



BAS Annual meeting 2026

**New branches in atherosclerosis research:  
from discovery to intervention**

**Thursday 10 – Friday 11 September**

**Worcester College, Oxford**



# Programme

*(the organisers reserve the right to change the programme)*

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## Day one | Thursday 10 September

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| 07:30 - 09:00                                                          | Breakfast <i>(residential guests only)</i>                                                                                                                                          | <i>Dining Hall</i> |
| 08:30                                                                  | Registration opens                                                                                                                                                                  | <i>Foyer</i>       |
| 09:30 - 10:00                                                          | Refreshments   Exhibition   Networking                                                                                                                                              | <i>Foyer</i>       |
| 10:00 - 10:10                                                          | <b>Introduction and Welcome</b><br><a href="#">Prof Tomasz Guzik</a> (Chairman, BAS)                                                                                                | <i>Auditorium</i>  |
| <b>SESSION 1: Cardio-rheumatology: effect of systemic inflammation</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>Auditorium</i>  |
|                                                                        | Co-chairs:                                                                                                                                                                          |                    |
| 10:10 - 10:30                                                          | The role of autoimmunity in atherosclerosis<br><a href="#">Amanda Foks</a> (Leiden University)                                                                                      |                    |
| 10:30 - 10:50                                                          | Antibodies against lipids in people with immune-mediated inflammatory diseases and atherosclerosis in population studies<br><a href="#">Johan Frostegård</a> (Karolinska Institute) |                    |
| 10:50 - 11:10                                                          | Re-purposing rheumatological drug targets for cardiovascular risk reduction<br><a href="#">Maya Buch</a> (Manchester University)                                                    |                    |
| 11:10 - 11:30                                                          | Panel discussion                                                                                                                                                                    |                    |
| 11:30 - 12:00                                                          | Refreshments   Exhibition   Networking                                                                                                                                              | <i>Foyer</i>       |
| <b>Early Career Investigator Awards</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>Auditorium</i>  |
| 12:00 - 13:15                                                          | 12:00 - 12:10                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
|                                                                        | 12:10 - 12:15                                                                                                                                                                       | Discussion         |
|                                                                        | 12:15 - 12:25                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
|                                                                        | 12:25 - 12:30                                                                                                                                                                       | Discussion         |
|                                                                        | 12:30 - 12:40                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |

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| 13:15 – 14:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Lunch   Exhibition   Networking                                                                                                       |            | Foyer       |
| SESSION 2: Cardiovascular-oncology: effect of cancer therapies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                       |            | Auditorium  |
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| 14:00 – 14:20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Plaque destabilisation effects of immune checkpoint inhibitors and other cancer therapies<br><i>Audrey Gerard (Oxford University)</i> |            |             |
| 14:20 – 14:40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Effects of immune checkpoint inhibitors in human atherosclerosis<br><i>Esther Lutgens (Mayo Clinic)</i>                               |            |             |
| 14:40 – 15:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Management of cardiovascular toxicity of cancer therapies<br><i>Ninian Lang (University of Glasgow)</i>                               |            |             |
| 15:00 – 15:20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Panel discussion                                                                                                                      |            |             |
| 15:20 – 15.50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Refreshments   Exhibition   Networking                                                                                                |            | Foyer       |
| Hugh Sinclair lecture                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                       |            | Auditorium  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Chair: <i>Prof Tomasz Guzik (Glasgow, UK)</i>                                                                                         |            |             |
| 15:50 – 16:40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Leukocytes in cardiovascular health</b><br><i>Prof Matthias Nahrendorf</i><br><i>Professor Radiology, Harvard University, USA</i>  |            |             |
| 16:40 - 17:40                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Poster Session                                                                                                                        |            | Studio      |
| 17:40 – 19:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Auditorium                                                                                                                            |            |             |
| <div></div> <p>Join the BAS YSC for an engaging debate session where young and experienced academics discuss the challenges early career researchers (ECR) face today. Hear personal stories and practical advice to help ECR to navigate the academic journey.</p> <p><b>Organisers:</b> BAS YSC<br/><i>Lia Pinto, Elisa Dureggoti, Emily Horner</i></p> <p><b>Chairs:</b> TBC</p> <p>Format: A moderated panel discussion with questions from the audience.</p> |                                                                                                                                       |            |             |
| 19:00 – 19:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Pre dinner drinks                                                                                                                     |            |             |
| 19:30 - Late                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dinner ( <i>invited guests and ticker holders</i> )                                                                                   |            | Dining Hall |
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## Day two | Friday 11 September

