

# International Neuropsychological Symposium 2026

Agios Nikolaos, Greece  
Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26

## Conference Center of the Miramare Resort

### Monday, June 22

**15.50 – 16.00** Welcome – James Bisley

### Topic 1.

**Monday Afternoon** – Topic 1 / Session 1 – Chair: Georgia Gregoriou

**16.00 – 17.00** **Cecilia Guariglia** (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

Reach your goal or get lost: neuropsychology of human navigation

**17.00 – 17.30** *Coffee break*

**17.30 – 18.30** **Panos Sapountzis** (University of Crete, Greece)

Neural population codes for feature attention and working memory

**18.30 – 19.30** **Monika Schönauer** (Freiburg University, Germany)

The role of reactivation in forming long-term memories

**20.00** Welcome Reception by the **Aegeon Pool** at the Miramare Resort

### Tuesday, June 23

**Tuesday Morning** – Topic 1 / Session 2 – Chair: Ole Jensen

**09.00 – 10.00** **Hyojin Park** (University of Birmingham, UK)

Decoding naturalistic speech: Brain rhythms, multisensory integration, and non-invasive modulation approaches

**10.00 – 11.00** **Lorena Chanes** (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)

From cortical organization to experience. Hierarchies, integration and prediction

**11.00 – 11.30** *Coffee break*

**11.30 – 12.30** **Nicholas Turk-Browne** (Yale University, USA)

Learning and memory in the infant brain

### Special Presentation

**12.30 – 13.00** **Marilyn Jones-Gotman** (McGill University, Canada)

75 years of INS: A brief history

## Topic 2. Individual and shared sense of agency: phenomenology, cognition, neuroscience and neuropsychology

Organizers: Eraldo Paulesu & Vittorio Gallese

**Tuesday Afternoon** – Topic 2 / Session 1 – Chair: Vittorio Gallese

**16.00 – 17.00** **Alexandra Battaglia-Mayer** (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

The neural basis of social motor interactions: From coordination to cooperation in non-human primates

**17.00 – 17.30** *Coffee break*

**17.30 – 18.30** **György Gergely** (Central European University, Hungary)

How infants interpret others' actions as goal-directed, linking agency to rational action understanding

**18.30 – 19.30** **Patrick Haggard** (University College London, UK)

Dissecting the human sense of agency

**19.30 – 20.00** *General discussion & end of session*

### Wednesday, June 24

**Wednesday Morning** – Topic 2 / Session 2 – Chair: Eraldo Paulesu

**09.00 – 10.00** **Laura Zapparoli** (University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy)

Brain mechanisms of individual and shared sense of agency in adult humans

**10.00 – 11.00** **Agnieszka Wykowska** (Italian Institute of Technology, Italy)

Sense of agency in human-robot interactions

**11.00 – 11.30** *Group Photo and Coffee break*

**11.30 – 12.30** **Thomas Whitford** (University of New South Wales, Australia)

The neuropsychology of altered sense of agency: lessons from psychopathology

**12.30 – 13.00** *General discussion & end of session*

## Topic 3. The cognitive thalamus

Organizer: Sabine Kastner

**Wednesday Afternoon** – Topic 3 / Session 1 – Chair: Yuri Saalman

**16.00 – 17.00** **W. Martin Usrey** (UC Davis, USA)

From attention to action: Cognitive control of LGN visual responses

**17.00 – 17.30** *Coffee break*

**17.30 – 18.30** **Holly Bridge** (University of Oxford, UK)

The role of LGN in residual vision following stroke to primary visual cortex

**18.30 – 19.30** **Sabine Kastner** (Princeton University, USA)

Cognitive functions of the primate pulvinar

**19.30 – 20.00** *General discussion & end of session*

## Thursday, June 25

**Thursday Morning** – Topic 3 / Session 2 – Chair: Sabine Kastner

**09.00 – 10.00** **Michael Halassa** (Virginia Tech, USA)

Thalamocortical architectures for cognitive control and flexibility

**10.00 – 11.00** **Anna Huang** (Vanderbilt University Medical Center, USA)

The thalamus in schizophrenia: Circuit dysfunction and cognitive impairment

**11.00 – 11.30** *Coffee break*

**11.30 – 12.30** **Yuri Saalman** (University of Wisconsin - Madison, USA)

Thalamo-cortical processes for cognitive control and consciousness

**12.30 – 13.00** *General discussion & end of session*

**Thursday Afternoon** – Excursion: Boat Trip to and Tour of [Spinalonga](#)

**16.00** Departure from the Agios Nikolaos Port on the St. Nikolas

**20.00** Return to the port



## Topic 4. Cognitive maps and structures in the human and non-human brains

Organizers: Manuela Piazza & Matthew Rushworth

### Friday, June 26

**Friday Morning** – Topic 4 / Session 1 – Chair: Manuela Piazza

**09.00 – 10.00** **Giorgia Committeri** (University G. d'Annunzio of Chieti-Pescara, Italy)

Mapping spatial and non-spatial relations across reference frames in the human brain

**10.00 – 11.00** **Yunzhe Liu** (Beijing Normal University, China)

Human SWR Atlas maps brain-wide recruitment across the hippocampal axis in deep sleep

**11.00 – 11.30** *Coffee break*

**11.30 – 13.00** *Business meeting*

**Friday Afternoon** – Topic 4 / Session 2 – Chair: Matthew Rushworth

**16.00 – 17.00** **Elizabeth Buffalo** (University of Washington, USA)

The hippocampus constructs dynamic internal models of experience

**17.00 – 17.30** *Coffee break*

**17.30 – 18.30** **Nachum Ulanovsky** (Weizmann Institute, Israel)

Neural codes for natural behaviors in bats

**18.30 – 19.30** *General discussion & end of session*

**Friday Evening** – Social Dinner

**20.00** Dinner at **Migomis Piano Restaurant** – Nik. Plastira 20, Agios Nikolaos