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2026 Annual Meeting

Program, Travel & Accommodation Guide

December 2–4, 2026 | Paris, France



Venue & Key Dates

Venue	Fondation Simone et Cino Del Duca
Address	10 Rue Alfred de Vigny, 75008 Paris, France
Nearest Metro	Courcelles — Line 2 (2-minute walk, at the corner of Rue Alfred de Vigny)
Neighbourhood	8th arrondissement, adjacent to Parc Monceau — one of Paris's most prestigious districts

Schedule at a Glance

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday, December 2	ICSGDD Annual Meeting — Fondation Del Duca	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Wednesday, December 2	Fundraising Evening — Musée Jacquemart-André	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Thursday - Friday, December 3–4	International Scientific Cotrel Days — Fondation Del Duca	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Exclusive Paris Museum Experience

Join us for a private evening at the **Musée Jacquemart-André** in support of the Yves Cotrel Foundation on **December 2, 2026, 6:00–10:00 PM**. This special event offers a unique cultural experience while supporting the Foundation's mission.

For reservations, payment inquiries, or attendance confirmation, please contact **Nora Muller-Conte** at nora.muller-conte@institutdefrance.fr.

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FUNDRAISING EVENING

IN SUPPORT OF SCOLIOSIS RESEARCH

MUSÉE JACQUEMART-ANDRÉ

THE ETERNAL TINTORETTO EXHIBITION

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2026

FROM 6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

SHARING KNOWLEDGE TO TRANSFORM LIVES

The finest discoveries only come to life when they are shared.

For more than 25 years, the Yves Cotrel Foundation – Institut de France has supported research into spinal disorders, with a particular commitment to understanding **idiopathic scoliosis and its early detection.**
Through its initiatives, researchers are accelerating scientific advances and improving patient care.

AN EXCEPTIONAL EVENING IN THE HEART OF THE MUSÉE JACQUEMART-ANDRÉ

PRIVATE VISIT TO THE MUSEUM AND TEMPORARY EXHIBITION
DINNER COCKTAIL RECEPTION IN THE MUSEUM'S RECEPTION ROOMS

CHOOSE YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT

FRIEND	COUPLE	BENEFACTOR (10 guests)	MAJOR PATRON (10 guests) + ENHANCED VISIBILITY
US$210	US$395	US$2,900	US$5,800
1 guest	2 guests		

Each contribution qualifies for a tax receipt.

INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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Detail from "The Golden Staircase"
c. 1545–1550 – Jacopo Tintoretto

Scientific Program — Wednesday, December 2

Talk lengths are shown as [presentation + discussion] in minutes.

