

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

May 3-6, 2026

MADRID, SPAIN

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As of February 22, 2026

## SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

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

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

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 ADDRESSING GAPS IN GENETIC TESTING FOR DRAVET SYNDROME  
**Andreas Brunklaus**, *Glasgow, UK*

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

16:55 *Coffee Break*

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

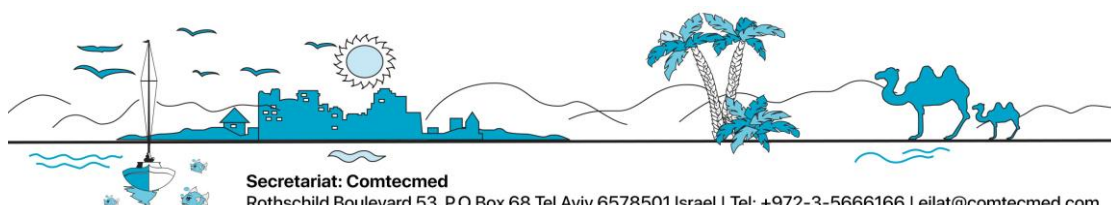
Chairs: **Jose Ángel Aibar**, *Madrid, Spain*  
**Torbjörn Tomson**, *Stockholm, Sweden*

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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### 08:15 – 08:30 OPENING SESSION

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REMARKS AND GREETINGS

**Meir Bialer**, *Organizing Committee, Jerusalem, Israel*

### GREETINGS

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

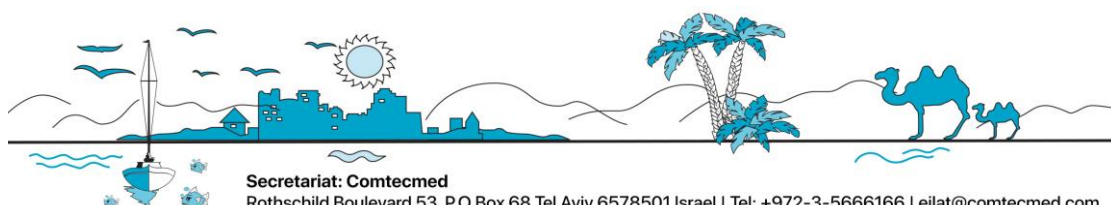
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### 08:30 – 10:30 Session 1: PRECLINICAL MODELS OF DEVELOPMENTAL AND EPILEPTIC ENCEPHALOPATHIES (DEEs): FROM SYMPTOMATIC TREATMENT TO DISEASE-MODIFYING AND PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES

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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 – 13:30 Session 2: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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Chairs: **Meir Bialer**, *Jerusalem, Israel*  
**Emilio Perucca**, *Melbourne, Australia*

- 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 BL-001  
**Louis Licamele**, *Bloom Science, USA*
- 12:20 Discussion
- 12:30 RELUTRIGINE  
**Praxis Precision Medicines, USA**  
Presented by **Antonio Gil-Nagel**, *Hospital Ruber Internacional, Spain*
- 12:50 Discussion
- 13:00 BMB-101  
**Stephen Collins**, *Bright Minds Biosciences, USA*
- 13:20 Discussion
- 13:30 Lunch Break

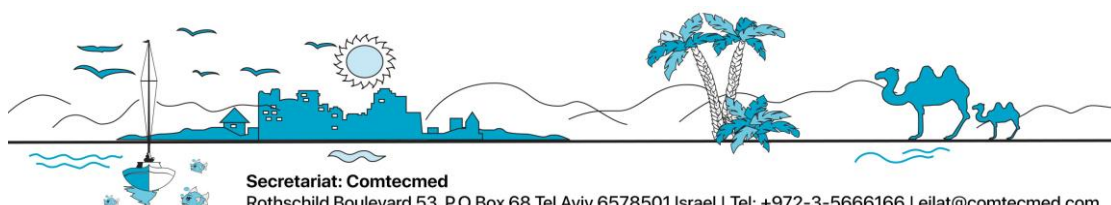
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### 14:45 – 16:15 Session 3: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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

- 14:45 Elsunersen  
**Steve Petrou**, *Praxis Precision Medicines, USA*
- 15:05 Discussion
- 15:15 EPX -100  
**Amit Ray**, *Harmony Biosciences, USA*
- 15:35 Discussion



