

# 2019 MEETING OF THE AUSTRALASIAN NEUROSCIENCE SOCIETY

39th Annual Scientific Meeting

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Adelaide Convention Centre, SA

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# Welcome

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Welcome to the 39th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Neuroscience Society, being held in lovely Adelaide. The large and enthusiastic local organising committee, chaired by A/Professor Michael Lardelli and supported by Professor Helen Cooper, together with the newly formed Programme Committee chaired by Professor Tony Hannan, has put together a wonderful event which I'm sure all attendees will enjoy. We are also acknowledging the excellent support we have received from our professional conference organisers, The Association Specialists.

I am particularly thrilled to welcome our Plenary speakers:

- Professor Hollis Cline, The Scripps Research Institute
- Professor Geoffrey Goodhill, Queensland Brain Institute
- Distinguished Professor Jose-Manuel Alonso, State University of New York
- Professor Selena Bartlett, Queensland University of Technology

The meeting has been strongly supported by Universities, Institutes, scientific sponsors and trade exhibitors. In addition to attending the scientific sessions, I invite all delegates to visit the displays and discuss your latest work and ideas for new experiments with scientists at the trade and exhibition booths and to learn about new developments in products and services. It is with the very generous support of our sponsors and exhibitors that the Society is able to hold a meeting of this size and quality.

On behalf of the organisers, ANS Council and Executive, I send a warm welcome to all our members and conference attendees. I am sure that you will find this meeting a worthwhile and enjoyable celebration of Australasian neuroscience, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and hearing about your research.

**Professor Cliff Abraham, FRSNZ**  
**ANS President**

*The ANS acknowledges and pays respect to the Kurna people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we have gathered on for our 39th Annual Scientific Meeting. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs.*

# Members of the Executive and Council for 2018-2019

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Neuroscience Research  
Representative

**Barbora Fulopova**  
Student Body Chair 2019

The Chair of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the 39th Annual Scientific Meeting of the ANS would like to thank the following people for their very active contributions to meeting preparation:

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**Martin Lewis**

**Ville-Petteri Makinen**

**Ian Musgrave**

**Morgan Newman**

**Mary-Louise Rogers**

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Others, local and interstate, who contributed were:

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**Nick Spencer**

**Renee Turner**

**Ann-Maree Vallenge**

The Adelaide LOC thanks Andrea Harrington and Martin Lewis for organising the oral presentation program and designing the online tools for judging the student oral presentations and posters. The Adelaide LOC also thanks the chairs of oral sessions and poster judges for their contributions and is indebted to the creativity and generosity of Joshua Ameliorate for providing the graphic design for ANS 2019. The Adelaide LOC is very grateful to Claire Smoorenberg and the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health for donating Claire Smoorenburg's time as media liaison person.



# Social Functions

## Welcome Reception

Venue: Halls M, N & O,  
Adelaide Convention Centre

Date: Monday, 2 December 2019

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: Included in Full Delegate Registration Fee

Additional Tickets: \$50.00 (Guest and one day registrations)

## GALA DINNER

Venue: Ballroom, Adelaide Convention Centre

Date: Wednesday, 4 December 2019

Time: 7:30pm - 11:30pm

Cost: \$150

Guest Tickets: \$150.00 per person

Student Tickets: \$100.00 per person

## Student & Early-Mid-Career Researcher (EMCR) Networking Event

Venue: Regattas Bar & Kitchen  
(Adelaide Convention Centre)

Date: Tuesday 3 December 2019

Time: 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Cost: Included in Registration Fee



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## AWARDS

The following Awards will be presented:

- Istvan Tork Student Oral Award - for the best oral presentation by a Student Member of the Society at the Annual Meeting.
- Sir Grafton Elliot-Smith Poster Award - for the best poster by a Student Member of the Society at the Annual Meeting.

## CONFERENCE APP

The Society is offering a free downloadable app for the Annual Scientific Meeting. To download the app please search for 'Elements Events Portal' and enter the event code 'ANS2019'.

Features of the app include:

- Conference Program including, speaker profiles and the location and time of specific sessions in the venue
- Participation in the exhibitor passport competition
- Information on all trade exhibits and contact details for all exhibitors and sponsors.
- A QR code facility: your QR code, located on your badge, can be used by exhibitors to collect your details in order to send you further information

## EXHIBITOR PASSPORT

The exhibitor passport competition will run through the conference app. Make sure you have logged in to your profile on the app – then, have your badges, scanned by sponsors and exhibitors as you visit their booths.

To successfully scan at a booth, you will need to answer their passport question relating to the company or their products. Scanning at all the booths in the exhibition and answering the questions will put you in the running to win an amazing prize awarded by ANS!

## NAME BADGES

Name tags must be worn at all times. Delegates without a name badge may be refused entry to sessions and to the trade exhibition. All badges will have a QR code which can be scanned by another delegate or exhibitor to connect them to your profile.

## PARKING

The convention centre has two undercover car parking options, North Terrace or Riverbank car parks. The Riverbank car park is accessible from Morphett Street / Festival Drive.

Both car parks are located directly under the Centre and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| 0-1 HOUR    | \$7.00  |
| 1-2 HOURS   | \$11.00 |
| 2-3 HOURS   | \$15.00 |
| 3-4 HOURS   | \$17.00 |
| EARLY BIRD* | \$16.00 |

\*Early Bird rate is available on any day for entry between 5.30am-9.30am and exit between 2.30pm-6.30pm.

An additional \$1.00 will be charged for each additional hour to a maximum of \$29.00 over a 24-hour period.



## General Information

### REGISTRATION

The registration desk is located on the ground floor of the Adelaide Convention Centre in Foyer M, accessible via the West Entrance.

The registration desk will be open at the following times:

**Monday 2 December 2019**

12:00pm - 7:30pm

**Tuesday 3 December 2019**

7:30am - 6:00pm

**Wednesday 4 December 2019**

7:30am - 5:30pm

**Thursday 5 December 2019**

8:00am - 4:30pm

### SPEAKERS' PREPARATION ROOM

The speakers' preparation room is located in room L1B. The room is staffed daily. Presenters are encouraged to hand their presentations in at least two hours before their presentation time slot, or the day before if presenting in the morning.

### TRADE EXHIBITION

The trade exhibition will be in Halls M, N & O and will be open at the following times:

**Monday 2 December 2019**

6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Tuesday 3 December 2019**

9:30am - 4:15pm

**Wednesday 4 December 2019**

9:30am - 4:15pm

**Thursday 5 December 2019**

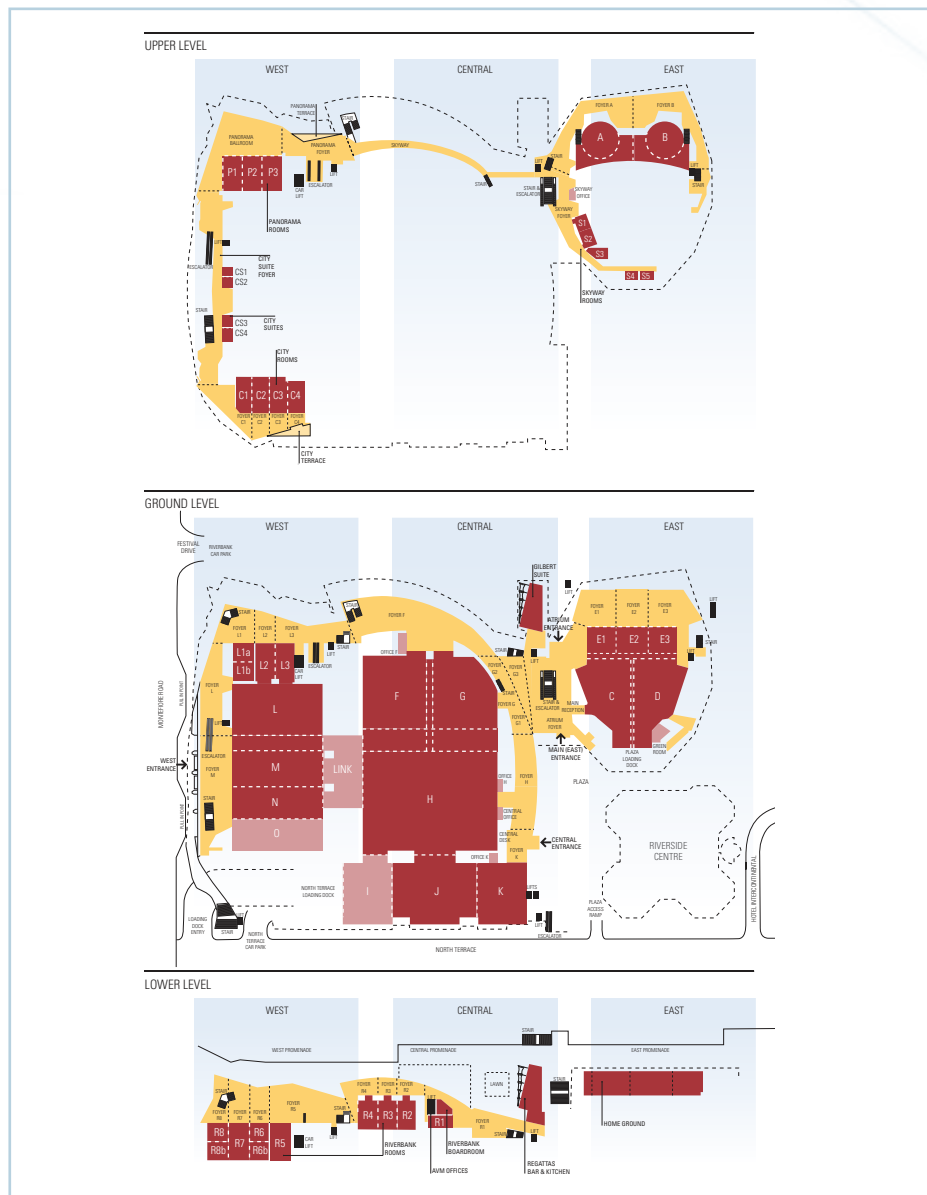
10:00am - 4:30pm

The morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea breaks are held in the trade exhibition hall. Please note that separate dietary catering tables are set up in the exhibition area for those who have submitted dietary requests.

### WIFI

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# Floorplan



# Plenary Speaker Bios

## PROFESSOR HOLLIS CLINE



Hollis Cline, PhD, is the Hahn Professor of Neuroscience and co-chair of the Department of Neuroscience at Scripps Research. Dr. Cline is a Fellow of the American

Association for the Advancement of Science and has received the prestigious NIH Director's Pioneer Award. Dr. Cline is a Past President of the Society for Neuroscience. She received her PhD from the University of California at Berkeley, followed by postdoctoral training at Yale and Stanford Universities. Her research has demonstrated the roles of a variety of activity-dependent mechanisms in controlling structural plasticity of neuronal dendrites and axons, synaptic maturation and topographic map formation. This work has helped to generate a comprehensive understanding of the role of experience in shaping brain development.

