

A photograph of a historic building in Lund, Sweden, with a magnolia tree in the foreground. The building has a prominent tower with a conical roof and a Swedish flag flying. A black lamppost with two white lamps stands in the middle ground. The sky is clear blue.

Dyspnea Society's 8th Conference

June 10 - 12, 2026, Lund

Scientific Program



Wednesday, June 10th

19:00-21:00 **Dyspnea 2026 - Welcome Reception**
Grand Hotel, Lund

Thursday, June 11th

08:15-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-09:10 **Dyspnea 2026 - Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Magnus Ekström & Andrew Binks

Theme 1 - Mechanisms of Breathlessness

09:10-09:55 **Respiratory Pathophysiology of Breathlessness**
Keynote speaker: *Dennis Jensen, McGill University, Canada*

09:55-10:10 **Discussion**

10:10-10:25 **Breathlessness Without Bias: Sex Differences Disappear when Scaled to Inspiratory Neural Drive**
Speaker: *Felix Girard, McGill University, Canada*

10:25-10:40 **Examining Whether Sex Influences Electrocortical Activity and Breathlessness Perception During Inspiratory Pressure Threshold Loading**
Speaker: *Kyra Hodges, University of Winnipeg, Canada*

10:40-11:10 **Coffee Break & Networking**

11:10-11:55 **Neuroscience of Experiences**
Keynote Speaker: *Micah Allen, Aarhus University, Denmark*

11:55-12:15 **The Neurobiological Model of Breathlessness**
Plenary speaker: *Kyle Pattinson, Oxford University, UK*

12:15-12:35 **Discussion**

12:35-12:45 **Welcome address by Region Skane representative**

12:45-13:45 **Lunch & Networking**

Thursday, June 11th

13:45-14:00

Structural MRI study of COPD participants to assess volumetric differences in subcortical regions associated with breathlessness severity
Presenter: *Max Olsson, Oxford University, UK*

Theme 2 - Measurement of Breathlessness

14:00-14:30

Do we really need more dyspnea measures? Why? When?
Keynote Speaker: *Hayley Lewthwaite, University of Newcastle, Newcastle, Australia*

14:30-14:40

Discussion

14:40-14:55

Multidimensional Dyspnea Profile and Dyspnea-12 in cardiorespiratory conditions
Presenter: *Anna Salomonsson, Örebro University, Sweden*

14:55-15:00

Conclusion of talks
Magnus Ekström

15:00-17:00

Scientific posters and snack

19:00-

Conference Dinner
[Hypoteket](#)

Friday, June 12th

09:00-09:25

Standardized Assessment of Exertional Breathlessness

Speaker: *Magnus Ekström, Lund University, Sweden*

09:25-09:30

Discussion

Theme 3 - Management of Breathlessness

09:30-10:00

L-Menthol to Alleviate Breathlessness

Keynote speaker: *Andreas von Leupoldt, University of Leuven, Belgium*

10:00-10:10

Discussion

10:10-10:30

Effect and predictors of response of morphine for chronic breathlessness in COPD: pooled analysis of three large placebo-controlled RCTs

Speaker: *David Currow, Flinders University, Australia*

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break & Networking

11:00-11:30

Breathlessness in Heart Failure - Mechanisms, Treatments and Knowledge Gaps

Keynote speaker: *Tony Babb, University of Texas, USA*

11:30-11:45

Discussion

11:45-12:00

New treatments - next targets and steps [discussion point]

12:00-13:00

Lunch

Friday, June 12th

Theme 3 - Management of Breathlessness

13:00-15:00

Scientific posters

15:00-15:20

Global burden of breathlessness

Plenary Speaker: *Slavica Kochovska, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia*

15:20-15:35

Chronic Dyspnoea Profiling: A Cluster Analysis in the population-based CONSTANCES Cohort

Speaker: *Solène Valery, Université Paris-Saclay, France*

15:35-16:05

Coffee Break

16:05-16:20

”They want to see you gasping for air”: Perceptions of Breathlessness and Health-seeking Behaviours in Culturally Diverse Communities

Speaker: *Harini Sathanapally, University of Leicester, UK*

16:20-16:40

The Dyspnea Society Business Meeting and Future Directions

Andrew Binks, President

16:40-16:55

Dyspnea 2026 Presentation and Poster Awards

The Sara Booth Breathlessness Research Prize

Andrew Binks & Magnus Ekström

16:55-17:00

Dyspnea 2026 Closing Remarks

Magnus Ekström