



18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Tourette Syndrome & Tic Disorders  
17-19 June 2026 · Grand Hotel Union Eurostars, Ljubljana, Slovenia

## Oral presentations of submitted abstracts

Session I, moderated by Andreas Hartmann

Thursday, 18 June

16:45-18:00

Glass Hall

Session I

1. **a) Behavioral inflexibility and impulsivity are associated with explosive outbursts in youth with Tourette syndrome**  
b) Executive functioning and explosive outbursts among youth with Tourette syndrome  
Simon Morand-Beaulieu
2. **Sleep Patterns in Children with Tic Disorders: Distinct Profiles by Tic Subtype rather than Diagnosis Alone**  
Stella Haffner
3. **Prevalence and Phenomenology of Pain in Children and Adolescents with Tourette Syndrome: Findings from a Tertiary Tic Service**  
Tarendeep Johal
4. **Autism and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Traits as Predictors of Tic Phenomenology in Children and Adolescents.**  
Ellie Roberts
5. **Effects of wrist-administered vibrotactile stimulation on tic symptoms in young people with Tourette syndrome: a mixed-methods pilot study**  
Hannah Wright
6. **Beyond tics: The impact of explosive outbursts on family functioning in Tourette syndrome**  
Méliza Gagnon
7. **Sex differences in the expression of explosive outbursts in youth with Tourette syndrome**  
Léa Dufort & Méliza Gagnon

Friday, 19 June

11:15–12:30

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Session II

- 8. Substance misuse in adults with Tourette syndrome**  
Christelle Nilles
- 9. A neural basis for premonitory urge and tic suppression**  
Stephen Jackson
- 10. Changes in self-esteem and quality of life following CoPs or CBIT therapy in youth with tics – Do tic-specific traits influence psychosocial outcomes?**  
Julie Leclerc
- 11. When Comorbidity Matters: How Anxiety and Depression Shape Cognitive Functioning in Tourette Syndrome**  
Marc Lavoie
- 12. Bridging Diagnostic Gaps and Increasing Awareness of Emerging Therapies in Tourette Syndrome Through Web-Based CME**  
Donald Gilbert
- 13. Behavioral, Clinical, and Cognitive Predictors of Tic Suppression**  
John Piacentini
- 14. Parent-Rated Functional Impairment Over Time in Youth with Tic and Other Movement Disorders: A Preliminary Electronic Health Record Study**  
Donald Gilbert