

# **Eighteenth Eilat Conference on New Antiepileptic Drugs and Devices (Eilat XVIII)**

**May 3-6, 2026**

**MADRID, SPAIN**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**

**15:00** *Welcome Coffee & Registration*

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**15:30 – 16:55** **SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY THE DRAVET SYNDROME FOUNDATION OF SPAIN (SESSION I)**

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Chairs: **Jose Ángel Aibar, Madrid, Spain**  
**Emilio Perucca, Melbourne, Australia**

**15.30** **OPENING STATEMENTS**

**15.40** THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF COMORBIDITIES IN DRAVET SYNDROME  
**Moran Rubinstein, Tel-Aviv, Israel**

**16.05** UNDERSTANDING DISEASE MODIFICATION AND SYMPTOMATIC TREATMENTS FOR DRAVET SYNDROME  
**Simona Giorgi, Elche, Spain**

**16.30** DRAVET SYNDROME: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM NATURAL HISTORY STUDIES  
**Nicola Specchio, Bambino Gesù, Children Hospital, IRCCS, Italy**

**16:55** *Coffee Break*

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**17:15 – 18:30** **SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY THE DRAVET SYNDROME FOUNDATION OF SPAIN (SESSION II)**

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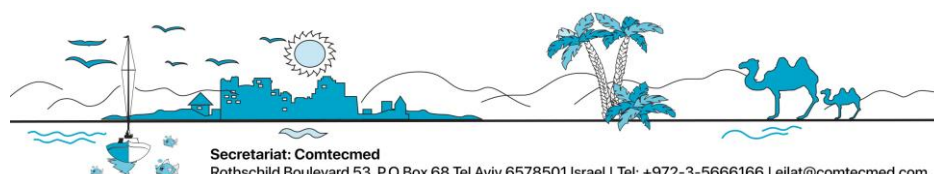
Chairs: **Jose Ángel Aibar, Madrid, Spain**  
**Torbjörn Tomson, Stockholm, Sweden**

**17.15** OUTCOME MEASURES: "SEIZURES AND NON-SEIZURES" IN CLINICAL TRIALS OF TREATMENTS FOR DEEs  
**Elaine Wirrell, Rochester, USA**

**17.40** THE IMPORTANCE OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY MANAGEMENT IN DEEs  
**Stéphane Auvin, Paris, France**

**18.05** PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTHCARE: THE POWER OF PATIENT ADVOCACY  
**José Ángel Aibar, Madrid, Spain**

**18.30** **CLOSING REMARKS**



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MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

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08:15 – 08:30      **OPENING SESSION**  
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REMARKS AND GREETINGS

*Emilio Perucca, Organizing Committee and ILAE Past-President, Melbourne, Australia*

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08:30 – 10:30    **Session 1: PRECLINICAL MODELS OF DEVELOPMENTAL AND EPILEPTIC ENCEPHALOPATHIES (DEEs): FROM SYMPTOMATIC TREATMENT TO DISEASE-MODIFYING AND PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES**

Chairs:      **Heidrun Potschka, Munich, Germany**  
                 **Gabriele Lignani, London, UK**

08:30            FACE AND PREDICTIVE VALIDITY OF DEE MODELS: BASIS FOR ROBUST ASSESSMENT    OF ANTISEIZURE EFFECTS  
**Heidrun Potschka, Munich, Germany**

08:50            Discussion

09:00            IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT SEIZURES: ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS ON NON-SEIZURE SYMPTOMS IN DEE MODELS  
**Moran Rubinstein, Tel-Aviv, Israel**

09:20            Discussion

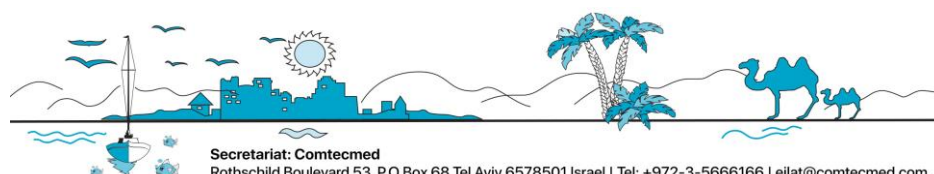
09:30            PRECISION MEDICINE APPROACHES FOR DEEs: TESTING STRATEGIES CONSIDERING SPECIES DIFFERENCES AND THE INFLUENCE OF GENETIC VARIANTS  
**Jack M. Parent, Ann Arbor, USA**