TIME	EVENT
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Brasserie Vigny for Coffee
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Check in
8:45 – 9:00AM	**Opening Remarks —** Ryan Gray, The University of Texas at Austin, USA
9:00 – 9:40 AM	**Keynote Address — Claire Wyart (INSERM)**
9:40 – 9:50 AM	*Discussion*
9:50 – 10:05 AM [10+5]	**Di Liu** (PUMC) — Patient-Derived iPSCs Reveal Disrupted Mucin-Type O-Glycan Biosynthesis in *TBX6*-Associated Congenital Scoliosis
10:05 – 10:20 AM [10+5]	**Fuhua Wang** (CUHK) — Disruption of the Nigrostriatal Circuit Contributes to Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis
10:20 – 10:45 AM	*Coffee Break*
SESSION I — Clinical Therapeutics of Scoliosis *Moderator: Florina Moldovan, CHU Sainte-Justine Research Center, Canada*	
10:45 – 11:25 AM	**Keynote Address — René Castelein (UMC Utrecht)**
11:25 – 11:40 AM [10+5]	**Michelle Cameron Welborn** (Shriners Children's Portland) — A Machine-Learning Approach for Personalized Prediction of Time to Growth Cessation in Adolescents with Idiopathic Scoliosis
11:40 – 11:55 AM [10+5]	**Invited Speaker - Tanja Frey** (UZH) — Rare *LRRFIP1* Variants Contribute to the Pathophysiology of Severe Early-Onset Scoliosis and Common Scoliotic Phenotypes
11:55 AM – 12:15 PM	Patient Advocate Discussion
12:15 – 1:30 PM	*Lunch — on your own, or working lunch with poster presentations*
SESSION II — Translational Studies of Scoliosis *Moderator: Bo Gao, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China*	
1:30 – 1:55 PM [20+5]	**Invited Speaker - Ryan Gray** (UT Austin) — Genetic Interaction Between *Adgrg6* and *Sox9* Reveals a Feedforward Mechanism for Postnatal Spinal Stability
1:55 – 2:10 PM [10+5]	**Kexin Xu** (PUMC) — Molecular Diagnosis in Vertebral Dysplasia Reveals Underrecognized Metabolic Disorders and Opportunities for Disease-Specific Therapy
2:10 – 2:25 PM [10+5]	**Feng B. Quan** (ICM) — Natriuretic Peptide C Receptor 3 Contributes to Axial Morphogenesis in Vertebrate Species
2:25 – 2:40 PM [10+5]	**Lina Zhao** (PUMC) — Deciphering the Regulatory Network Underlying Congenital Vertebral Malformation via Single-Cell Spatiotemporal Multi-Omics
2:40 – 2:55 PM [10+5]	**Clothilde Colart** (ICM) — How Neuronal and Non-Neuronal Cells Integrate Mechanical and Chemical Signals at the CSF Interface During Spinal Cord Development
2:55 – 3:20 PM [20+5]	**Invited Speaker - Nan Wu** (PUMC) — Integrating Genetic Testing into Clinical Practice: From Molecular Mechanisms to Clinical Decision-Making in Scoliosis Treatment
3:20 – 3:45 PM	*Coffee Break*

TIME	EVENT
SESSION III — Genomic Approaches to Musculoskeletal and Spine Biology *Moderator: Ryan Gray, The University of Texas at Austin, USA*	
3:45 – 4:10 PM [20+5]	**Invited Speaker - Nadja Makki** (University of Florida) — Massively Parallel Reporter Assay for Non-Coding Regulatory Variant Discovery in AIS
4:10 – 4:25 PM [10+5]	**Tian Cheng** (Uppsala University) — Genome-Wide Association Study of Idiopathic Scoliosis in a Scandinavian Population
4:25 – 4:40 PM [10+5]	**Lee Wayne Yuk-wai** (CUHK) — Integrated Spatial Omics Uncovers Molecular Drivers of Muscle Fiber Transition: A New Player in Curve Progression in AIS
4:40 – 4:55 PM [10+5]	**Open**
4:55 – 5:00 PM	**Closing Remarks**
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Annual Business Meeting & Awards
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Travel to Musée Jacquemart-André on your own.
6:00 – 10:00 PM	**Cotrel Fundraising Event at** Musée Jacquemart-André

Recommended Hotels

All hotels are in or near the 8th arrondissement within walking distance of the venue. Prices are estimates for December 1–4, 2026 and subject to availability — **book early**, as Paris fills quickly in early December.

Hotel	Address	Distance to Venue	Est. Cost
Hôtel Élysées Flaubert	19 Rue Rennequin, 75017 Paris	0.6 mi (12–15 min walk)	$672 USD
Hôtel de Neuville Arc de Triomphe	3 Rue Verniquet, 75017 Paris	0.8–1.0 mi (15–20 min walk)	$886 USD
Hôtel Korner Étoile	133 Avenue de Villiers, 75017 Paris	1.1 mi (20–25 min walk)	$571 USD
Korner Opéra	154 Rue Montmartre, 75002 Paris	1.5 mi (30–35 min walk)	$630 USD
Korner Louvre	154 Rue Saint-Honoré, 75001 Paris	2.0 mi (40–45 min walk)	$824 USD

Getting to Paris

From Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) — Primary International Airport

Charles de Gaulle is Paris's main international hub and the recommended arrival airport. The venue, in the 8th arrondissement, is served directly by Metro Line 2.

