

16th SPAGN Annual Conference

May 1-3, 2026, Stockholm, Sweden

Karolinska University Hospital, Sune Bergström Aula
& Elite Hotel Carolina Tower



PROGRAM

DAY 1 – FRIDAY May 1, 2026	
11:00	Opening of the Registration Desk
11:30	Lunch
12:30 OFFICIAL START OF THE CONFERENCE (Sune Bergström Aula)	
12:30 (30)	Welcome to Stockholm, welcome to Sweden! <i>SPAGN, Sarkomföreningen, Karolinska Comprehensive Cancer Center</i>
PROGRESS THAT MATTERS: INNOVATIONS IN SARCOMAS	
13:00 (40)	Sarcoma treatment in motion: New therapies, trials, and approvals <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
13:40 (30)	When no treatment options exist: How patients and experts can drive change together <i>Speaker: Robin Jones, UK</i>
14:10 (20)	Q&A
14:30 – 15:00 COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING (30 min)	
15:00 (60)	From sequencing to personalized therapy: Understanding genetic/genomic data and implications for sarcoma treatment <i>Whole Genome Sequencing, Next Generation Sequencing, and beyond</i> <i>A Panel Discussion</i> Setting the stage – what we need to know (10 mins) <i>Felix Haglund, SWE</i> <i>Panelists: Roger Wilson, UK; Felix Haglund, SWE; Bernd Kasper, GER</i> <i>Moderator: Magnus Carlsson</i>
16:00 – 16:15 SHORT BREAK (15 min)	

CELEBRATING AND HONORING ACHIEVEMENTS	
16:15 (15)	Lifetime Achievement Awards 2026
16:30 (75)	Sharing Best Practices & Advocacy in Action Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations Advocacy in Action Award Winners/Submissions 2026 - 10 years of listening, learning, and impact: The Sarcoma UK Helpline <i>Speaker: Carly McDonald, UK</i>
17:45	Change of Location
18:00	SPAGN Board of Directors: Speed-Dating (Lobby, Carolina Tower Hotel)
18:30	MIX AND MINGLE: INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER (Lobby, Carolina Tower Hotel)

DAY 2 – SATURDAY May 2, 2026	
08:30	OFFICIAL START OF THE CONFERENCE (Sune Bergström Aula)
8:30 (5)	Welcome to the day <i>Kai Pilgermann</i>
8:35 (70)	SPAGN Annual General Meeting (AGM) This session has an official invitation / agenda – important topics are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Board of Directors (2025) • Financial Report (2025) • Review 2025 & Outlook 2026 • SPAGN Strategy 2031 • Elections • Applications/requests <i>SPAGN Board</i>
9:45 – 10:15	COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING (30 min)
EMPOWERING THROUGH PATIENT INSIGHT	
10:15 (75)	The power of the patient’s contribution to research: Why we can’t advance treatments without it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Reported Outcomes and Quality of Life <i>Speaker: TBD</i> • Critical value of research biospecimens <i>Speakers/Discussants: TBD</i> Discussion (20 min)
11:30	Group Photo
11:40	Change of Location to Carolina Tower Hotel
11:45 – 13:00	LUNCH and NETWORKING (75 min)
BREAKOUT SESSIONS	

SARCOMA SUBTYPE GROUPS: RESEARCH, LATEST DEVELOPMENTS & MORE				
	Full program for tracks – please see below			
13:00 (120)	Soft Tissue Sarcomas (Room Röntgen)	GIST (Room Fleming)	Bone Sarcomas (Room Pavlov)	Desmoid (Room Pasteur)
15:00 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK (30 min)				
15:30 (45)	<i>Working Group & Discussion Session:</i> For Beginners: From Experience to Impact: First Steps in Research Advocacy <i>Chairs/Speakers: Markus Wartenberg, GER & Andy Westwood, UK</i>		<i>Working Group & Discussion Session:</i> Advanced Research Advocacy: Influencing Design, Decisions & Direction <i>Chairs/Speakers: Roger Wilson, UK & Bernd Kasper, GER</i>	
16:15 – 16:30 SHORT BREAK (15 min)				
IMPACT SESSIONS: BUILDING STRONGER SARCOMA COMMUNITIES				
16:30 (105)	Market Place Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table 1 –What makes a great patient advocate? • Table 2 - Collaboration with pharma / commercial companies: Opportunities and pitfalls • Table 3 – Attracting young medical talent to sarcoma: What works? • Table 4 – How to work towards financial sustainability in patient organizations • Table 5 – Volunteer Engagement: Exchanging ideas, tackling challenges 			
18:15 BREAK BEFORE DINNER				
19:30 <i>Dinner at Macelleria</i>				