09:50            Discussion

10:00            THE EARLIER – THE BETTER? - ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE DISEASE-MODIFYING AND PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES IN DEE MODELS  
**Gabriele Lignani, London, UK**

10:20            Discussion

10:30            *Coffee Break*



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### 11:00 – 13:00 Session 2: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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Chairs: **Emilio Perucca**, Melbourne, Australia  
**H. Steve White**, Seattle, USA

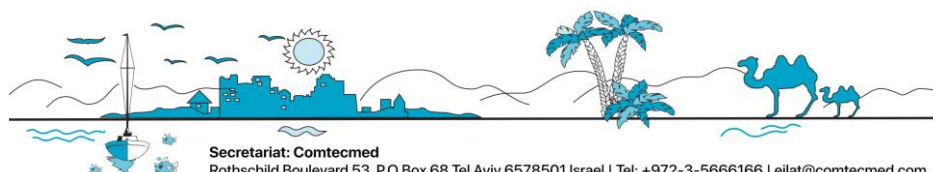
- 11:00 AUT00206  
**Charles Large**, Autifony Therapeutics, UK
- 11:20 Discussion
- 11:30 BEXICASERIN (LP352)  
**Tolga Uz**, Lundbeck Pharmaceuticals, Denmark
- 11:50 Discussion
- 12:00 PTI 5803  
**Pantherapi**, France  
Presented by **Gill Huberfeld**, Hôpital Fondation Adolphe de Rothschild, France
- 12:20 Discussion
- 12:30 RELUTRIGINE  
**Praxis Precision Medicines**, USA  
TBA
- 12:50 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch Break
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### 14:15 – 16:15 Session 3: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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Chairs: **Piero Perucca**, Melbourne, Australia  
**Elaine Wirrell**, Rochester, USA

- 14:15 BMB-101  
**Stephen Collins**, Bright Minds Biosciences, USA
- 14:35 Discussion
- 14:45 Elsunersen  
**Lyndsey Anderson**, Praxis Precision Medicines, USA
- 15:05 Discussion



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- 15:15 EPX -100  
**Amit Ray**, *Harmony Biosciences, USA*
- 15:35 Discussion
- 15:45 ES-481  
**ES-Therapeutics, USA**  
Presented by **Terence O'Brien**, *Monash University, Australia*
- 16:05 Discussion
- 16:15 Coffee Break

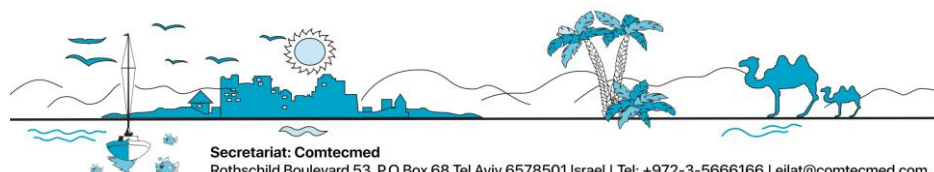
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## 16:45 – 18:45 Session 4: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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Chairs: **Cecilie Johannessen Landmark**, *Sandvika, Norway*  
**Mathias Koepp**, *London, UK*

- 16:45 ETX101  
**Joseph Sullivan**, *Encoded Therapeutics, USA*
- 17:05 Discussion
- 17:15 ION283 ASO  
**Souad Messahel**, *Elpida Therapeutics, USA*
- 17:35 Discussion
- 17:45 MSCA-7136  
**Brad Galer**, *Mosaica Medicines, USA*
- 18:05 Discussion



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### **08:15 – 10:15      Session 5: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT**

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Chairs:    **Torbjörn Tomson, Stockholm, Sweden**  
              **H. Steve White, Seattle, USA**

