The Florida Consortium on the Neurobiology of Cognition

Annual Meeting 2024, Miami, FL

Day 1 - Thursday, May 2nd

8:30 am - 10:00 am Poster Session #1 and Light Breakfast

10:00 am - 10:30 am Introduction & Welcome - Dr. Aaron Wilber, FSU

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

SESSION 1- Role of physical activity in promoting cognitive and brain health in late adulthood.

Chair: Drs. Shivangi Jain, Dr. Lauren Oberlin

Dr. Henrietta van Praag, Florida Atlantic University

"The role of exercise in hippocampus-dependent memory"

Dr. Lauren Oberlin, AdventHealth Research Institute, Neuroscience, Orlando; Department of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY

"Cardiorespiratory fitness is associated with cognitive function in late adulthood: Baseline findings from the IGNITE study"

Dr. Kelsey Sewell, AdventHealth Research Institute, Neuroscience, Orlando; Centre for Healthy
Ageing, Health Futures Institute, Murdoch University, Murdoch, Western
Australia, Australia

"How lifestyle shapes the brain: Associations between physical activity, sleep, and cognitive function in older adults"

Dr. Shivangi Jain, AdventHealth Research Institute, Neuroscience, Orlando "Cognitive aging and brain health: Role of white matter lesions, systemic inflammation, and cardiorespiratory fitness"

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Featured FCNC Member Speaker, Dr. Natalie Ebner FCNC Member talk "A translational neuroscience approach to social-cognitive and affective aging"

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm Break

2:45 pm - 4:45 pm

SESSION 2 – Pathogenic mechanisms and potential protective strategies for aging and age-related neurodegenerative disorders

Chair: Dr. Kim Tieu, Florida International University

Dr. Christiaan Leeuwenburgh, University of Florida

"Hallmarks of aging: Focus on autophagy and mitochondria"

Dr. Kim Tieu, Florida International University

"Targeting mitochondrial dynamics and autophagy as potential therapeutic strategies for Parkinson's disease"

Dr. Tomas Guilarte, Florida International University

"The mitochondrial translocator protein 18kDa (TSPO) is an early biomarker of neuroinflammation and disease progression in Alzheimer's disease"

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm Break

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sarah Johnson Data Blitz & Award Announcement

Organizer: Shamim Golafshan, FIU



Day 2 - Friday, May 3rd

8:30 am - 10:00 am Poster Session #2 and Light Breakfast

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

SESSION 3 – From the bench to the bedside: Experimental therapy development for Huntington disease

Chairs: Dr. Amber Southwell, University of Central Florida

Dr. Jianning Wei, Florida Atlantic University

"Implication of environmental factors in the progression of Huntington's disease"

Dr. Amber Southwell, University of Central Florida

"On the hunt for Huntington disease therapy"

Dr. Ines Bras, University of Central Florida

"Leveraging extracellular vesicles for Huntington disease biomarkers"

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch

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Keynote Speaker - Dr. Randy Buckner, Sosland Family Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, Harvard University

"Precision estimation of large-scale network organization in the human brain"

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm Break

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

SESSION 4 - Neural oscillations underlie cognitive control and are altered with psychiatric illness

Chair: Dr. George Buzzell, Florida International University

Dr. Mingzhou Ding, University of Florida

"Stimulating neural oscillations to enhance cognitive functions"

Kianoosh Hosseini, Florida International University

"The potential role of error-related theta oscillations and memory in social anxiety"

Dr. Justin Riddle, Florida State University

"Causal role of delta-beta coupling for goal-directed behavior in anhedonic depression"

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Meeting Code of Conduct

The FCNC has a "zero tolerance" policy toward discrimination and all forms of harassment. FCNC reserves the right to discipline meeting participants who engage in any inappropriate conduct, including dismissal from the conference.



Sarah Johnson Data Blitz

Julio Peraza, "Gradec: Meta-analytic decoder of connectivity gradients"

Taylor Jancetic-Bidelman, "Ethnic identity profiles among adolescents in the ABCD Study: Associations with resting state functional connectivity"

Chloe Hampson, "Habenular alterations in resting state functional connectivity in autism spectrum disorder"

Dr. Samantha Saland, "Sex differences and ketamine in isolation-induced cognitive dysfunction"

Dr. Leila Allen, "Delayed spatial alternation in the pig"

William Villano, "Hippocampal recurrence moderates the reinstatement of cortical events during emotional anticipation"

Gianna Cannestro, "Electrophysiological characterization of Huntington's Disease"

Florian Duclot, "Assessing motivation for reward in a socially monogamous species"



