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ON PALLISTER-KILLIAN SYNDROME



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FULL PROGRAMME

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FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2026 - ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

20:30-22:30	Welcome apericena Welcome evening for families, clinicians and Workshop guests. An informal opportunity to meet and reconnect. <i>UNAHOTELS Bologna San Lazzaro - Reception Hall</i>
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SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026 - SCIENTIFIC DAY

WORKSHOP OPENING

09:00-09:20	Welcome and opening remarks Samantha Carletti - President, PKS Italia Greetings from representatives of the Scientific Committee, institutions and partners
09:20-09:40	THE VOICE OF PEOPLE WITH PKS - “Living with Pallister-Killian Syndrome: giving the floor to the person” Benedetto, young man with Pallister-Killian Syndrome

SESSION I - From diagnosis to lifelong care

Chair: Prof. Guido Cocchi - Alma Mater Professor, University of Bologna; President of the Scientific Committee of PKS Italia APS

09:40-10:00	From diagnosis to care: the newborn with PKS Dr Chiara Locatelli <i>Neonatology and NICU, IRCCS Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria di Bologna - Policlinico di Sant'Orsola</i>
10:00-10:20	Continuity of care and clinical complexity in childhood Dr Giacomo Sperti <i>Neonatology, IRCCS Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria di Bologna - Policlinico di Sant'Orsola</i>
10:20-10:40	Beyond paediatric age: health needs, transition and care of adults with PKS Prof. Giuseppe Zampino <i>Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli IRCCS, Rome</i>
10:40-11:00	Coffee break

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Introduction to the Keynote Lecture: Prof. Guido Cocchi - Alma Mater Professor, University of Bologna; President of the Scientific Committee of PKS Italia APS

11:00-11:50	Pallister-Killian Syndrome: what we know and what we still need to discover Prof. Ian D. Krantz <i>Chief, Division of Medical Genetics; System Vice President Pediatric Genetics Professor of Pediatrics, Zucker School of Medicine - Hofstra University; Cohen Children's Medical Center / Northwell Health</i>
11:50-12:00	Discussion

SESSION II - Genetic research and new diagnostic perspectives

12:00-12:30	New sequencing technologies for genomic analysis and research on chromosomal abnormalities Dr Tommaso Pippucci <i>Computational Genomics, IRCCS Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria di Bologna - Policlinico di Sant'Orsola - Bologna</i>
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SESSION III - Neurological aspects, epilepsy and follow-up

Chair: Prof. Duccio Maria Cordelli - Child Neuropsychiatry, IRCCS Institute of Neurological Sciences of Bologna; University of Bologna

12:30-13:10	Neurological phenotype, epilepsy and long-term follow-up in Pallister-Killian Syndrome Dr Luca Soliani Dr Emilia Ricci <i>UOC Child Neuropsychiatry, IRCCS Institute of Neurological Sciences of Bologna</i> <i>SC Developmental Neurology - Regional Epilepsy Centre, ASST Santi Paolo e Carlo, Milan</i>
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13:10-14:20	Workshop lunch
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INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE

14:20-15:20	Building the future of PKS research Chair: Prof. Ian D. Krantz Coordination: Samantha Carletti - PKS Italia <i>Cohen Children's Medical Center / Northwell Health; Zucker School of Medicine - Hofstra University, USA</i> Towards the first International PKS Research Symposium and the International PKS Research Consortium, with representatives from PKS Kids USA, PKS UK and PKS Foundation of Australia. Objective: to initiate a shared path towards the establishment of the International PKS Research Consortium and the organisation of the first International PKS Research Symposium.
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SESSION IV - Participation, inclusion and family life

Chair: Prof. Duccio Maria Cordelli - Child Neuropsychiatry, IRCCS Institute of Neurological Sciences of Bologna; University of Bologna

15:20-15:40	School within Circles of Support - A student-centred education for pupils with special educational needs Katarzyna "Kasia" Świeczkowska <i>Co-founder and Director of PSONI Gdańsk educational services; Vice-President of the Polish Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (PSONI), Gdańsk</i>
15:40-16:00	Inclusive schooling: Manuel's journey Rita Torelli - Manuel's mother Gabriella Garoia - Headteacher, "Andrea Canevaro" Comprehensive Institute, Bertinoro Carla Pezzi - Docente di Scuola Primaria Monia Empoli - Docente di Scuola Secondaria di I grado

16:00-16:20	Coffee break
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FAMILY WELLBEING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

16:20-16:50	Gaia's Embrace. Psychological support for the family: listening, relationships and ongoing support <i>Introduction by Prof. Emilio Franzoni - Child Neuropsychiatrist</i> <i>Elisabetta Ferrè - Gaia's mother</i> Dr Simona Simone - Psychologist, FANEP - Neuropsychology and Integrated Medicine
16:50-17:20	Caring for those who care Dr Francesca Latella <i>Psychologist and psychotherapist, caregiver expert</i> Psychological and psychodynamic aspects of the family system of the person with PKS: caregivers and siblings in focus

SESSION V - Multidisciplinary care and quality of life

Chair: Prof. Guido Cocchi - Alma Mater Professor, University of Bologna; President of the Scientific Committee of PKS Italia APS

17:20-17:50	Gastroenterological and nutritional aspects and feeding management in PKS Dr Flavio Labriola <i>Departmental Programme of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Ospedale Maggiore, Bologna</i>
17:50-18:15	Oral health in Pallister-Killian Syndrome: prevention, treatment and access to care Dr Marco Montevocchi Dr Giovanni D'Alessandro <i>University of Bologna, Dental Clinic</i>
18:15-19:00	Orthopaedic involvement in Pallister-Killian Syndrome: hip and spine issues Prof. Cesare Faldini <i>Director, Orthopaedics and Traumatology Clinic I, Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli, Bologna</i>
19:00-19:05	Closing remarks Samantha Carletti and the EWPKS26 Scientific Committee

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026 - GALA DINNER

20:30-24:00	Gala Dinner - 15 years of PKS Italia APS Celebratory evening marking the 15th anniversary of PKS Italia. Dinner, music and special moments for families, friends and collaborators of the Association. <i>UNAHOTELS Bologna San Lazzaro - Banquet Hall</i>
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SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026 - FAMILY DAY

08:30-13:00	Individual medical consultations Available in parallel with the morning activities, by appointment only.
10:00-13:00	Activities, workshops and sharing groups Group activities for families, siblings and young people with PKS. A space for exchange and sharing among caregivers.
13:00-14:30	Closing lunch Lunch for all participants.
14:30-17:00	Individual medical consultations, by appointment only.
17:00	See you at the next edition! Farewell and departures.