



6th SEPTEMBER 2021

12:30-12:45 - Registration

12.45-1.00 **OPENING** - Welcome and Introduction to the platform

1.00-2.30 RARE DISEASES OF CONNECTIVE TISSUES

1.00-1.35 Inês Alves (ANDU, Portugal) – *The matrix for research collaborations - The patient expertise in rare disease*

1.35-2.05 Selected short talks

2.05-2.40 Matt Warman (Harvard University, USA) – TBA

2.40-4.00 **TEA AND COFFEE** Posters + AGM

4.00-5.30 RARE DISEASES OF CONNECTIVE TISSUES II

4.00-4.35 Brendan Lee (Baylor College of Medicine, USA) – *Insights into matrix alterations in tendon homeostasis and repair by studying Osteogenesis Imperfecta*

4.35-5.05 Selected short talks

5.05-5.40 Francesco Ramirez (Mount Sinai, USA) – *Why Marfan syndrome's patients are disproportionately taller?*

6.00-7.00 **ONLINE SOCIAL**

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9.30-10.30 HOT TOPICS

9:35-10.30 Selected short talks

10:30-11.00 TEA AND COFFEE (Posters)

11.00-1.00 RARE DISEASE MECHANISMS

11:00-11.35 Su Lwin (King's College London, UK) – *Emerging therapies for epidermolysis bullosa*

11:35-12.05 Selected short talks

12.05-12:40 Alison Gartland (Sheffield University, UK) – *Primary Bone Cancer from Dinosaurs to Dogs*

12.40 –1.30 Lunch break

1.30-2.15 BSMB EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER AWARD

2.15-3.45 DRUG REPURPOSING AND PATIENT PERSPECTIVE

2:15-2.50 Rachel Lennon (Manchester University, UK) – *Kidneys, basement membranes and Alport syndrome*

2:50-3.20 Selected short talks

3.20-3.55 James Gallagher (University of Liverpool, UK) - *What we learned about the ECM whilst developing a therapy for the rare genetic disease AKU*

4.00-4.15 PRESENTATION OF PRIZES & CLOSE OF MEETING