Poster Session #1 (Thursday, May 2nd 8:30-10:00am)

Isabella D'Ottone, "Feeling Moody: Emotional reactions to real-world events predict changes in positive and negative mood", UM (Heller)

Jialong Zhen, "Is this real? Deepfake detection in humans vs. machines", UF (Ebner)

Sydney Ragsdale, "Longitudinal characterization of resting state fMRI, DTI, and action-place spatial learning in the TgF344-AD rat reveals impaired action-place learning emerging at 5-months", FSU (Wilber)

Dr. Marilyn Horta, "Introducing an open dataset to examine single-dose intranasal oxytocin effects in healthy younger and older adults", UF (Ebner)

Medha Mahindra & Dr. Sunayana Dagar, "Rhes-SLC4A7 association mediates cell to cell mHTT transmission", UF (Subramaniam)

Chloe Hampson, "Habenular alterations in resting state functional connectivity in autism spectrum disorder", FIU (Laird)

Leslie Alday, "Resting after learning facilited memory consolidation and reversed impairments of spatial reorientation in 3xTG-AD mice", FSU (Wilber)

Dr. Samantha Saland, "Molecular mechanisms associated with behavioral sensitization to intermittent ketamine in male and female rats", FSU (Kabbaj)

Dr. Mingbo Cai, "Decoding spontaneous thoughts from brain activity", UM (Cai)

Dr. Yanhao Lai, "Drp1 inhibition reduces neuroinflammation in vivo", FIU (Tieu)

Rebecca Fan, "A partial Drp1 knockout improves autophagy flux independent of mitochondrial function", FIU (Tieu)

Stephen Suss, "Investigation of activation patterns within proposed affective circuits in adolescent development and anxiety", FIU (Mattfeld/McMakin)

Deirdre Murphy, "Characterization of mutant pig model lacking functional PSEN1", FIU (Allen)

Justin Barolette & Lake Miller, "Visualizing the effect of adverse childhood experiences and socioeconomic status on uncertain decision making using fNIRS", UCF (Lighthall)

Yanhao Lai, "Drp1 inhibition reduces neuroinflammation in vivo", FIU (Tieu)

Marilyn Curtis, "Structural brain development of speech networks in young children at-risk for speech disorders", FIU (Dick)

Gianna Cannestro, "Electrophsyiological characterization of Huntington's Disease", FAU (Wei)

Daniel Perez, "Microglia translocator protein 18 kDA (TSPO) and Alzheimer's Disease pathophysiology in the 5xFAD murine model", FIU (Guilarte)

Anthony Navarro, "Using machine learning and mixed effect models to predict undergraduate STEM dropout", UM (Heller)

Poster Session #2 (Friday, May 3rd 8:30-10:00am)

Claire Landon, "Individual differences in naturalistic emotional memory", UM (Heller)

Julio Peraza, "Gradec: Meta-analytic decoder of connectivity gradients", FIU (Laird)

Abenna Yamoah & Sofia Fraile, "The impact of episodic and semantic recall during ESI on memory generalization", FIU (Mattfeld)

Kate Crooks, "Sleep disruption alters activity in brain regions linked with socio-emotional processing: An fMRI meta-analysis", FIU (Sutherland)

Patricio Viera Perez, "Reward and loss related neurobiological associations predictive of futre adolescent substance use", FIU (Sutherland)

Said Salehe, "Impacts of partial Drp1 deficiency in aging", FIU (Tieu)

Harry Brown, "Small molecule library screening identifies a novel Drp1 inhibitor as a potential therapeutic for Parkinson's Disease", FIU (Tieu)

Carlos Otero, "Developing an algorithm for in-vivo detection and feature analysis of sharp wave ripples in the common marmoset hippocampus", FIU (Riera)

Ian Gaudet, "Elevated SLC7A2 expression is associated with an abnormal neuroinflammatory response and nitrosative stress in Huntington's disease", FAU (Wei)

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Sarah Hardin, "Effects of early life lead exposure on the cardiovascular system in a transgenic mouse model of Alzheimer's Disease", FIU (Guilarte)

Milena Giler, "Differences in prefrontal cortex activation during risk and ambiguity aversion", UCF (Lighthall)

Donisha Smith, "Longitudinal changes in dynamic functional connectivity associated with physics learning", FIU (Laird)

Dr. Alexander Rodichkin, "TBD", FIU (Guilarte)

Vanesa Smielak, "Latency and its impact on memory performance", FIU (Mattfeld)

Dana Arnold, "Is this real? Age-related differences in deep-fake detection", UF (Ebner)

