expanding criteria, and the choices that will shape our field.	Panel: Mr Jameel Muzaffar (Chair) Prof Doug Hartley Prof Thomas Lennarz Prof Nicci Campbell Marsha Jenkins Prof Philippe Lefebvre
15.20 – 15.25	BCIG 2027 Oxford Introduction	Oxford CI Team
15.25 – 15.30	Company stand award Thanks and Close	Brogan Thomson Maxine Love Jane Gallacher



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