## PROFESSOR JOSE MANUEL ALONSO



Jose Manuel is a Distinguished Professor at the State University of New York, College of Optometry. He received an MD from the University of Santiago

de Compostela and a PhD from the University Autonoma of Madrid in Spain. He then won a Fulbright fellowship to work as a postdoctoral student in the laboratory of Torsten Wiesel at Rockefeller University in New York. His laboratory started at the University of Connecticut and then moved to the State University of New York. His work contributed to understanding the role of thalamocortical and cortical circuits in visual processing. He recently discovered that the visual cortex devotes more resources to process dark

than light features in visual scenes, a finding that could help explain an old visual illusion dating back to Galileo Galilei.

## PROFESSOR GEOFFREY GOODHILL



Geoff Goodhill is a Professor at the Queensland Brain Institute and School of Mathematics and Physics at the University of Queensland. Prior to that he

was a Professor of Neuroscience at Georgetown University in Washington DC. He received a BSc degree in Mathematics and Physics from Bristol University, an MSc degree in Artificial Intelligence from Edinburgh University, and a PhD in Cognitive Science from Sussex University, followed by postdoctoral work in Computational Neuroscience at Edinburgh University, Baylor College of Medicine, and the Salk Institute. Through a combination of experimental and mathematical research, he has helped uncover some of the computational principles that underlie neural development.

## PROFESSOR SELENA BARTLET



Professor Bartlett thinks there is nothing more exciting than being a neuroscientist in the 21st century. Her research laboratory is focussed on

addiction and obesity with a strong emphasis on translation into practice. Most recently the lab has shown that sugar is as addictive as alcohol and nicotine, and developed a mHealth intervention to tackle obesity by reducing sugar intake. In previous roles she was the Director of a translational research program at the Gallo Research Center at UCSF, USA before returning to

## Plenary Speaker Bios

Australia. She has received a number of awards, 90 scientific publications, and has recently written books for a lay audience, given a TEDx talk, developed smart phone apps, and founded a digital health company for addiction. Her ongoing passion is to translate neuroscience research to improve the lives of people.

### PROFESSOR PAMELA MCCOMBE



Professor McCombe is a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Queensland. She trained in Neurology at Prince Henry/Prince of Wales

Hospital in Sydney, and then obtained a PhD from the University of Sydney. This was the start of her interest in Neuroimmunology. She is now a Neurologist at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and Professor at the Faculty of Medicine at University of Queensland. She is President-Elect of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists. Her research interests are broad, and encompass autoimmune diseases of the nervous system as well as immune response to acquired diseases of the brain. She has published on experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, Guillain Barre syndrome and CIDP, stroke and motor neurone disease. She has a special interest in the role of gender and of pregnancy in neurological and immune disease.

### 2018 A.W. CAMPBELL AWARDEE A/PROFESSOR WENDY IMLACH



Wendy Imlach is an NHMRC career development fellow and head of the Pain Mechanisms lab at Monash University, in the Department of Physiology and Monash Biomedicine Discovery

Institute. Her research is focused on neural circuits in the spinal cord that are activated in chronic pain, in an effort to identify new therapeutic targets. She obtained her PhD in Pharmacology in New Zealand from the University of Otago and held postdoctoral positions at Columbia University in New York, and in Australia at the University of Queensland and University of Sydney. Wendy has a background in neuropharmacology, synaptic physiology and neural circuitry and her laboratory investigates spinal dorsal horn circuitry and nociceptive signaling.

### 2018 NINA KONDELOS AWARDEE PROFESSOR JANET KEAST



Janet is recognised internationally in the area of autonomic neuroscience, especially the neural regulation of urogenital organs and the impact of injury on these

nerves. She also undertakes studies on the neurobiology of pain, focusing on changes in spinal and sensory pathways that contribute to pelvic visceral pain and spinal cord injury pain. Janet currently leads a team supported by the NIH SPARC (Stimulating Peripheral Activity to Relieve Conditions) Program, to map the neural circuitry of the lower urinary tract in order to develop new neuromodulatory therapies.



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# GLOBAL NETWORKING EVENT

*for Brain Research in Australia and New Zealand*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019**

City Room 1, Adelaide Convention Centre, 2-4 PM

Chen Institute Welcome

Updates from:

*International Brain Initiative (IBI), Australian Brain Alliance, Brain Research New Zealand and the Canadian Brain Research Strategy*

Presentations:

*Neuroethics as an Anchor for the CBRs and IBI  
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# Program at a Glance

## MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2019

|                  |  |             |
|------------------|--|-------------|
| 12:00pm - 7:00pm | Registration Desk Open   | Foyer M     |
| 1:00pm - 4:30pm  | Imaging Workshop   | Hall A      |
| 5:00pm - 5:15pm  | IBI Networking Event   | City Room 1 |
| 5:00pm - 5:15pm  | Opening of Conference  | Hall L      |
| 5:15pm - 6:30pm  | <div>PLENARY SESSION 1: INTERNATIONAL PLENARY</div> <div>Proteomic analysis of visual system organisation, function and plasticity</div> <div>Chair: Professor Cliff Abraham</div> <div>Speaker: Professor Hollis Cline, PhD</div> | Hall L      |
| 6:30pm - 8:30pm  | Welcome Reception  | Halls MNO   |

## TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019

|                   |   |  |   |  |   |           |
|-------------------|---|--|---|--|---|-----------|
| 7:30am - 6:00pm   | Registration Desk Open  |  |   |  |   | Foyer M   |
| 8:30am - 9:30am   | PLENARY SESSION 2: ELSPETH MCLACHLAN PLENARY<br>Computational models of neural development<br>Chair: Professor Brian Dean<br>Speaker: Professor Geoffrey Goodhill |  |   |  |   | Hall L    |
| 9:30am - 10:00am  | Morning Tea, Exhibition and Poster Display  |  |   |  |   | Halls MNO |
| 10:00am - 12:00pm | SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS  |  |   |  |   |           |
|                   | City Rooms 1 & 2<br>Chairs:<br>Mary-Louise Rogers & Bradley Turner  | City Rooms 3 & 4<br>Chair:<br>Gary Egan  | Riverbank Room 7<br>Chair:<br>Thomas Burne  | Riverbank Room 8<br>Chair:<br>Alison Canty   | Hall L<br>Chair:<br>Cliff Abraham   |           |
|                   | New insights in Motor Neuron Disease pathogenesis, therapeutics and biomarkers<br>Don Cleveland, Avinda Nath, Andreas Malaspina, Shyuan Ngo                       | New perspectives in neural circuit modelling<br>Pulin Gong, Anthony Burkitt, T Kameneva, Geoffrey Goodhill | Diagnostics and Theranostics in Psychiatry: Using advanced biological, bio-informatics and computational tools to improve clinical outcomes<br>Elizabeth Thomas, Brian Dean, Rachel Hill, Scott Clark | Through the looking glass: Observing real time changes in brain circuitry<br>Vincenzo De Paola, Catherine Blizzard, Lucy Palmer, Ethan Scott | Presidential Symposium: Synaptic mechanisms of plasticity and memory<br>Haruhiko Bito, Graham Collingridge, Johanna Montgomery, Joanna Williams |           |
| 12:00pm - 1:45pm  | Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Display<br>People with odd numbered posters should stand by their posters to present   |  |   |  |   | Halls MNO |
| 12:30pm - 1:45pm  | Brain Bee Final   |  |   |  |   | Hall L    |



## Program at a Glance

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| 1:45pm - 3:45pm  | SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS  |   |   |  |  |
|                  | City Rooms 1&2<br>Chair:<br>Timothy Bred  | City Rooms 3&4<br>Chair:<br>Kimberley Pitman  | Riverbank Room 7<br>Chair:<br>Andrea Harrington   | Riverbank Room 8<br>Chair:<br>Nela Durisic &<br>Ramón Martínez-Mármol  | Hall L<br>Chair:<br>Anand Gururajan  |
|                  | Technical developments at the frontier of neuroscience<br><br>Dan Ohtan Wang,<br>Ryan Lister,<br>Phillipa Tablerlay,<br>John Lin                                  | Glia in neurotransmission<br><br>Raphael Ricci,<br>Nicola Allen,<br>Yasuyuki Osanai,<br>Junhua Xiao | Mechanisms of pain: From the periphery to the brain<br><br>Stuart Brierley,<br>Yves De Koninck<br>Brett Graham,<br>Elena Bagley | Deconstructing the synapse: How pre- and post-synaptic proteins come together to fine tune synaptic strength in health and disease<br><br>Subhojit Roy,<br>Frederic Meunier,<br>Sarah Gordon,<br>Patricio Opazo<br>Olavarria | The stressed brain: Translating preclinical concepts into therapeutic realities<br><br>Olivia O'Leary,<br>Christopher Dayas,<br>Anthony Hannan,<br>Dagmar Koethe |
| 3:45pm - 4:15pm  | Afternoon Tea, Exhibition and Poster Display  |   |   |  | Halls MNO  |
| 4:15pm - 5:15pm  | PLENARY SESSION 3: ECCLES LECTURE<br>Sex differences in neurological disease<br>Chair: Professor Linda Richards<br>Speaker: Professor Pamela McCombe              |   |   |  | Hall L   |
| 5:30pm - 7:30pm  | Workshops   |   |   |  |  |
|                  | City Rooms 1&2  |   |   | Riverbank Room 7   |  |
|                  | NHMRC Grant System Workshop<br>Chair: Dr Tim Sargeant<br>Professor Helen Cooper, Professor Melinda Fitzgerald,<br>Professor Anthony Hannan, Professor Paul Martin |   |   | Neuroscience Teaching Workshop<br>A/Professor Kay Double and<br>A/Professor Gaby Todd  |  |
| 6:00pm - 7:30pm  | Public Lecture: Neuroscience of Brain Resilience: Health, Fitness, and Addiction<br>Chair Dr Tim Sargeant<br>MC: Tom Rehn<br>Speaker: Professor Selena Bartlett   |   |   |  | Hall L   |
| 8:00pm - 10:00pm | Student & EMCR Networking Event   |   |   | Regattas Bar & Kitchen   |  |

## WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019

|                 |  |                |
|-----------------|--|----------------|
| 7:30am - 6:00pm | <b>Registration Desk Open</b>  | <i>Foyer M</i> |
| 8:30am - 9:30am | <b>PLENARY SESSION 4: LAWRIE AUSTIN PLENARY</b><br>Neuroplasticity neuroscience, multi-generational trauma, and the treatment of addiction and obesity<br>Sponsored by: Tianqiao and Chrissy Chen Institute<br>Chair: A/Professor Michael Lardelli<br>Speaker: Professor Selena Bartlett<br>Hall L |                |