Option	Journey Time	Est. Cost	Notes
RER B Train	~50 min	~€12	CDG Terminal → Châtelet–Les Halles → Metro Line 2 → Courcelles. Most economical option.
RoissyBus	~75 min	~€17	CDG → Opéra, then Metro Line 2 to Courcelles. Easy with heavy luggage.
Taxi (fixed rate)	~45–60 min	~€55–65	Fixed Paris airport fares apply. Use a metered taxi from the official rank.
Private transfer	~45–60 min	~€140+	Pre-booked car service (e.g., MyDriverParis). Recommended for groups of 3–4 or early arrivals.

December travel tip: Paris traffic can be heavy in early December. Allow extra time for road transfers, especially for morning arrivals on December 2. The RER B train is the most reliable option for timekeeping.

From Orly Airport (ORY) — Domestic & Short-Haul European Flights

Take the Orlyval shuttle → RER B (at Antony) → Châtelet–Les Halles → Metro Line 2 → Courcelles. Journey time is approximately 60 minutes; a taxi costs approximately €35–55.

By Eurostar / Rail (London or Brussels)

Eurostar arrives at Gare du Nord: take Metro Line 4 to Barbès–Rochechouart, then Line 2 to Courcelles (~30 min total). Thalys/TGV arrivals at Gare du Nord, Gare de Lyon, or Gare de l'Est all connect to Line 2 via central Paris stations.

Local Transportation in Paris

Metro Stations Near the Venue

Station	Line(s)	Notes
Courcelles	Line 2	2-min walk — at the corner of Rue Alfred de Vigny. Closest station to the venue.
Villiers	Lines 2 & 3	~10-min walk. Connects to Saint-Lazare (Eurostar, mainline trains).
Monceau	Line 2	~8-min walk, along Boulevard de Courcelles.
Charles de Gaulle–Étoile	Lines 1, 2, 6 / RER A	~15-min walk. Major hub for onward connections across Paris.

Metro Routes from Selected Hotels

Holiday Inn Paris – Palais de l'Élysée (nearest: Miromesnil, Lines 9 & 13 — 50 m from hotel): Walking directly to the venue (~16 min) is the most practical option, as neither line connects directly to Courcelles. Metro alternative: walk ~10 min to Villiers → Line 2 east (1 stop) → Courcelles → 2-min walk. Taxi ~5 min, approximately €10–15.

Warwick Paris (nearest: George V, Line 1 — 3-min walk): Take Line 1 one stop west to Charles de Gaulle–Étoile → Line 2 (direction Nation) → Courcelles (2 stops) → 2-min walk. Approximately 12–15 min total; walking directly (~13 min) through the 8th arrondissement is also a pleasant option.

Tickets & Passes

Ticket	Price	Notes
Single journey (Ticket t+)	€2.15	Valid on Metro, RER within Paris, and buses.
Carnet (10 tickets)	~€17.35	Good value for a multi-day stay.
Paris Visite Pass	Varies	1–4 days; unlimited travel in zones 1–3, including airport connections.
Navigo Easy card	Rechargeable	Contactless card; recommended for stays over 3 days.

Dining Near the Venue

The Parc Monceau neighbourhood offers excellent dining within easy walking distance.

Restaurant	Style	Notes
Valois Paris	*French brasserie*	Elegant, generous French cuisine; excellent for group dinners near Parc Monceau.
Le Camondo	*French (lunch)*	Inside the Musée Nissim de Camondo, 61 bis Rue de Monceau; a beautiful setting for lunch.
Laïa Monceau	*Italian*	Tree-lined terrace; casual and welcoming; a few minutes from the venue.
Le Petit Monceau	*French bistro*	Charming bistro steps from Parc Monceau; simple gourmet cuisine with daily suggestions.

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Cena	*Modern French*	New restaurant in the 8th; well reviewed for contemporary cuisine.

Questions?

For questions about travel or accommodation, contact the organizing committee at ICSGDD@tsrh.org | icsgdd.org