



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)

Organised by: [Prof Meritxell Nus](#), [Dr Jason Tarkin](#)

Day one | Thursday 10 September

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	Introduction and Welcome Prof Tomasz Guzik (Chairman, BAS)	<i>Auditorium</i>
SESSION 1: Cardio-rheumatology: effect of systemic inflammation		<i>Auditorium</i>
	Co-chairs:	
10:10 - 10:30	Age-associated immunity in atherosclerosis Dr Amanda Foks (<i>Leiden University</i>)	
10:30 - 10:50	Antibodies against lipids in people with immune-mediated inflammatory diseases and atherosclerosis in population and experimental studies Prof Johan Frostegård (<i>Karolinska Institute</i>)	
10:50 - 11:10	Can we re-purpose rheumatological drug targets for cardiovascular risk reduction? Prof Maya Buch (<i>Manchester University</i>)	
11:10 - 11:30	Panel discussion	
11:30 - 12:00	Refreshments Exhibition Networking	<i>Foyer</i>
Early Career Investigator Awards		<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	
	12:40 - 12:45	Discussion
	12:45 - 12:55	

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	13:00 – 13:10		
	13:10 – 13:15	Discussion	
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch Exhibition Networking		Foyer
SESSION 2: Cardiovascular-oncology: effect of cancer therapies			Auditorium
	Co-chairs:		
14:00 – 14:20	Immune crosstalk between cancer and atherosclerosis Prof Audrey Gérard (Oxford University)		
14:20 – 14:40	Effects of immune checkpoint inhibitors in human atherosclerosis Prof Esther Lutgens (Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA)		
14:40 – 15:00	Management of cardiovascular toxicity of cancer therapies Prof Ninian Lang (University of Glasgow, Scotland UK)		
15:00 – 15:20	Panel discussion		
15:20 – 15:50	Refreshments Exhibition Networking		Foyer
Hugh Sinclair lecture			Auditorium
	Chair: Prof Tomasz Guzik (Glasgow, UK)		
15:50 – 16:40	Leukocytes in cardiovascular health Prof Matthias Nahrendorf (Professor Radiology, Harvard University, USA)		
16:40 - 17:40	Poster Session		Studio
	Confirmed judges:		
17:40 – 19:00			Auditorium
	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. Organisers: BAS YSC Lia Pinto , Elisa Dureggoti, Emily Horner Chairs: TBC Format: A moderated panel discussion with questions from the audience.		
19:00 – 19:30	Pre dinner drinks		
19:30 - Late	Dinner (invited guests and ticker holders)		Dining Hall
	Presentation of early career and poster prizes Presentation of Lennard Award		

Day two | Friday 11 September

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	BAS Annual General Meeting Chair: Prof Tomasz Guzik <i>Auditorium</i>	Informal poster networking <i>Studio</i>
09:45 – 10:15	Refreshments Exhibition Networking	<i>Foyer</i>
SESSION 3: Cardio-metabolism: effect of obesity		<i>Auditorium</i>
	Chairpersons:	
10:15 – 10:35	Atherosclerosis and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease Prof Toni Vidal-Puig (<i>University of Cambridge</i>)	
10:35 – 10:55	A mechanistic framework for cardiometabolic and coronary artery diseases Prof Johan Björkegren (<i>Karolinska Institute</i>)	
10:55 - 11:15	GLP1 agonists and reduction of cardiovascular risk Prof Lotte Bjerre Knudsen (<i>Novo Nordisk, Denmark</i>)	
11:15 – 11:35	Molecular determinants of obesity-related cardiometabolic disease and atherosclerosis Dr Costas Christodoulides (<i>University of Oxford</i>)	
11:35 – 11:55	Panel discussion	
11:55 – 13:00	Lunch Exhibition Networking	<i>Foyer</i>
Session 4: Bench-to-bedside-to-business		<i>Auditorium</i>
	Chairpersons:	
13:00 – 13:20	Trained immunity in cardiovascular disease Prof Robin Choudhury (<i>University of Oxford, UK</i>)	
13:20 – 13:40	Trained immunity to treat cardiovascular disease Prof Willem Mulder (<i>Eindhoven University of Technology</i>)	
13:40 – 14:00	Use of imaging in cardiovascular drug development Dr Alastair Moss (<i>AstraZeneca</i>)	
14:20 – 14:40	Imaging inflammation to guide cardiovascular risk prevention Prof Keith Channon (<i>University of Oxford</i>)	
14:40 – 15:00	Panel discussion	
15:00	Concluding remarks from the BAS Chair Prof Tomasz Guzik	
15:05	Meeting close	
15:15 – 17:00	BAS Committee meeting	<i>Hinton</i>