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| 07:30 - 09:00                                          | Breakfast ( <i>residential guests only</i> )                                                                                                 | <i>Dining Hall</i>                                 |
| 08:00                                                  | Registration opens                                                                                                                           | <i>Foyer</i>                                       |
| 08:30 - 09:00                                          | Refreshments   Exhibition   Networking                                                                                                       | <i>Foyer</i>                                       |
| 09:00 – 09:45                                          | <b>BAS Annual General Meeting</b><br>Chair: <a href="#">Prof Tomasz Guzik</a><br><i>Auditorium</i>                                           | <b>Informal poster networking</b><br><i>Studio</i> |
| 09:45 – 10:15                                          | Refreshments   Exhibition   Networking                                                                                                       | <i>Foyer</i>                                       |
| <b>SESSION 3: Cardio-metabolism: effect of obesity</b> |                                                                                                                                              | <i>Auditorium</i>                                  |
|                                                        | Chairpersons:                                                                                                                                |                                                    |
| 10:15 – 10:35                                          | Atherosclerosis and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease<br><a href="#">Toni Vidal-Puig</a> ( <i>University of Cambridge</i> )                  |                                                    |
| 10:35 – 10:55                                          | A mechanistic framework for cardiometabolic and coronary artery diseases<br><a href="#">Johan Björkegren</a> ( <i>Karolinska Institute</i> ) |                                                    |
| 10:55 - 11:15                                          | GLP1 agonists and reduction of cardiovascular risk<br><a href="#">Lotte Bjerre Knudsen</a> ( <i>Novo Nordisk</i> )                           |                                                    |
| 11:15 – 11:35                                          | Speaker tbc                                                                                                                                  |                                                    |
| 11:35 – 11:55                                          | Panel discussion                                                                                                                             |                                                    |
| 11:55 – 13:00                                          | Lunch   Exhibition   Networking                                                                                                              | <i>Foyer</i>                                       |
| <b>Session 4: Bench-to-bedside-to-business</b>         |                                                                                                                                              | <i>Auditorium</i>                                  |
|                                                        | Chairpersons:                                                                                                                                |                                                    |
| 13:00 – 13:20                                          | Trained immunity in diabetes<br><a href="#">Robin Choudhury</a> ( <i>University of Oxford</i> )                                              |                                                    |
| 13:20 – 13:40                                          | Trained immunity to treat cardiovascular disease<br><a href="#">Willem Mulder</a> ( <i>Eindhoven University of Technology</i> )              |                                                    |
| 13:40 – 14:00                                          | Use of imaging in cardiovascular drug development<br><a href="#">Alastair Moss</a> ( <i>AstraZeneca</i> )                                    |                                                    |
| 14:20 – 14:40                                          | Imaging inflammation to guide cardiovascular risk prevention<br><a href="#">Keith Channon</a> ( <i>University of Oxford</i> )                |                                                    |
| 14:40 – 15:00                                          | Panel discussion                                                                                                                             |                                                    |
| 15:00                                                  | Concluding remarks from the BAS Chair<br><a href="#">Prof Tomasz Guzik</a>                                                                   |                                                    |
| 15:05                                                  | Meeting close                                                                                                                                |                                                    |
| 15:15 – 17:00                                          | BAS Committee meeting                                                                                                                        | <i>Hinton</i>                                      |