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- 15:45 ES-481  
**ES-Therapeutics, USA**  
Presented by **Terence O'Brien**, *Monash University, Australia*
- 16:05 Discussion
- 16:15 ETX101  
**Emma James**, *Encoded Therapeutics, USA*
- 16:35 Discussion
- 16:45 Coffee Break

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## 17:15 – 18:15 Session 4: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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

- 17:15 ION283 ASO  
**Berge Minassian**, *University of Texas Southwestern, USA*
- 17:35 Discussion
- 17:45 MSCA-7136  
**Brad Galer**, *Mosaica Medicines, USA*
- 18:05 Discussion

## TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

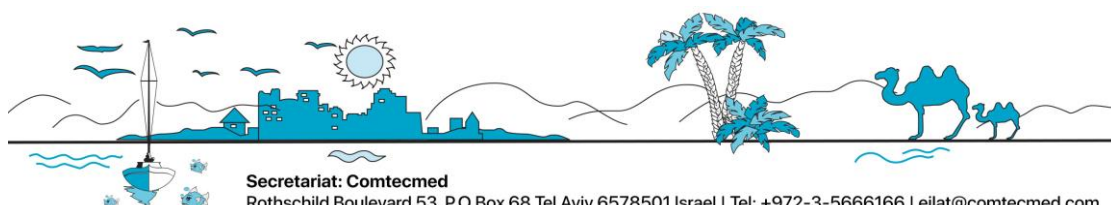
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## 08:15 – 10:15 Session 5: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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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



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09:15 OV329  
**Julia Tsai**, *Ovid Therapeutics, USA*

09:35 Discussion

09:45 *Coffee Break*

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

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Chairs: **Meir Bialer**, *Jerusalem, Israel*  
**Elaine Wirrell**, *Rochester, USA*

10:15 PrevEp-006 (SELETRACETAM)  
**PrevEp**, *USA*  
Presented by **Wolfgang Löscher**, *Hannover Medical School, Germany and PrevEp, USA*

10:35 Discussion

10:45 PTI 5803  
**Panntherapi**, *France*  
Presented by **Gill Huberfeld**, *Hôpital Fondation Adolphe de Rothschild, France*

11:05 Discussion

11:15 RADIPRODIL  
**Russell L. Chin**, *GRIN Therapeutics, USA*

11:35 Discussion

11:45 RAP 219  
**Willam Motley**, *Rapport Therapeutics, USA*

12:05 Discussion

12:15 SN-2000  
**Deborah M Kurrasch**, *Stream Neuroscience Inc, Canada*

12:35 Discussion

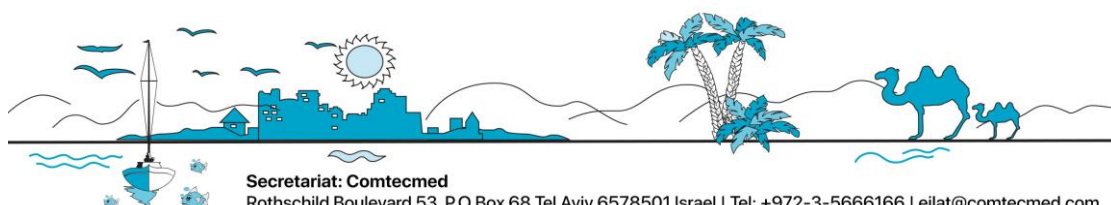
12:45 Lunch Break

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## 14:00- 16:00 Session 7: NEW THERAPEUTIC AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

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



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- 14:00 SODIUM SELENATE  
**Terence O'Brien**, Monash University, Australia
- 14:20 Discussion
- 14:30 SVG103  
**Sovargen Co**, Republic of Korea  
Presented by **Hing-Ho Lee**, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) and Sovargen Co, Republic of Korea
- 14:50 Discussion
- 15:00 SYNGAP 1 ASO (CMP-002)  
**Yuri Maricich**, CAMP4 Therapeutics, USA
- 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  
**H. Steve White**, Seattle, USA

- 16:00 VORMATRIGINE (PRAX-628)  
Presented by **Steve Petrou**, Praxis Precision Medicines, USA and  
**Angel Aledo-Serrano** Clinical Neuroscience Institute (Blua Sanitas Valdebebas Hospita), Spain
- 16:20 Discussion
- 16:30 ZOREVUNERSEN (STK-001)  
**Carolyn Reeve**, Biogen, USA
- 16:50 Discussion