## Program at a Glance

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|-------------------|--|---|--|--|--|------------------|
| 9:30am - 10:00am  | <b>Morning Tea, Exhibition and Poster Display</b>  |   |  |  |  | <b>Halls MNO</b> |
| 10:00am - 12:00pm | <b>SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS</b>  |   |  |  |  |                  |
|                   | <i>City Rooms 1&amp;2</i><br><i>Chair:</i><br><i>Ehsan Arabzadeh</i>   | <i>City Rooms 3&amp;4</i><br><i>Chair:</i><br><i>Lachlan Thompson</i>   | <i>Riverbank Room 7</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Marta Garrido &amp; Carsten Murawski</i>   | <i>Riverbank Room 8</i><br><i>Chair:</i><br><i>Asheeta Prasad &amp; Zoran Boskovic</i>   | <i>Hall L</i><br><i>Chair:</i><br><i>Denovan Begg</i>  |                  |
|                   | <b>Vision, information processing and cognition</b><br><br><i>Karin Nordstrom, Stephen Williams, Paul Martin, Jason Mattingley</i>   | <b>Parkinson's disease: from pathogenesis to regeneration</b><br><br><i>Glenda Halliday, Clare Parish, Deniz Kirik, Cedric Bardy</i>                              | <b>Computational Psychiatry</b><br><br><i>Bernard Balleine, Shinsuke Suzuki, Roshini Randeniya, Xiaosi Gu</i>  | <b>Illuminating neural circuits of emotional and motivational behaviour</b><br><br><i>Mazen Kheirbek, Robyn Brown, Roger Marek, Dhanisha Jhaveri</i> | <b>When gut meets brain: their impact on food intake control</b><br><br><i>Damien Keating, Zhi Yi Ong, Amanda Page, Ivan de Araujo</i>   |                  |
| 12:00pm - 1:45pm  | <b>Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Display</b>  |   |  |  |  | <b>Halls MNO</b> |
|                   | People with even numbered posters should stand by their posters to present   |   |  |  |  |                  |
| 1:45pm - 3:45pm   | <b>Oral Presentations Selected from Submitted Abstracts</b>  |   |  |  |  |                  |
|                   | <i>City Rooms 1&amp;2</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Erica Fletcher &amp; Luke Grundy</i>   | <i>City Rooms 3&amp;4</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Brian Billups &amp; Helen Gooch</i>   | <i>Riverbank Room 7</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Cedric Bardy &amp; Anthony Don</i>   | <i>Riverbank Room 8</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Kim Hemsley &amp; Toby Merson</i>  | <i>Hall L</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Brenton Hordacre &amp; Renee Turner</i>  |                  |
|                   | <b>Sensory circuits &amp; mediators</b><br><br><i>Xiaotian Jiang, Hui Li, Mallory Luke, Sarah Petryszyn, Saba Gharaei, Conrad Lee, Javier Jimenez-Martin, Emmanuel Marquez Legorreta</i> | <b>Synaptic transmission</b><br><br><i>Vladimir Sytnyk, Adam Hines, Hilary Yong, Christopher Small, Anmin Jiang, Lauren Bleakley, Nela Durisic, Benjamin Hunn</i> | <b>Development &amp; regeneration</b><br><br><i>Tobias Bluett, Rodrigo Suarez, Sebastian Quezada, Kai Sempert, Laura Fenlon, Lulu Xing, Eva Tomaskovic-Crook, Lachlan Harris</i> | <b>Glia</b><br><br><i>Kimberley Pitman, Darren Clarke, Carlie Cullen, Jana Vukovic, Ali Delbaz, Ross O'Shea, Ruth Musgrove, Bianca Guglietti</i>     | <b>Injury to the nervous system</b><br><br><i>Shenpeng Zhang, Isabella Bilecki, Lin Kooi Ong, Jessica Sharkey, Bronwyn Kivell, Heidi Walkden, Sarah Stephenson, Leah Beauchamp</i> |                  |
| 3:45pm - 4:15pm   | <b>Afternoon Tea, Exhibition and Poster Display</b>  |   |  |  |  | <b>Halls MNO</b> |
| 4:15pm - 4:50pm   | <b>A.W. Campbell Award Presentation</b>  |   |  |  |  |                  |
|                   | Targeting changes in spinal circuit function to treat chronic pain<br><i>Speaker: A/Prof Wendy Imlach</i>  |   |  |  |  | <i>Hall L</i>    |
| 4:50pm - 5:25pm   | <b>Nina Kondelos Award Presentation</b>  |   |  |  |  |                  |
|                   | Reconstructing sacral visceral circuits for bioelectronic medicine<br><i>Speaker: Professor Janet Keast</i>  |   |  |  |  | <i>Hall L</i>    |
| 5:30pm - 5:45pm   | Brain Foundation Student Poster Awards Presentation  |   |  |  |  | <i>Hall L</i>    |
| 5:45pm - 7:00pm   | ANS Annual General Meeting   |   |  |  |  | <i>Hall L</i>    |
| 7:30pm - 11:30pm  | <b>Conference Dinner</b>   |   |  |  |  | <b>Ballroom</b>  |

## Program at a Glance

### THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2019

|                   |  |   |   |  |  |                  |
|-------------------|--|---|---|--|--|------------------|
| 8:00am - 4:30pm   | <b>Registration Desk Open</b>  |   |   |  |  | <i>Foyer M</i>   |
| 9:00am - 11:00am  | <b>SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS</b>  |   |   |  |  |                  |
|                   | <i>City Rooms 1&amp;2</i><br><i>Chair:</i><br><i>Junhua Xiao</i>   | <i>City Rooms 3&amp;4</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Michelle Rank &amp; Kirsten Coupland</i>  | <i>Riverbank Room 7</i><br><i>Chair:</i><br><i>Geoffrey Goodhill</i>  | <i>Riverbank Room 8</i><br><i>Chair:</i><br><i>Andrew Lawrence</i>   | <i>Hall L</i><br><i>Chair:</i><br><i>Ville-Petteri Makinen</i>   |                  |
|                   | <b>How altered lipid metabolism and myelin structure causes neurodegeneration</b><br><i>John Kwok, Karen Mather, Maria Fuller, Anthony Don</i>                             | <b>Pathway to success: paving the way for translational stroke research</b><br><i>Steven Zurn, Nicole Jones, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Tymianski</i>                              | <b>Wiring the brain: the development of cortical neurons and networks</b><br><i>Nathalie Dehorter, Michael Crair, Linda Richards, James Bourne</i>  | <b>Neurobiological mechanisms of drug addiction</b><br><i>Michael Bowen, Jennifer Cornish, Arnaud Belmer, Asheeta Prasad</i>   | <b>EMBL Australia scientific symposium on neural circuitry and cellular integrity in health and disease</b><br><i>Cornelius Gross, Yann Gambin, Pirjo Apaja, Leon Teo</i>            |                  |
| 11:00am - 11:30am | <b>Morning Tea, Exhibition and Poster Display</b>  |   |   |  |  | <i>Halls MNO</i> |
| 11:30am - 12:30pm | <b>PLENARY SESSION 5: ANS PLENARY</b><br><i>Chiaroscuro in the visual brain</i><br><i>Chair: A/Professor Kaylene Young</i><br><i>Speaker: Professor Jose-Manuel Alonso</i> |   |   |  |  | <i>Hall L</i>    |
| 12:30pm - 1:30pm  | <b>Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Display</b>  |   |   |  |  | <i>Halls MNO</i> |
| 1:30pm - 3:30pm   | <b>Oral Presentations Selected from Submitted Abstracts</b>  |   |   |  |  |                  |
|                   | <i>City Rooms 1&amp;2</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Karissa Barthelson &amp; Nick Spencer</i>  | <i>City Rooms 3&amp;4</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Frances Corrigan &amp; Anthony Hannan</i>   | <i>Riverbank Room 7</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Lyndsey Collins-Prairo &amp; Hannah Keage</i>   | <i>Riverbank Room 8</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Peregrine Osborne &amp; Rochelle Peterson</i>  | <i>Hall L</i><br><i>Chairs:</i><br><i>Jenny Gunnensen &amp; Arne Iltner</i>  |                  |
|                   | <b>New technologies &amp; methods</b><br><i>Omar Ibrahim, Andrew Allen, Sandesh Panthi, Merja Joensuu, Harrison Evans, Mina Ghanimi Fard, Indranil Basak, Jenny Ekberg</i> | <b>Psychiatric disorders &amp; memory</b><br><i>Maarten van den Buuse, Martin Lewis, Xiang Li, Hayley North, Alexandre Cristino, Anna Schroeder, Angeline Leong, Charles Watson</i> | <b>Cognition, learning, &amp; behaviour</b><br><i>Thomas Burne, Asheeta Prasad, Teri Furlong, Cheryl Shoubridge, Sharna Jamadar, Janet van Eersel, Kimberly Archer, Jacqueline Heighway</i> | <b>Autonomic circuits</b><br><i>Marcello Costa, Simon Brookes, Anita Leembruggen, Sabrina Poon, Madushani Herath, Aung Aung Kywe Moe, Stuart McDougall, Vanesa Stojanovska</i> | <b>Disorders of the nervous system</b><br><i>Mohammad Ibrahim, Craig McIntosh, Prathishtha Chatterjee, Ryu Takechi, Morgan Newman, Eleanor Drummond, Anthony White, Tim Sargeant</i> |                  |
| 3:30pm - 4:30pm   | <b>Presentation of Awards and Conference Close</b>   |   |   |  |  | <i>Hall L</i>    |

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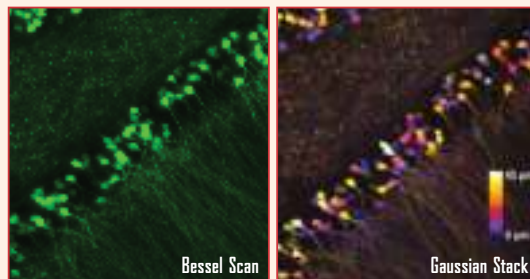


Figure 1. A single Bessel scan (left) captures the same structural information obtained from a Gaussian volume scan created by stacking 45 optical sections (right), reducing the total scan time 45-fold. The images show a brain slice scanned over a 300  $\mu\text{m}$  x 300  $\mu\text{m}$  area. Scan depth for the Gaussian stack is indicated by the scale bar.<sup>a</sup>

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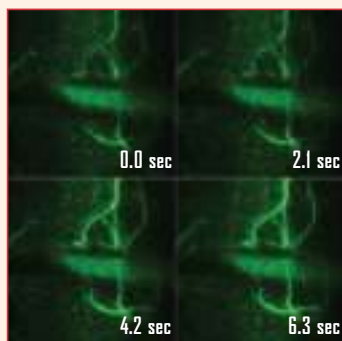
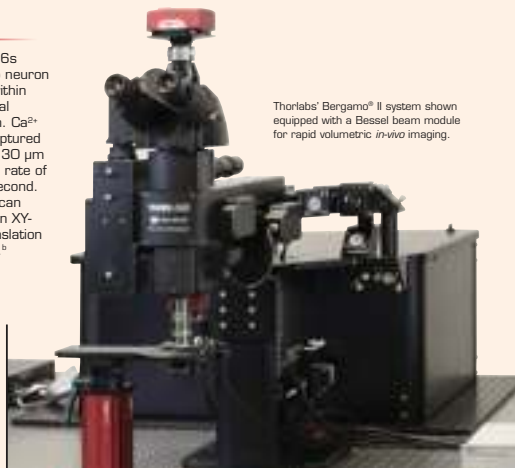


Figure 2. GCaMP6s expression in two neuron pairs arborized within the subesophageal zone of a fly brain.  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transients are captured by XY-scanning a 30  $\mu\text{m}$  Bessel focus at a rate of 30 frames per second. A single Bessel scan corresponds to an XY-scan with no translation in the Z-direction.<sup>b</sup>



Thorlabs' Bergamo® II system shown equipped with a Bessel beam module for rapid volumetric *in-vivo* imaging.

