

Dear Colleague,

I would like to offer you a warm welcome to Molecular Neurodegeneratio and Therapeutic Approaches. I hope you will find the training sessions and talks interesting and stimulating, and find opportunities to network with other course participants, speakers and the programme committee. We hope you make connections that may lead to new and exciting collaborations throughout your time here with us.

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Finally, I hope you enjoy the course

Best wishes.

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