

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)

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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 Saalmann

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 Saalmann** (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