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# Plenary Sessions

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## Plenary Session 1 – International Plenary

### **PROTEOMIC ANALYSIS OF VISUAL SYSTEM ORGANIZATION, FUNCTION AND PLASTICITY**

**Professor Hollis T Cline<sup>1</sup>**

1. The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla CA, USA

Circuits in the brain are comprised of remarkably heterogeneous neurons whose morphologies, connectivity patterns and physiological properties are dynamically regulated by brain activity throughout postnatal life. Current estimates suggest that there are 21,000 genes and up to 1 million different proteins in humans. While studies of transcriptional dynamics in the brain have been transformative, transcriptional dynamics do not correlate with protein dynamics because protein synthesis, turnover and subcellular localization are tightly regulated spatially and temporally. New studies demonstrate that the extraordinary plasticity of the developing brain can be re-expressed in adult brain, allowing experience-dependent plasticity mechanisms to be engaged for repair from brain injuries or disease. These findings highlight exciting opportunities for treatment of brain injuries and diseases and emphasize the need to discover additional developmental plasticity mechanisms for these applications. I will present and discuss recent advances in proteomics in the brain and recent studies demonstrating rapid dynamics in protein synthesis required for neuronal plasticity, as well as proteomic analysis of axon transport in the rodent visual system.

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## **PLENARY SESSION 2 - ELSPETH MCLACHLAN PLENARY**

### **COMPUTATIONAL MODELS OF NEURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Professor Geoffrey Goodhill<sup>1</sup>**

1. Queensland Brain Institute, QLD, Australia

An important goal of computational neuroscience is to understand brain function in terms of the computations performed. I will discuss an interdisciplinary program of mathematical and experimental work which addresses some of the computational principles underlying neural development. This includes (i) how growing axons navigate to their targets by detecting and responding to molecular cues in their environment, (ii) the formation of maps in the visual cortex and how these are influenced by visual experiences, and (iii) how patterns of neural activity in the zebrafish brain develop to facilitate precisely targeted hunting behaviour. Together this work contributes to our understanding of both normal neural development and the etiology of neurodevelopmental disorders.

### PLENARY SESSION 3 – ECCLES LECTURE SEX DIFFERENCES IN NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE

**Professor Pamela McCombe<sup>1</sup>**

1. The University of Queensland, Australia

Sexual dimorphism arose with the evolution of sexual reproduction and is manifest as differences in anatomy and physiology. There is sexual dimorphism in the prevalence and severity of neurological disease. This can be seen in the autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis, degenerative diseases such as motor neurone diseases, and brain injury including stroke and recovery from major surgery. The mechanisms for these differences will be discussed.

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### PLENARY SESSION 4 – LAWRIE AUSTIN PLENARY NEUROPLASTICITY NEUROSCIENCE, MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA, AND THE TREATMENT OF ADDICTION AND OBESITY

**Professor Selena E. Bartlett<sup>1</sup>**

1. Group Leader Neuroscience and Obesity, Translational Research Institute, Institute for Health and Biomedical Innovation, School of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Health, Queensland University of Technology, QLD, Australia

The overarching theme of my laboratory is to understand the molecular mechanisms driving addiction and obesity and translate this knowledge into more effective medications, predictive and preventative treatments and develop evidence-based programs. We were the first to show that varenicline, a neuronal nicotinic receptor modulator is a potential treatment for alcohol addiction and completed “proof of concept” clinical trials to demonstrate efficacy in humans. This research led to the discovery that sugar is as addictive as alcohol and nicotine, by changing neuronal nicotinic receptor activation in the nucleus accumbens, and that overconsumption of sugar changes the neuronal circuitry in the prefrontal cortex and the amygdala. We are now conducting clinical trials focussed on the tracking the amount of “added sugar” in the Australian diet using a smart phone app and applying neuroplasticity-based gamification approaches to reduce sugar intake to tackle obesity. More recently, we discovered that the overconsumption of sugar increases neuroinflammation and microglia activation and morphology. In collaboration with the Mazzieri lab and Dr Mark Pinkham at the Princess Alexandra hospital, we have shown that this leads to changes in brain microenvironment and favours tumour progression. The lab focusses on developing innovative approaches to rewire the brain circuits impacted by multi-generational trauma and stress, as this has been shown to play a major role in addiction and obesity. Advances in brain imaging and molecular techniques have allowed us to begin to dissect the mechanisms driving changes in serotonergic neuroplasticity that contribute to the promotion and prevention of addiction and obesity.



### PLENARY SESSION 5 - ANS PLENARY CHIAROSCURO IN THE VISUAL BRAIN

**Professor Jose-Manuel Alonso<sup>1</sup>**

1. State University of New York, College of Optometry, New York, USA

The brain uses two major visual pathways to process light (ON pathway) and dark (OFF pathway) features in visual scenes. As with pathways from contralateral and ipsilateral eyes, pathways signaling light and dark polarity segregate in primary visual cortex. Our results indicate that this afferent segregation (contralateral, ipsilateral, ON and OFF) splits the cortical map of visual space into four copies that form an eye/polarity grid. The two eyes segregate along the grid axis that changes spatial position at the slowest rate (eye axis) to maximize the spatial binocular match needed for depth perception. In turn, light and dark polarity segregate along the axis that changes spatial position at the fastest rate (polarity axis) to maximize the spatial mismatch needed to process stimulus orientation. This eye/polarity grid is not symmetric; it is OFF biased. Cortical responses to dark stimuli are stronger, faster, and have better spatiotemporal resolution than cortical responses to light stimuli. Moreover, OFF cortical receptive fields anchor the map of visual space while ON receptive fields rotate around OFF receptive fields. Our results also indicate that this OFF-dominated/OFF-centric cortical organization originates from a size distortion in the retinal representation of light stimuli at the photoreceptor layer that we call neuronal blur. We believe that this neuronal blur has important implications for cortical function, visual disease, and may provide the basis for *chiaroscuro*, a technique discovered by Leonardo da Vinci to maximize contrast between lights ("chiaro") and darks ("oscuro") in visual art.

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### A.W. CAMPBELL AWARD PRESENTATION TARGETING SPINAL ADENOSINE SIGNALLING TO TREAT CHRONIC PAIN

**A/Professor Wendy Imlach<sup>1</sup>**

1. Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute & Department of Physiology, Monash University, Melbourne, VIC, Australia

Neuropathic pain, one of the most intense types of chronic pain, is caused by malfunction of the nervous system and involves persistent changes in signalling within pain pathways. We have shown that there is an increase in endogenous adenosine in the spinal cord in chronic pain states, increased sensitivity of adenosine A1 receptors in the dorsal horn and changes in receptor expression in nociceptive afferents. These adaptations produce anti-nociceptive activity that can be further enhanced by positive allosteric modulation of the adenosine A1 receptor. In this talk, I will describe our work investigating adenosine signalling in nociceptive circuits and the effects of allosteric modulation of the adenosine receptor on spinal circuit activity in neuropathic pain states. We have used patch-clamp electrophysiology to measure synaptic input into the spinal dorsal horn and changes in intrinsic activity of dorsal horn nociceptive neurons in both primate and rodent *ex vivo* spinal cord to understand the analgesic mechanism at a circuit level. These findings are supported by our *in vivo* data which show potential for the adenosine A1 receptor as a therapeutic target to reduce pathological pain.

## **NINA KONDELOS AWARD PRESENTATION**

### **RECONSTRUCTING SACRAL VISCERAL CIRCUITS FOR BIOELECTRONIC MEDICINE**

**Professor Janet Keast<sup>1</sup>**

1. Chair, Anatomy and Neuroscience, University of Melbourne, Parkville, VIC, Australia

Understanding the neural regulation of the pelvic organs (lower urinary and digestive tracts, reproductive organs) is challenged by the physical complexity of the peripheral neural circuits, and features of their synaptic connectivity that appear to break several fundamental rules of autonomic and sensory nervous system organization and function. This area of the nervous system also shows strong sexual dimorphism, raising additional mechanistic questions for the early development, maturation and plasticity of these circuits. This presentation will demonstrate approaches that have been established to define this 'sacral visceral connectome' and will also illustrate how this new knowledge is being applied to the expanding field of bioelectronic medicine, to develop neuromodulation approaches for treating pelvic organ dysregulation and visceral pain.

# Symposia

## TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019

### SYMPOSIUM 1

10:00am – 12:00pm, City Rooms 1 & 2

New insights in Motor Neuron Disease pathogenesis, therapeutics and biomarkers

Chairs: Mary-Louise Rogers (Flinders University) & Bradley Turner (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)

|         |   |
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| 10:00am | <b>Don Cleveland</b> (Ludwig Institute, University of California)<br>Premature polyadenylation and loss of the neuronal stathmin-2 inhibits axonal regeneration in TDP-43-dependent neurodegeneration           |
| 10:30am | <b>Avinda Nath</b> (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke)<br>Endogenous retroviral elements in ALS and other neurodegenerative diseases  |
| 11:00am | <b>Andreas Malaspina</b> (Blizard, Institute of Cell and Molecular Medicine, Barts & the London School of Medicine & Dentistry, London)<br>Pathogenesis and molecular mechanisms that inform ALS/MND biomarkers |
| 11:30am | <b>Shyuan Ngo</b> (Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology)<br>Insights into metabolic dysfunction in motor neuron disease   |

### SYMPOSIUM 2

10:00am – 12:00pm, City Rooms 3 & 4

New perspectives in neural circuits modelling

Chair: Gary Egan (ARC Centre of Excellence for Integrative Brain Function)

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| 10:00am | <b>Pulin Gong</b> (The University of Sydney)<br>An integrated model linking structural and dynamical properties of local cortical circuits                    |
| 10:30am | <b>Anthony Burkitt</b> (The University of Melbourne)<br>Real-time temporal alignment of neural activity in neural circuits                                    |
| 11:00am | <b>Tatiana Kameneva</b> (Swinburne University of Technology & The University of Melbourne)<br>Mechanisms of combined electrical and optogenetic costimulation |
| 11:30am | <b>Geoffrey Goodhill</b> (The University of Queensland)<br>Separating spontaneous and evoked activity with a latent factor model of calcium imaging data      |