DAY 3 – SUNDAY May 3, 2026	
08:30 OFFICIAL START OF THE CONFERENCE (Sune Bergström Aula)	
8:30 (5)	Welcome to the day <i>Denise Reinke</i>
COLLABORATING FOR PROGRESS	
08:35 (55)	<i>Working Group & Discussion Session:</i> Understanding AYA and children – opportunities and challenges <i>Speakers: Nikolas Herold, SWE, Julie Kramer, USA, Olivia Hammar, SWE & TBD</i> Chair: Denise Reinke & TBD

<p>9:30 (60)</p>	<p>Collaborating for Impact: Building effective research partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Example 1:</i> Euro Ewing Consortium – a lighthouse example for researcher-patient collaboration <i>Speaker: Sandra Strauss</i> • <i>Example 2:</i> Clear Cell Sarcoma – a collaboration coming together <i>Speaker: Ellie & John Showler, UK & Lennie Woods, USA</i> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><i>Panelists: Sandra Strauss, UK; Ellie & John Showler, UK & Lennie Woods, USA</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Denise Reinke & Ornella Gonzato</i></p>
<p>10:30– 11:00 COFFEE BREAK (30 min)</p>	
<p>FROM CLINICAL INSIGHT TO COLLECTIVE ACTION</p>	
<p>11:00 (60)</p>	<p>In the doctor's shoes: Case discussions <i>Speaker: Peter Reichardt, GER</i></p>
<p>12:00 (20)</p>	<p>Unique Among Cancers: What Makes Sarcoma Different—and Why It Matters. Findings from a Sarcoma UK initiative <i>Speaker: Andy French, UK</i></p>
<p>12:20 (25)</p>	<p>Working Group & Discussion Session: Education & Capacity Building Needs <i>Workshop & Discussion</i></p>
<p>12:45 (15)</p>	<p>Closing Remarks – End of Meeting <i>SPAGN Board</i></p>

3-4 Parallel Tracks: Saturday, May 2

Soft Tissue Sarcoma – Agenda

Room Wilhelm Röntgen

13:00 (5)	Welcome
13:05 (40)	Advances in Soft Tissue Sarcoma: Research and Treatment Updates <i>Speakers: Andri Papakonstantinou, SWE</i>
13:45 (30)	Role of ctDNA in STS: Hope or hype? <i>Speakers: Judith Bovee, NL</i>
14:15 (25)	The LMS Consensus Roundtable: Controversies and alignments <i>Speakers: Bernd Kasper, GER</i>
14:40 (20)	Discussion

NEW HORIZONS GIST 2026

GIST – Agenda

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Room Alexander Fleming

13:00 (5)	Welcome
13:05 (10)	Building Global Advocacy Capacity for GIST: The Global Advocate Academy Course <i>Speaker: Tara Ruggiero, USA</i>
13:15 (60)	The Changing Landscape of GIST Treatment and Clinical Trials <i>Help understand the current and emerging treatment options and clinical trials in GIST, and to provide practical guidance for navigating this evolving landscape</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview• Emerging therapies and options• Deep dive second-line therapy: sunitinib, alternatives, and secondary mutations (evidence and clinical approaches) <i>Speaker: Peter Reichardt, GER</i>
14:15 (20)	Surgery of metastatic disease – a discussion <i>Concerns and issues from the patient community</i> <i>Speaker: Markus Wartenberg & Peter Reichardt</i>
14:35 (25)	Discussion

Bone Sarcoma – Agenda

Room Ivan Pavlov

13:00 (5)	Welcome
13:05 (45)	Medical Update & Research: Top 10 research projects in bone sarcoma <i>Speaker: Sandra Strauss, UK</i>
13:50 (40)	Bone surgery of the upper and lower extremities – a project proposal <i>Discussion session</i> <i>Speaker: Ornella Gonzato & TBD</i>
14:30 (20)	Recent developments in the Bone Sarcoma Community: ESI, Bone Sarcoma Platform EUROBONES and more <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
14:50 (10)	Q&A

Desmoid Track – Agenda

Saturday, May 2

Room Louis Pasteur

13:00 (5)	Welcome
13:05 (115)	Managing Challenges and Driving Change <i>From adverse event management and awareness/education to scientific update4s and real-life patient living situations</i> <i>Speakers: TBD</i>