- 08:15      NRTX-1001  
              **Eduardo Dunayevich, Neurona Therapeutics, USA**
- 08:35      Discussion
- 08:45      Opakalim (BHV-7000)  
              **Vivian Suarez, Biohaven Pharmaceuticals, USA**
- 09:05      Discussion
- 09:15      OV329  
              **Julia Tsai, Ovid Therapeutics, USA**
- 09:35      Discussion
- 09:45      PreVep-006 (SELETRACETAM)  
              **PreVep, USA**  
              Presented by **Wolfgang Löscher, Hannover Medical School, Germany and PreVep, USA**
- 10:05      Discussion
- 10:15      *Coffee Break*

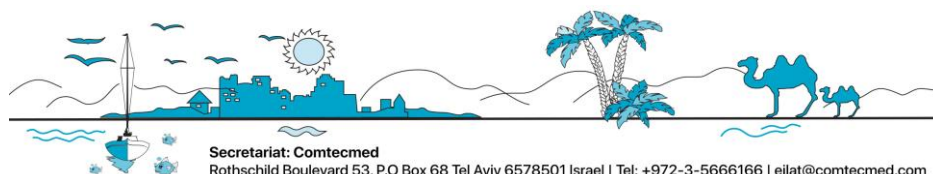
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### **10:45- 12:15      Session 6: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT**

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Chairs:    **Heidrun Potschka, Munich, Germany**  
              **Elaine Wirrell, Rochester, USA**

- 10:45      RADIPRODIL  
              **Russell L. Chin, GRIN Therapeutics, USA**
- 11:05      Discussion
- 11:15      RAP 219  
              **Willam Motley, Rapport Therapeutics, USA**



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11:35 Discussion

11:45 SIMUFILAM  
**Joseph Hulihan, Filana Therapeutics, USA**

12:05 Discussion

12:15 Lunch Break

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## 13:30 - 15:30 Session 7: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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Chairs: **Cecilie Johannessen Landmark, Sandvika, Norway**  
**J. Helen Cross, London, UK**

13:30 SN-2000  
**Deborah M Kurrasch, Stream Neuroscience Inc, Canada**

13:50 Discussion

14:00 SODIUM SELENATE  
**Terence O'Brien, Monash University, Australia**

14:20 Discussion

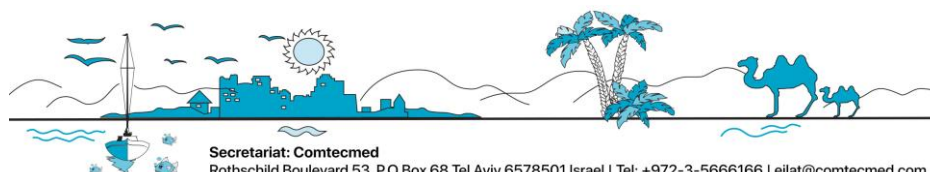
14:30 SVG103  
**Sovargen Co, Republic of Korea**  
Presented by **Jeong-Ho Lee, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)**  
and **Sovargen Co, Republic of Korea**

14:50 Discussion

15:00 CENOBAMATE  
**John Paul Leach, Angelini Pharma Group, Italy**

15:20 Discussion

15:30 *Coffee Break*



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16:00 – 17:00 Session 8: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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Chairs: **Emilio Perucca**, Melbourne, Australia  
**Terence O'Brien**, Monash University, Australia

- 16:00 VORMATRIGINE (PRAX-628)  
Presented by **Raquel Miralles**, Praxis Precision Medicines, USA and  
**Angel Aledo-Serrano** Clinical Neuroscience Institute (Blua Sanitas Valdebebas Hospita), Spain
- 16:20 Discussion
- 16:30 ZOREVUNERSEN  
**Carolyn Reeve**, Biogen, USA
- 16:50 Discussion

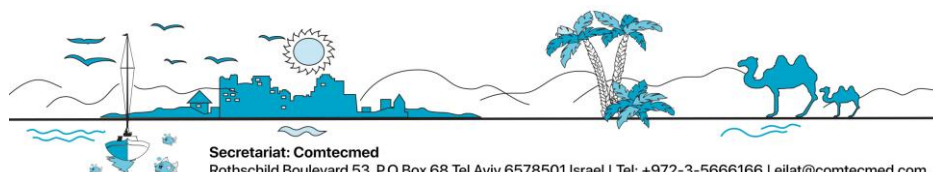
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17:00 – 18:00 Session 9: INNOVATIVE ROUTES OF RESCUE MEDICATION