## SYMPOSIUM 3

10:00am – 12:00pm, Riverbank Room 7

**Diagnostics and Theranostics in Psychiatry: Using advanced biological, bioinformatics and computational tools to improve clinical outcomes**

**Chair: Thomas Burne (Queensland Brain Institute)**

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| 10:00am | <b>Elizabeth Thomas</b> (The Scripps Research Institute)<br>DNA methylation biomarkers as early predictors of psychiatric disorders  |
| 10:30am | <b>Brian Dean</b> (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)<br>From brain transcriptomics to blood tests: fact or fantasy |
| 11:00am | <b>Rachel Hill</b> (Monash University)<br>A national data linkage platform to identify predictors of mental illness                  |
| 11:30am | <b>Scott Clark</b> (University of Adelaide)<br>Multimodal machine learning for prediction of the first psychotic episode             |

## SYMPOSIUM 4

10:00am – 12:00pm, Riverbank Room 8

**Through the looking glass: Observing real time changes in brain circuitry**

**Chairs: Alison Canty (Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre, University of Tasmania)**

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| 10:00am | <b>Vincenzo De Paola</b> (Imperial College London)<br>Illuminating cortical circuit development and dysfunction in humanised models   |
| 10:30am | <b>Catherine Blizzard</b> (University of Tasmania)<br>Do regional spine dynamics contribute to the vulnerability of brain regions to neurodegenerative disease such as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Frontotemporal Dementia? |
| 11:00am | <b>Lucy Palmer</b> (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)<br>Imaging neural dynamics during goal-directed behaviour   |
| 11:30am | <b>Ethan Scott</b> (University of Queensland)<br>Sensory processing in larval zebrafish: perspectives from whole-brain calcium imaging  |

## Symposia

### SYMPOSIUM 5

10:00am – 12:00pm, Hall L

#### Presidential Symposium: Synaptic mechanisms of plasticity and memory

Chair: Cliff Abraham (President: Australasian Neuroscience Society, Brain Research New Zealand and University of Otago)

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| 10:00am | <b>Haruhiko Bito</b> (University of Tokyo)<br>Regulation of long-term memory via inverse synaptic tagging of activity-induced Arc   |
| 10:30am | <b>Graham Collingridge</b> (University of Toronto)<br>Calcium permeable AMPARs and synaptic plasticity in the hippocampus   |
| 11:00am | <b>Johanna Montgomery</b> (University of Auckland)<br>The role of plasticity in disorders of the central and peripheral nervous systems   |
| 11:30am | <b>Joanna Williams</b> (University of Otago)<br>Bilateral regulation of histone deacetylase activity and gene expression is associated with an intermediate form long-term potentiation in vivo |

### SYMPOSIUM 6

1:45pm – 3:45pm, City Rooms 1 & 2

#### Technical developments at the frontier of neuroscience

Chair: Timothy Bredy (The University of Queensland)

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| 1:45pm | <b>Dan Ohtan Wang</b> (Kyoto University)<br>Dynamic localization of RNA molecules and techniques to visualize them                              |
| 2:15pm | <b>Ryan Lister</b> (The University of Western Australia)<br>Editing the epigenome   |
| 2:45pm | <b>Phillipa Tablerlay</b> (University of Tasmania)<br>geNOMeC maps of neuronal epigenetic changes in Alzheimer's disease                        |
| 3:15pm | <b>John Lin</b> (University of Tasmania)<br>New optogenetic tools for the modulation of membrane excitability, synaptic plasticity and learning |

## SYMPOSIUM 7

1:45pm – 3:45pm, City Rooms 3 & 4

### Glia in neurotransmission

Chair: Kimberley Pitman (University of Tasmania)

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| 1:45pm | <b>Raphael Ricci</b> (University of Tasmania)<br>Kainate receptor signalling in Multiple Sclerosis and Schizophrenia   |
| 2:15pm | <b>Nicola Allen</b> (Salk Institute for Biological Studies)<br>Astrocyte regulation of neuronal synapses   |
| 2:45pm | <b>Yasuyuki Osanai</b> (Monash University)<br>Length of myelin internodes of oligodendrocytes is controlled by microenvironment influenced by axonal activity in sensory deprived mouse models |
| 3:15pm | <b>Junhua Xiao</b> (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)<br>Neurotransmission in myelin-forming glial cells and function  |

## SYMPOSIUM 8

1:45pm – 3:45pm, Riverbank Room 7

### Mechanisms of Pain: From the periphery to the brain

Chair: Andrea Harrington (University of Adelaide)

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| 1:45pm | <b>Stuart Brierley</b> (Flinders University)<br>Peripheral targets for treating chronic visceral pain: From tarantula toxins to itchy colons                  |
| 2:15pm | <b>Yves De Koninck</b> (Université Laval & CERVO Research Centre)<br>Spinal inhibition in health and disease  |
| 2:45pm | <b>Brett Graham</b> (University of Newcastle)<br>Using optogenetics to link spinal circuits and pain behaviour in mice  |
| 3:15pm | <b>Elena Bagley</b> (The University of Sydney)<br>Central sensitization of the spino-parabrachial-amygdala pathway that outlasts a brief nociceptive stimulus |



## Symposia

### SYMPOSIUM 9

1:45pm – 3:45pm, Riverbank Room 8

**Deconstructing the synapse: How pre- and post-synaptic proteins come together to fine tune synaptic strength in health and disease**

**Chairs:** Nela Durisic (The University of Queensland) & Ramón Martínez-Mármol (The University of Queensland)

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| 1:45pm | <b>Subhojit Roy</b> (The University of California)<br>Gene-editing in sporadic Neurodegenerative diseases   |
| 2:15pm | <b>Frederic Meunier</b> (The University of Queensland)<br>Nanoscale organisation of the exocytic machinery  |
| 2:45pm | <b>Sarah Gordon</b> (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)<br>Neurodevelopmental synaptopathies: Presynaptic dysfunction in intellectual disability |
| 3:15pm | <b>Patricio Opazo Olavarria</b> (The University of Queensland)<br>Compensating and recovering from dendritic spine loss in spinopathologies                       |

### SYMPOSIUM 10

1:45pm – 3:45pm, Hall L

**The Stressed Brain: Translating preclinical concepts into therapeutic realities**

**Chair:** Anand Gururajan (University of Sydney)

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| 1:45pm | <b>Tony Hannan</b> (University of Melbourne)<br>Neurobiological effects of stress and associated glucocorticoids in mouse models of brain disorders       |
| 2:15pm | <b>Olivia O'Leary</b> (University College Cork)<br>An emerging therapeutic target for stress-related psychiatric disorders                                |
| 2:45pm | <b>Christopher Dayas</b> (University of Newcastle)<br>Channel Rhodopsin (ChR2)-assisted circuit mapping of novel stress control pathways                  |
| 3:15pm | <b>Dagmar Koethe</b> (University of Sydney)<br>Endocannabinoids and Neuropeptides in CSF and serum from borderline personality disorder and PTSD patients |

## WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019

### SYMPOSIUM 11

10:00am – 12:00pm, City Rooms 1 & 2

Vision, information processing and cognition

Chair: Ehsan Arabzadeh (Australian National University)

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| 10:00am | <b>Karin Nordstrom</b> (Flinders University)<br>Target detection in the hoverfly visual system  |
| 10:30am | <b>Stephen Williams</b> (Queensland Brain Institute)<br>Role of dendritic information processing in neuronal circuit function   |
| 11:00am | <b>Paul Martin</b> (University of Sydney)<br>New insights into ancient visual pathways  |
| 11:30am | <b>Jason Mattingley</b> (Queensland Brain Institute & School of Psychology, The University of Queensland)<br>Understanding the role of prediction in sensory encoding |

### SYMPOSIUM 12

10:00am – 12:00pm, City Rooms 3 & 4

Parkinson's disease: from pathogenesis to regeneration

Chair: Lachlan Thompson (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)

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| 10:00am | <b>Glenda Halliday</b> (University of Sydney)<br>The role of $\alpha$ -synuclein in dopamine neuron degeneration in Parkinson's disease  |
| 10:30am | <b>Deniz Kirik</b> (University of Lund)<br>Gene therapy for Parkinson's disease: GDNF and $\alpha$ -synuclein lowering approaches        |
| 11:00am | <b>Clare Parish</b> (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)<br>Advancing stem cell and gene therapy for Parkinson's disease |
| 11:30am | <b>Cedric Bardy</b> (Flinders University)<br>Genetic predispositions of Parkinson's disease revealed in patient-derived brain cells      |

## Symposia

### SYMPOSIUM 13

10:00am – 12:00pm, Riverbank Room 7

#### Computational psychiatry

**Chairs:** Marta Garrido (Queensland Brain Institute, The University of Queensland) & Carsten Murawski (The University of Melbourne)

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| 10:00am | <b>Bernard Balleine</b> (University of New South Wales)<br>Hierarchical and network models of decision-making and specific psychopathology                 |
| 10:30am | <b>Shinsuke Suzuki</b> (University of Melbourne)<br>Obsessive-compulsive traits impair reinforcement learning through the change of exploration strategies |
| 11:00am | <b>Roshini Randeniya</b> (The University of Queensland)<br>Bayesian models of atypical sensory perception in Autism Spectrum                               |
| 11:30am | <b>Xiaosi Gu</b> (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai)<br>The anatomy of beliefs: Insights from computational psychiatry research on addiction         |

### SYMPOSIUM 14

10:00am – 12:00pm, Riverbank Room 8

#### Illuminating neural circuits of emotional and motivational behaviour

**Chairs:** Asheeta Prasad (University of New South Wales) & Zoran Boskovic (Queensland Brain Institute)

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| 10:00am | <b>Mazen Kheirbek</b> (University of California)<br>Memory codes in the dentate gyrus  |
| 10:30am | <b>Robyn Brown</b> (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)<br>Why do women overeat? Characterizing a model of 'emotional' binge eating in female mice |
| 11:00am | <b>Roger Marek</b> (Queensland Brain Institute)<br>Neural function and connectivity to drive emotional learning  |
| 11:30am | <b>Dhanisha Jhaveri</b> (The University of Queensland)<br>Targeting adult-born hippocampal neurons to regulate local circuitry and anxiety-related behaviour       |

## SYMPOSIUM 15

10:00am – 12:00pm, Hall L

### When gut meets brain: their impact on food intake control

Chair: Denovan Begg (University of New South Wales)

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| 10:00am | <b>Damien Keating</b> (Flinders University)<br>Understanding interactions between the gut microbiome, enteroendocrine cells and the nervous system |
| 10:30am | <b>Zhi Yi Ong</b> (University of New South Wales)<br>Hindbrain control of feeding behaviours   |
| 11:00am | <b>Amanda Page</b> (The University of Adelaide)<br>Gastric vagal afferent satiety signalling in health and disease                                 |
| 11:30am | <b>Ivan de Araujo</b> (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai)<br>The gut-brain axis and reward   |

## THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2019

## SYMPOSIUM 16

9:00am – 11:00am, City Rooms 1 & 2

### How altered lipid metabolism and myelin structure causes neurodegeneration

Chair: Junhua Xiao (The University of Melbourne)

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| 9:00am  | <b>John Kwok</b> (The University of Sydney)<br>Mutations in white matter disease genes are causal of frontotemporal dementias and their impact on neuroimaging and peripheral lipid biomarkers |
| 9:30am  | <b>Karen Mather</b> (The University of New South Wales)<br>Investigating lipidomics from an ageing perspective and as potential biomarkers of early Alzheimer's disease                        |
| 10:00am | <b>Maria Fuller</b> (Women's and Children's Hospital)<br>The brain lipidome as a therapeutic target for inherited neurodegenerative disorders  |
| 10:30am | <b>Anthony Don</b> (The University of Sydney)<br>Restoring neuroprotective lipid signalling in Alzheimer's Disease   |

## Symposia

### SYMPOSIUM 17

9:00am – 11:00am, City Rooms 3 & 4

#### Pathway to success: paving the way for translational stroke research

Chairs: **Michelle Rank** (The University of Melbourne) & **Kirsten Coupland** (University of Newcastle)

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| 9:00am  | <b>Steven Zuryn</b> (Queensland Brain Institute)<br>Discovery of molecules and molecular mechanisms that protect neurons from stress   |
| 9:30am  | <b>Nicole Jones</b> (University of New South Wales)<br>Hypoxia inducible-1 (HIF-1) as a target for brain repair  |
| 10:00am | <b>Michael O'Sullivan</b> (University of Queensland Centre and Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital)<br>What, if anything, have experimental lesions in models taught us about cognitive function after brain injury in humans? |
| 10:30am | <b>Michael Tymianski</b> (Krembil Research Institute, Toronto Western Hospital, University of Toronto)<br>Development of PSD95 inhibitors for acute ischemic stroke: From target discovery to Phase 3 trials                   |

### SYMPOSIUM 18

9:00am – 11:00am, Riverbank Room 7

#### Wiring the brain: the development of cortical neurons and networks

Chair: **Geoffrey Goodhill** (University of Queensland)

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| 9:00am  | <b>Nathalie Dehorter</b> (Australian National University)<br>Molecular control of cortical interneuron development in the mouse embryo |
| 9:30am  | <b>Michael Crair</b> (Yale University)<br>Self-organization in the developing nervous system   |
| 10:00am | <b>Linda Richards</b> (University of Queensland)<br>Emergence of activity patterns in the developing cerebral cortex                   |
| 10:30am | <b>James Bourne</b> (Monash University)<br>The role of the thalamic nuclei in development of cortical anatomy and function             |

## SYMPOSIUM 19

9:00am – 11:00am, Riverbank Room 8

### Neurobiological mechanisms of drug addiction

Chair: Andrew Lawrence (Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health)

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| 9:00am  | <b>Michael Bowen</b> (University of Sydney)<br>Rebalancing the addicted brain: prosocial compounds for treating substance abuse disorders               |
| 9:30am  | <b>Jennifer Cornish</b> (Macquarie University)<br>Methamphetamine addiction circuitry: the effect of oxytocin treatment                                 |
| 10:00am | <b>Arnauld Belmer</b> (Queensland University of Technology)<br>Serotonin neuron signalling and plasticity in chronic alcohol consumption and withdrawal |
| 10:30am | <b>Asheeta Prasad</b> (The University of New South Wales)<br>Complementary roles for ventral pallidum cell types and their projections in relapse       |

## SYMPOSIUM 20

9:00am – 11:00am, Hall L

### EMBL Australia scientific symposium on neural circuitry and cellular integrity in health and disease

Chair: Ville-Petteri Makinen (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)

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| 9:00am  | <b>Cornelius Gross</b> (European Molecular Biology Laboratory)<br>Primal Fear - the neural circuitry of instinctive defence                 |
| 9:30am  | <b>Yann Gambin</b> (University of New South Wales)<br>Protein-protein interactions, Parkinson's disease and biomarkers in blood             |
| 10:00am | <b>Pirjo Apaja</b> (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)<br>Regulation of proteostasis during astrocyte stress responses |
| 10:30am | <b>Leon Teo</b> (Monash University)<br>Unravelling the identity and reactivity of astrocytes in primates after injury                       |



# Oral Presentations

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WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019

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## ORAL 1 – SENSORY CIRCUITS AND MEDIATORS

1:45PM – 3:45PM, CITY ROOMS 1 & 2

**Chairs:** Erica Fletcher and Luke Grundy

**Xiaotian Jiang\*** (The University of Western Australia) - *Characterizing the role of voltage-gated potassium channel Kv8.2 subunits in the retina using a novel mouse model*

**Hui Li** (The University of Adelaide) - *Activation of CRF2 receptor increases gastric vagal afferent mechanosensitivity*

**Mallory Luke\*** (The University of New South Wales) - *Disruption of the neurite networks in dorsal root ganglion neurons following treatment with the chemotherapeutic drug paclitaxel*

**Sarah Petryszyn** (The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health) - *Significance of POM thalamo-striatal terminals in the dorsolateral striatum*

**Saba Gharaei** (Eccles Institute of Neuroscience) - *Superior colliculus modulates cortical coding of somatosensory information*

**Conrad Lee\*** (Australian National University) - *State dependent changes in perception and sensory coding in the somatosensory cortex*

**Javier Jimenez-Martin\*** (University of Otago) - *Visualising population voltage responses of cortical layer 2/3 during sensory stimulation in awake mice*

**Emmanuel Marquez Legorreta\*** (The University of Queensland) - *Brain-wide visual habituation networks in wild type and *fmr1* zebrafish*

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## ORAL 2 – SYNAPTIC TRANSMISSION

1:45PM – 3:45PM, CITY ROOMS 3 & 4

**Chairs:** Brian Billups and Helen Gooch

**Vladimir Sytnyk** (The University of New South Wales) - *Disruptions in GABAergic signalling caused by the neuronal growth regulator 1 (NEGR1) in high fat diet-induced obesity*

**Adam Hines\*** (Queensland Brain Institute) - *Pre-synaptic effects of general anaesthetics: from single molecule dynamics to whole-brain connectivity*

**Hilary Yong** (Queensland Brain Institute) - *PICK1 regulates presynaptic vesicle recycling in primary hippocampal neurons*

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**Christopher Small\*** (The University of Queensland) - *SV2A surface pool nanoclustering and recycling in synaptic vesicles is controlled by synaptotagmin-1 in hippocampal nerve terminals*

**Anmin Jiang\*** (The University of Queensland) - *Activity-dependent recruitment and nanoscale organization of dynamin I isoforms in neurosecretory cells*

**Lauren Bleakley\*** (The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health) - *Characterizing a mouse model of HCN1 genetic epilepsy*

**Nela Durisic** (The University of Queensland) - *Epilepsy-causing mutations to the  $\beta 3$  subunit of GABA type-A receptor alter the receptor function and trafficking*

**Benjamin Hunn** (University of Oxford) - *Impairment of macroautophagy in dopamine neurons has opposing effects on Parkinsonian pathology and behaviour*

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## ORAL 3 – DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

1:45PM – 3:45PM, RIVERBANK ROOM 7

**Chairs: Cedric Bardy and Anthony Don**

**Tobias Bluett\*** (Queensland Brain Institute) - *Onset and early dynamics of calcium activity in the developing neocortex revealed by in vivo two-photon imaging of the marsupial fat-tailed dunnart*

**Rodrigo Suarez** (Queensland Brain Institute) - *Timing of SATB2 and CTIP2 expression differentially regulates development of cortical projection neurons in marsupial and eutherian mammals*

**Sebastian Quezada** (RMIT University) - *Genetic and microstructural differences between gyri and sulci during gyrification in the cortical plate of fetal sheep*

**Kai Sempert\*** (Queensland Brain Institute) - *The RGMa-Neogenin pathway regulates actin remodelling during dendritic spine maturation*

**Laura Fenlon** (Queensland Brain Institute) - *Novel patterns of axonal plasticity in congenital and acquired developmental callosal absence*

**Lulu Xing** (Monash University) - *A novel cell-ablation strategy for studying the role of oligodendrocyte-forming stem cells in myelin homeostasis and regeneration*

**Eva Tomaskovic-Crook** (University of Wollongong) - *Human neural tissues from induced pluripotent stem cells using conductive biogel and printed polymer microelectrode arrays for 3D electrical stimulation*

**Lachlan Harris** (Francis Crick Institute) - *Progressive changes to neural stem cell quiescence ensure lifelong neurogenesis*

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### ORAL 4 – GLIA

1:45PM – 3:45PM, RIVERBANK ROOM 8

**Chairs:** Kim Hemsley and Toby Merson

**Kimberley Pitman** (University of Tasmania) - *The voltage gated calcium channel CaV1.2 promotes adult oligodendrocyte progenitor cell survival in the mouse corpus callosum but not motor cortex*

**Darren Clarke\*** (The University of Western Australia) - *Low intensity repetitive magnetic stimulation alters gene expression in cultured mouse cortical astrocytes*

**Carlie Cullen** (University of Tasmania) - *Myelin and nodal plasticity modulate action potential conduction in the adult mouse brain*

**Jana Vukovic** (The University of Queensland) - *Repopulating microglia promote brain repair in an IL-6-dependent manner*

**Ali Delbaz** (Griffith University) - *Neisseria meningitidis induces pathology-associated cellular and molecular changes in trigeminal Schwann cells*

**Ross O'Shea** (La Trobe University) - *Selective inhibition of ROCK2 does not cause neurotrophic changes in cultured mouse astrocytes*

**Ruth Musgrove** (University of Tasmania) - *Astroglia mediate the transfer of Parkinson's disease pathology through neuronal networks*

**Bianca Guglietti\*** (The University of Adelaide) - *Fyn kinase inhibition as a novel therapeutic target for Parkinson's disease*

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### ORAL 5 – INJURY TO THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

1:45PM – 3:45PM, HALL L

**Chairs:** Brenton Hordacre and Renee Turner

**Shenpeng Zhang** (La Trobe University) - *A retrospective analysis of 5 years of laboratory data to identify interrelationships between outcome measures in experimental stroke*

**Isabella Bilecki\*** (The University of Adelaide) - *A comparison of peripheral and central biomarkers of post-stroke secondary neurodegeneration*

**Lin Kooi Ong** (Monash University Malaysia) - *Growth hormone in experimental stroke: from motor improvement to neurogenesis and beyond*

**Jessica Sharkey\*** (The University of Adelaide) - *Investigating the pattern of axonal injury in a model of a mild traumatic brain injury in a large animal model*