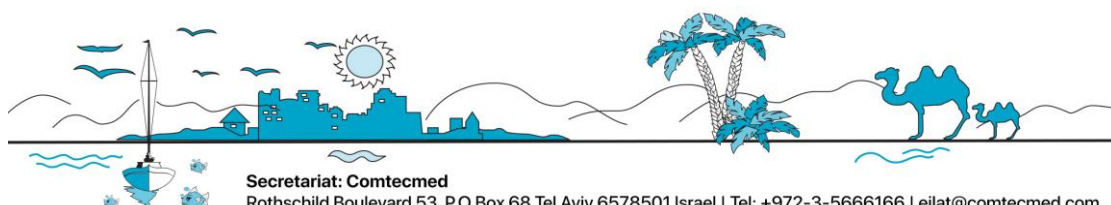
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## 17:00 – 18:00 Session 9: INNOVATIVE ROUTES OF RESCUE MEDICATION

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Chairs: **Meir Bialer**, Jerusalem, Israel  
**Torbjörn Tomson**, Stockholm, Sweden

- 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 Roebeling, UCB Pharma, Belgium**
- 09:05 Discussion

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

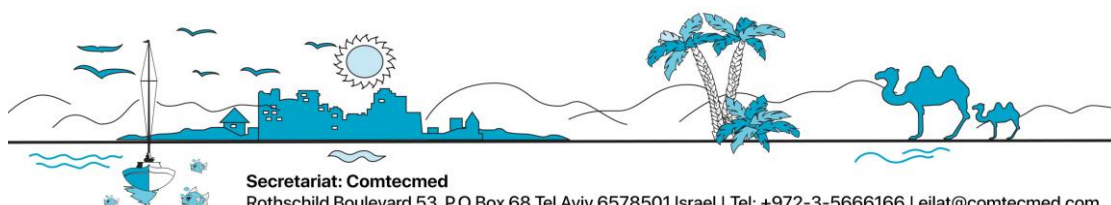
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### 11:45-13:15 Session 11: PROGRESS REPORT ON RECENTLY MARKETED ANTISEIZURE DEVICES

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

- 11:45 FOCAL CORTEX STIMULATION  
**Precisis, Germany**  
Presented by **Andreas Schulze-Bonhage, University of Freiburg, Germany**
- 12:05 Discussion



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12:15        RESPONSIVE NEUROSTIMULATION  
              **Martha Morrell, Neuropace, USA**

12:35        Discussion

12:45        VAGUS NERVE STIMULATION  
              **Maxine Dibué-Adjei, LivaNova, UK**

13:05        Discussion

13:15        Lunch Break

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## 14:30 – 17:00    Session 12: DEVELOPING STATE-OF-THE-ART THERAPIES FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AND EPILEPTIC ENCEPHALOPATHIES (DEEs)

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Chairs:        **Andreas Brunklaus, Glasgow, UK**  
                  **Elaine Wirrell, Rochester, USA**

14:30        SELECTING POPULATIONS FOR TRIALS OF ANTISEIZURE MEDICATIONS (ASMs) FOR DEEs  
              – SHOULD WE LUMP OR SPLIT?  
              **Elaine Wirrell, Rochester, USA**

14:50        Discussion

15:00        MEASURING NONSEIZURE OUTCOMES IN CLINICAL TRIALS IN DEEs  
              **J. Helen Cross, London, UK**

15:20        Discussion

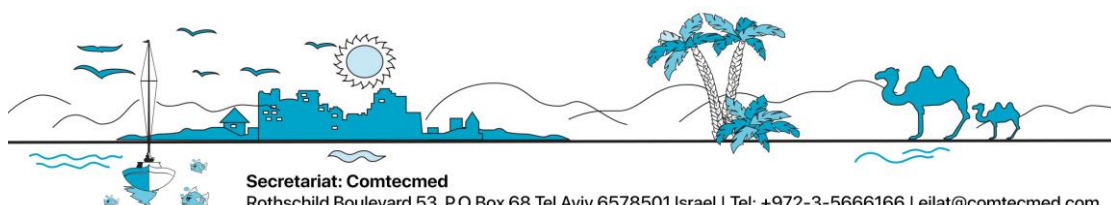
15:30        WHAT IS MEANT BY “DISEASE MODIFYING” AND HOW DO WE PROVE THAT?  
              **Stephane Auvin, Paris, France**

15:50        Discussion

16:00        METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPING GENE THERAPIES FOR DEEs  
              **Andreas Brunklaus, Glasgow, UK**

16:20        Discussion

16:30        Closing Remarks



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