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Chairs: **Piero Perucca**, Melbourne, Australia  
**Federico Vigevano**, Rome, Italy

- 17:00 DIAZEPAM NASAL SPRAY  
**Stella Ngo**, Neurelis, USA
- 17:20 Discussion
- 17:30 PRECLINICAL AND CLINICAL EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF A DISEASE MODIFYING EFFECT  
OF DIAZEPAM TREATMENT ON SEIZURE CLUSTERS  
Presented by **Steve White**, School of Pharmacy, University of Washington, USA
- 17:50 Discussion



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### 08:15 – 09:15 Session 9: INNOVATIVE ROUTES OF RESCUE MEDICATION cont.

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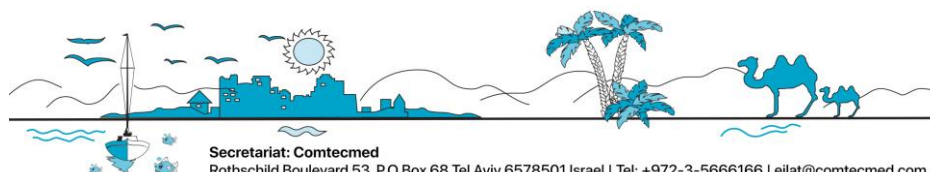
- 08:15 BUCCAL MIDAZOLAM  
**Neuraxpharm, Spain**  
Presented by **Federico Vigevano, IRCCS San Raffaele and LUMSA University, Italy**
- 08:35 Discussion
- 08:45 STACCATO ALPRAZOLAM  
**Robert Roebing, UCB Pharma, Belgium**
- 09:05 Discussion
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### 09:15-11:15 Session 10: PROGRESS REPORT ON RECENTLY MARKETED ANTISEIZURE MEDICATIONS

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Chairs: **Cecilie Johannessen Landmark, Sandvika, Norway**  
**Emilio Perucca, Melbourne, Australia**

- 09:15 BRIVARACETAM  
**Brian Moseley, UCB Pharma, Belgium**
- 09:35 Discussion
- 09:45 FENFLURAMINE  
**Brian Moseley, UCB Pharma, Belgium**
- 10:05 Discussion
- 10:15 *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 GANAXOLONE  
**Immedica Pharma, Sweden**  
Presented by **Nicola Specchio, Bambino Gesù, Children Hospital, IRCCS, Italy**
- 11:05 Discussion



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**11:15-13:15 Session 11: PROGRESS REPORT ON RECENTLY MARKETED ANTISEIZURE DEVICES**

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Chairs **Mathias Koepp, London, UK**  
**Piero Perucca, Melbourne, Australia**

- 11:15 FOCAL CORTEX STIMULATION  
**Precisis, Germany**  
Presented by **Andreas Schulze-Bonhage, University of Freiburg, Germany**
- 11:35 Discussion
- 11:45 RESPONSIVE NEUROSTIMULATION  
**Martha Morrell, Neuropace, USA**
- 12:05 Discussion
- 12:15 VAGUS NERVE STIMULATION  
**Maxine Dibué-Adjei, LivaNova, UK**
- 12:35 Discussion
- 12:45 Lunch Break
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**14:00 – 17:00 Session 12: DEVELOPING STATE-OF-THE-ART THERAPIES FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AND EPILEPTIC ENCEPHALOPATHIES (DEEs)**

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Chairs: **Emilio Perucca, Melbourne, Australia**  
**Elaine Wirrell, Rochester, USA**

- 14:00 SELECTING POPULATIONS FOR TRIALS OF ANTISEIZURE MEDICATIONS (ASMs) FOR DEEs – SHOULD WE LUMP OR SPLIT?  
**Elaine Wirrell, Rochester, USA**
- 14:20 Discussion
- 14:30 MEASURING NONSEIZURE OUTCOMES IN CLINICAL TRIALS IN DEEs  
**J. Helen Cross, London, UK**
- 14:50 Discussion
- 15:00 WHAT IS MEANT BY “DISEASE MODIFYING” AND HOW DO WE PROVE THAT?  
**Stephane Auvin, Paris, France**
- 15:20 Discussion