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**Bronwyn Kivell** (Victoria University of Wellington) - *The kappa opioid receptor agonist ethoxymethyl ether Salvinorin B promotes functional recovery and remyelination in preclinical models of multiple sclerosis*

**Heidi Walkden** (Griffith University) - *Does a nasal injury increase bacterial infection of your brain?*

**Sarah Stephenson** (Murdoch Children's Research Institute) - *A high density of dysmorphic neurons in the centre of dysplasias are the driver of epileptic seizures in tuberous sclerosis complex*

**Leah Beauchamp\*** (The University of Melbourne) - *Does dopamine mis-metabolism underlie preclinical hypsomnia in Parkinson's disease?*

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### ORAL 6 – NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND METHODS

1:30PM – 3:30PM, CITY ROOMS 1 & 2

**Chairs:** Karissa Barthelson and Nick Spencer

**Omar Ibrahim\*** (QUT- Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation) *A novel approach to identify functional genetic variants associated with persistent post-concussion symptoms*

**Andrew Allen** (The University of Melbourne) - *Development and validation of a novel circuit-based chemogenetic inhibitory approach*

**Sandesh Panthi\*** (University of Otago) - *Using DREADD technology to interrogate dysfunctional feed-forward inhibition within cortico-thalamo-cortical microcircuits to investigate absence seizure generation and altered behaviour*

**Merja Joensuu** (The University of Queensland) - *Super-resolving the nanoscale dynamics of Botulinum Neurotoxin Type-A intoxicification journey*

**Harrison Evans\*** (Queensland Brain Institute) - *Novel transgenic click chemistry tool enables the identification of distinct de novo proteomic changes during memory formation specifically in the hippocampus*

**Mina Ghanimi Fard\*** (Macquarie University) - *Targeting glycans on glioblastoma cells with nanodiamonds*

**Indranil Basak** (University of Otago) - *Characterisation of CLN5 Batten disease in induced pluripotent stem cell derived human neurons*

**Jenny Ekberg** (Griffith University) - *Modelling cell-cell interactions in the olfactory nerve using a novel 3D culture method*

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### ORAL 7 – PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS AND MEMORY

1:30PM – 3:30PM, CITY ROOMS 3 & 4

**Chairs:** Frances Corrigan and Tony Hannan

**Maarten van den Buuse** (La Trobe University) - *Paradoxical effects of chronic exercise on anxiety-like behaviour in rats: sex differences and role of the BDNF val66met polymorphism*

**Martin Lewis** (SAHMRI) - *The novel gene PHF21B associated with major depression exhibits sexually dimorphic responses to chronic stress in a transgenic preclinical model*

**Xiang Li** (The University of Queensland) - *Elucidating the functional role of novel DNA modifications in fear extinction memory formation*

**Hayley North\*** (Neuroscience Research Australia) - *Increased inflammation and macrophage infiltration is associated with altered subependymal zone neurogenesis in schizophrenia but not bipolar disorder*

**Alexandre Cristino** (Griffith University) - *Beyond the central dogma: from junk DNA to Schizophrenia-associated cell functions*

**Anna Schroeder** (Monash University) - *The betacellulin knock-out mouse: Behavioural characterisation of a novel model with relevance to schizophrenia*

**Angeline Leong\*** (University of Newcastle) - *Effects of maternal immune activation and adolescent cannabinoid exposure on GABAergic and BDNF gene expression in the prefrontal cortex*

**Charles Watson** (The University of Western Australia) - *The need for clinicians to update their knowledge on brain organisation*

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### ORAL 8 – COGNITION, LEARNING, AND BEHAVIOUR

1:30PM – 3:30PM, RIVERBANK ROOM 7

**Chairs:** Lyndsey Collins-Praino and Hannah Keage

**Thomas Burne** (The University of Queensland) - *Adult vitamin D deficiency disrupts spatial memory and perineuronal nets in the hippocampus*

**Asheeta Prasad** (The University of New South Wales) - *Ventral pallidum subpopulations in reward seeking behaviour*

**Teri Furlong** (Neuroscience Research Australia) - *Habitual behaviour resulting from high-calorie food is prevented by an orexin-receptor antagonist*

**Cheryl Shoubridge** (The University of Adelaide) - *Short term estradiol treatment reduces seizure severity but does not improve cognitive measures in mouse models of congenital epilepsy and intellectual disability*

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**Sharna Jamadar** (Monash University) - *Dynamic within-subject functional connectivity in the resting state using high temporal-resolution simultaneous BOLD-fMRI FDG-PET*

**Janet van Eersel** (Macquarie University) - *Hippocampal network aberrations in P301S tau transgenic mice is linked to immediate early genes*

**Kimberly Archer\*** (University of Newcastle) - *Investigating the role of theta frequency oscillations in visual processing during reading*

**Jacqueline Heighway\*** (The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health) - *Recurrent SCN2A autism variant S1758R shows a loss-of-function phenotype*

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## ORAL 9 – AUTONOMIC CIRCUITS

1:30PM – 3:30PM, RIVERBANK ROOM 8

**Chairs: Peregrine Osborne and Rochelle Peterson**

**Marcello Costa** (Flinders University) - *Enteric neural mechanisms of guinea pig faecal pellet formation*

**Simon Brookes** (Flinders University) - *Characterisation of descending interneuronal pathways in myenteric plexus of human colon*

**Anita Leembruggen\*** (The University of Melbourne) - *Group I metabotropic glutamate receptors are involved in neural control of colonic motility*

**Sabrina Poon\*** (The University of Melbourne) - *Neonatal exposure to the antibiotic vancomycin induces long-term effects on the microbiota, enteric nervous system and host metabolism*

**Madushani Herath\*** (The University of Melbourne) - *Altered neuronal regulation of mucosal barrier function in the Neuroligin-3R451C mouse model of autism*

**Aung Aung Kywe Moe** (The University of Melbourne) - *Autonomic and respiratory modulation via optogenetic stimulation of left vs right vagal neurons of different embryological lineages*

**Stuart McDougall** (The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health) - *Synaptic modulation of viscerosensory signals within the brainstem*

**Vanessa Stojanovska** (Hudson Institute of Medical Research) - *Synaptic modulation of viscerosensory signals within the brainstem*

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### ORAL 10 – DISORDERS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

1:30PM – 3:30PM, HALL L

**Chairs:** Jenny Gunnensen and Arne Ittner

**Mohammad Ibrahim\*** (University of Otago) - *Metabotropic glutamate receptors as a potential therapeutic target for the treatment of Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 (SCA1)*

**Craig McIntosh\*** (Murdoch University) - *Antisense oligonucleotide-mediated exon skipping to treat Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 3*

**Pratishtha Chatterjee** (Macquarie University) - *Iron dyshomeostasis manifests in the periphery in preclinical Alzheimer's disease*

**Ryu Takechi** (Curtin University) - *Synthesis and secretion of human lipoprotein beta-amyloid restricted to peripheral lipogenic organs in mice results in an early Alzheimer's-like neurodegenerative phenotype*

**Morgan Newman** (The University of Adelaide) - *Loss of hypoxia response in a zebrafish model of familial Alzheimer's disease*

**Eleanor Drummond** (University of Sydney) - *Phosphorylated tau interactome in the human Alzheimer's disease brain*

**Anthony White** (QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute) - *iPSC-derived brain endothelial cells carrying PSEN1 Alzheimer's mutation exhibit altered phenotype and permeability in response to focused ultrasound, with potential implications for amyloid clearance and drug delivery*

**Tim Sargeant** (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute) - *Alzheimer's disease risk factor gene regulates localisation of lysosomal enzymes*

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# Poster Presentations

Please note these are submissions made before August 20th.

Odd number posters to be manned between 12:00pm- 1:45pm on Tuesday 3rd December

Even number posters to be manned between 12:00pm - 1:45pm on Wednesday 4th December

| Poster Number | Name                 | Abstract Title   |
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| 1             | Gayathri Balasuriya  | Altered gastrointestinal motility in a mouse model of cigarette smoking-induced Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  |
| 2             | Mariana Brizuela     | Activation of Dopamine D2 receptors in the CNS reduces thermogenesis elicited by activation of the lateral habenula  |
| 3             | John Furness         | Evidence that heteromers of dopamine and ghrelin receptors in the spinal cord control colorectal function  |
| 4             | Andrea Harrington    | Transneuronal tracing of colonic-related afferent circuits in mice using herpes simplex virus 1 strain H129 expressing EGFP                                  |
| 5             | Suzanne Hosie        | Gastrointestinal dysmotility in the C57BL/6 NL3R451C mouse model of autism   |
| 6             | Geraldine Kong       | Longitudinal omics approach to investigate the microbiome-gut-brain-axis in R6/1 mice, a transgenic mouse model of Huntington's disease                      |
| 7             | Erin McAllum         | Regional iron distribution and soluble ferroprotein profiles in the healthy human brain  |
| 8             | Samiha Sharna        | Changes in caecal neuroimmune interactions in the Neuroligin-3R451C mouse model of autism  |
| 9             | Ajai Vyas            | Neurobiology of Fatal Attraction   |
| 20            | Micah Daniel Austria | Neurovascular unit characterization in the Alzheimer's disease middle temporal gyrus using human brain tissue microarrays                                    |
| 21            | Megan Bakeberg       | Cholesterol-related gene is associated with longitudinal cognitive decline in an Australian cohort of Parkinson's disease patients                           |
| 22            | Karissa Barthelson   | Identifying early molecular and vascular changes in young adult zebrafish brains due to mutations in early-onset, familial Alzheimer's disease-related genes |
| 23            | Julien Bensalem      | Improving brain autophagy to counteract Alzheimer's disease  |
| 24            | Alison Canty         | In vivo imaging of cortical axon degeneration after laser induced injury   |
| 25            | Mark Corbett         | Expansions of a pentameric intronic ATTC repeat in STARD7 lead to familial adult myoclonic epilepsy linked to chromosome 2                                   |



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| 26            | Jaisalmer de Frutos | Does APOE genotype moderate the relationship between physical activity and brain health and dementia risk?  |
| 27            | Melinda Fitzgerald  | NG2+ cells are vulnerable at breaches of the blood brain barrier during secondary degeneration following neurotrauma  |
| 28            | Sameera Iqbal       | Investigation of polysialic acid expression in response to immune signalling in the nervous system  |
| 29            | Hannah Keage        | Patterns of conversion and reversion between cognitive states (normal, MCI and dementia) in Parkinson's disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis  |
| 30            | Adeline Lau         | Inhibition of heparan sulfate biosynthesis as a novel substrate reduction therapy for a paediatric-onset dementia   |
| 31            | Preet Makker        | Investigation of axonal excitability in preclinical mouse models of acute oxaliplatin-induced neurotoxicity   |
| 32            | Ruth Napper         | Using serial block face scanning electron microscopy to investigate long-term effects of binge alcohol exposure during development on mature brain structure in the rat: preliminary findings |
| 33            | Asheeta Prasad      | Cellular Changes in the Substantia Nigra and Subthalamic Nucleus in Parkinson Disease pathology and Deep Brain Stimulation Treatment  |
| 34            | Cheryl Shoubridge   | Heterozygous loss of function of IQSEC2 /Iqsec2 leads to increased activated Arf6 and severe neurocognitive seizure phenotype in females  |
| 35            | Parnayan Syed       | Effects of mutations in the GABA-A receptor $\alpha 3$ subunit that underlie epilepsy, autism, anxiety, facial deformities and intellectual disabilities                                      |
| 36            | Michael Lardelli    | A research program to discover the early brain molecular changes/ stresses that drive Alzheimer's disease through comparative 'omics analyses of genome-edited zebrafish                      |
| 50            | Ansab Akhtar        | Brain Insulin Resistance in Alzheimer's disease: Targeting phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K)/Akt/GSK-3 $\beta$ pathway   |
| 51            | Thomas Burne        | Adult vitamin D deficiency disrupts spatial memory and perineuronal nets in the hippocampus   |
| 52            | Amu Faiz            | Environment is a significant parameter in the switch between defensive behavioural responses  |

