08.30-09.00  Coffee & Registration

09.00-09.10  Welcome & introduction - Professor Irene Higginson, Head of Department and Director of the Cicely Saunders Institute, King's College London

Session 1: Commonly unmet symptoms  Chair: Dr Catherine Evans

09.10-09.40  Bridging the gap between palliative care and neurology – Dr David Oliver, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Wisdom Hospice, Rochester; Honorary Reader, University of Kent

09.40-10.10  The role of hope in MS and MND – Prof Carolyn Young, Consultant Neurologist, the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust

10.10-10.40  Non-motor symptoms in Parkinson’s Disease – Prof Ray Chaudhuri, Professor in Neurology and Movement Disorders, King’s College London

10.40-11.00  Q&A session with session 1 speakers

11.00-11.20  Refreshment Break

Session 2: Research in Palliative care and neurology  Chair: Dr Jonathan Koffman

11.20-11.40  Optimising care for people severely affected by neurological conditions: results from the OPTCARE Neuro Mapping exercise - Dr Wei Gao, Senior Lecturer in Statistics and Epidemiology, King’s College London

11.40-12.00  A national palliative care telephone hotline for MS – Prof Raymond Voltz, Director of the Centre of Palliative Care, the University Hospital of Cologne

12.00-12.20  Future priorities for research among people severely affected by neurological conditions? Soap box with views from invited participants

12.20-12.30  Q&A session with session 2 speakers

12.30-13.20  Lunch

Session 3: Town Hall debate  Chair: Prof Irene Higginson

13.20-13.50  Symptom management in patients with neurological conditions – Dr Rachel Burman, Consultant in Palliative medicine, King’s College Hospital

13.50-14.20  Pain management in patients with neurological conditions – Dr Simone Veronese, Head of Research, FARO Foundation

14.20-15.15  Management of complex ethical issues in long-term neurological conditions – Dr Rachel Burman, Consultant in Palliative medicine, King’s College Hospital, Dr Vincent Crosby, Consultant in Palliative medicine, Nottingham University Hospital, Prof Nigel Leigh, Professor of Neurology, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, Dr Eli Silber, Consultant Neurologist, King’s College Hospital, Ms Anne Martin, Parkinson’s Disease Nurse Specialist, King’s College Hospital, Prof Raymond Voltz, Director of the Centre of Palliative Care, the University Hospital of Cologne

15.15-15.20  Closing remarks

15.20-16.30  Reception – All welcome

17.00-18.30  The Cicely Saunders Annual Lecture, followed by reception