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| 53            | Jessica Moretti         | Effects of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation on motivation in a mouse model  |
| 54            | Albert Dayor Piersson   | Relationship between plasma AB and structural brain alterations: A systematic review  |
| 55            | Albert Dayor Piersson   | Brain atrophy and its relationship with brain amyloid deposition, tau levels, and cerebral glucose metabolism in individuals at risk of cognitive decline |
| 56            | Genevieve Steiner       | Reduced neuronal activation of attention and cognitive control mechanisms in amnesic mild cognitive impairment (aMCI) compared to healthy controls        |
| 57            | Yukti Vyas              | Influence of maternal high zinc diet on the development of autism-associated behaviours in Shank3-knockout mice   |
| 58            | Cong Wang               | Neural correlates of novel object recognition in the medial prefrontal cortex and hippocampus   |
| 59            | Guohun Zhu              | Cognitive load during multitasking can be accurately assessed based on a single channel EEG recording   |
| 70            | Saurabh Bandhavkar      | Extracellular matrix remodelling regulates adult hippocampal neurogenesis and improves spatial learning   |
| 71            | Matthew Fanning         | Maternal antibiotic consumption during pregnancy affects offspring ENS development  |
| 72            | Maria Gancheva          | Reprogramming human dental pulp stem cells into neural stem cells   |
| 73            | Lachlan Jolly           | Exploiting naturally occurring mutations to unravel the neurodevelopmental functions of the deubiquitylating enzyme USP9X                                 |
| 74            | Peter Kozulin           | Comparative transcriptomic analysis of forebrain connectivity across mammalian evolution  |
| 75            | Riccardo Natoli         | Active microRNA and binding partners in the degenerating retina   |
| 76            | B K Chandrasekhar Sagar | Ultrastructural evaluation of synaptogenesis induced by electroconvulsive shock in the rat brain  |
| 77            | Akram Zamani            | Chronic white matter disruption following paediatric traumatic brain injury (pTBI) in mice  |
| 78            | Fatemeh Ameri Sefideh   | A novel role of extracellular ferritin in ferroptosis: implications for neurodegenerative diseases  |

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| 87            | Haowen Liu            | A dual role for the UNC-13 M domain in $Ca^{2+}$ - triggered neurotransmitter release   |
| 88            | Holly Melland         | A newly characterised neurodevelopmental disorder is caused by mutations in synaptotagmin-1 that alter synaptic vesicle dynamics  |
| 89            | Abdur Rahman          | PP1 inhibition is involved in lead-induced neurotoxicity in cultured rat embryonic hippocampal cells  |
| 90            | Haozhe Wang           | Studying the role of Kv7.2 and Kv7.3 ion channels in the mouse enteric nervous system with the assistance of computational modelling  |
| 95            | Georgina Craig        | Adaptive myelination regulated by changes to oligodendrocyte survival   |
| 96            | Yasuyuki Osanai       | Length of myelin internodes of oligodendrocytes is controlled by microenvironment influenced by axonal activity in sensory deprived mouse models                                  |
| 97            | Huitong Song          | Sphingosine kinase 2 protects oligodendrocytes and is required for remyelination  |
| 98            | Jordan Wright         | The transcription factor 'Olig2' recruits chromatin remodelling complexes to regulate proliferation and myelination in oligodendrocytes   |
| 99            | Kaylene Young         | LRP1 inhibits myelination and remyelination in the adult central nervous system   |
| 105           | Brittany Rurak        | Examining supplementary motor area-primary motor cortex connectivity using a novel transcranial magnetic stimulation protocol: Application in tremor-dominant Parkinson's disease |
| 107           | Connor Sherwood       | Optical Control of Neuronal Behaviour with Organic Electronic Devices   |
| 108           | James St John         | Bioengineering a cell transplantation therapy to repair the injured spinal cord   |
| 111           | Harry Carey           | DeepSlice: A deep neural network for fully automatic alignment of histological sections   |
| 112           | Farheen Farzana       | Spatially mapping brain metabolism in a mouse model of Huntington's disease   |
| 113           | Mahadeeswara Mandiyam | Reconstructing three-dimensional trajectories of freely flying honeybees in a semi-outdoor environment  |

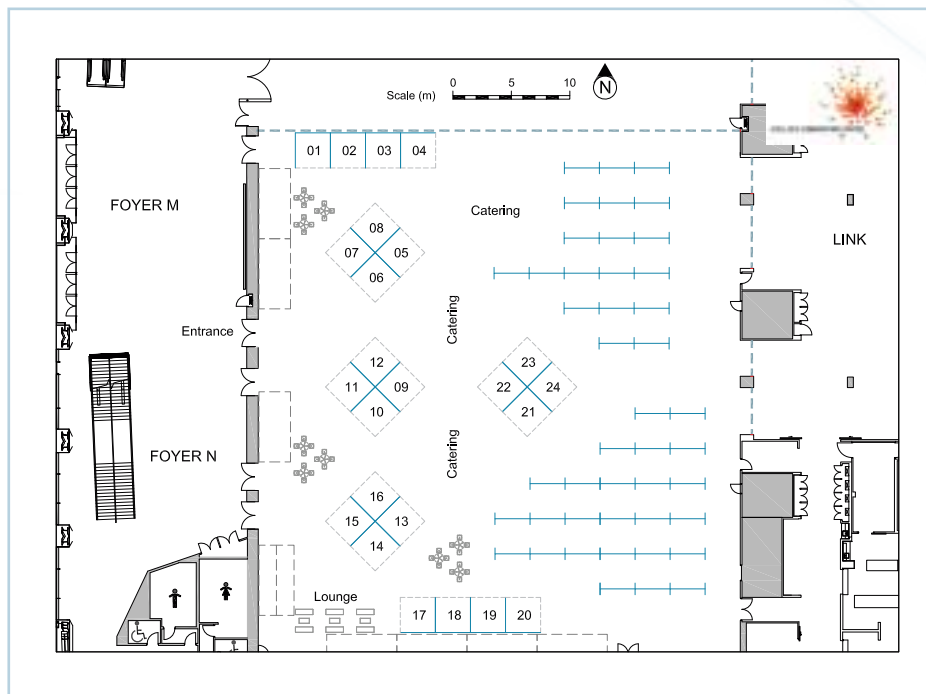
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| 114           | Rucha Pandit       | The effect of low-intensity ultrasound on tau pathology in a transgenic mouse model and on the transport mechanisms across the blood-brain barrier  |
| 115           | Sam Rathbone       | Ultrasound mediated piezoelectric stimulation of human neural stem cells  |
| 116           | Stephanie Rayner   | Rapid, unbiased identification of protein inclusion components from patient post-mortem brain tissue using targeted-biotinylation and mass spectrometry   |
| 122           | Alice Al Abed      | Cognitive deficits in the CNTNAP2-/- mice model of autism: How altered circuit maturation affects adult memory  |
| 123           | Kathryn Baker      | The impact of chronic fluoxetine treatment in adolescence or adulthood on fear learning, parvalbumin neurons, and perineuronal nets   |
| 124           | Isaac Bul Deng     | Long term high-fat diet aggravates anxiety, depression and cognitive dysfunction in pR5 mice  |
| 125           | Changtae Hahn      | Thalamic shape and cognitive performance in amnesic mild cognitive impairment   |
| 126           | Lauren Harms       | Investigation of mismatch responses in rats: towards a new outcome measure for preclinical schizophrenia research   |
| 127           | Lauren Hennessy    | The effect of low-intensity repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation delivered using standard and accelerated stimulation protocols on brain and behaviour in an animal model of depression |
| 128           | Neda Nasrollahi    | Age differences in the processing of emotional information: A meta-analysis investigating face versus non-face pictures as potential moderators   |
| 136           | Yee Lian Chew      | Mapping wired and wireless neural connectivity to investigate behavioural and pathological states in <i>C. elegans</i>  |
| 137           | Guthrie Dyce       | Frequency tagging in the mouse vibrissal cortex   |
| 138           | Bernard Evans      | Discrimination of features in natural scenes driven by selective attention  |
| 139           | Joseph Fabian      | Mechanosensors underlying flight by feel on dragonfly wings   |
| 140           | Ehsan Kheradpezhoh | Enhanced sensory coding in mouse vibrissal and visual cortex through TRPA1  |
| 141           | Benjamin Lancer    | Dragonfly target-detection neuron ignores high-contrast distractors   |

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| 142           | Yamni Mohan         | The role of ON/OFF sub-regions of visual cortical simple cells in sharpening orientation selectivity                     |
| 143           | Subha Nasir Ahmad   | Characterisation of ganglion cell types in human retina expressing the transcription factor SATB2                        |
| 144           | Gratia Nguyen       | A model for the origin and development of orientation selectivity  |
| 145           | Bao Nguyen          | Exercise alters binocular rivalry dynamics in healthy young adults   |
| 146           | Yuri Ogawa          | Pattern electroretinography reveals the spatial resolving power and contrast sensitivity of insect compound eyes         |
| 147           | Alexander Pietersen | State-dependence of gamma-band spiking activity in 'blue-OFF' cells in marmoset lateral geniculate nucleus               |
| 148           | William Redmond     | Categorical and invariant visual object capabilities of the superior colliculus - a threat detection centre of the brain |
| 149           | Taylor Singh        | Bilateral integration of sensory information in the mouse whisker system   |
| 150           | Kimberly Thek       | Vagus nerve stimulation induces cellular plasticity in NTS neurons   |
| 151           | Anlai Wei           | Characterisation of Forkhead Protein (Foxp1) expressing cells in the marmoset retina                                     |
| 167           | Yang Dong           | Investigating Alzheimer's disease through mutating the PSEN1 gene in zebrafish   |
| 168           | Barbora Fulopova    | Region specific trends of amyloid deposition in APP/PS1 mice following mid-life environmental enrichment                 |

# Exhibition



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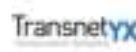
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