



# ABSS 2025 CONFERENCE

23-24th November  
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## Day 1: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

9:00-9:30am	Registration, tea and coffee.
9:30-9:45am	Welcome and opening remarks.
9:45-10:45am	<b>Keynote: Prof Paul Fitzgerald</b> Advancing Non-invasive Brain Stimulation for Depression with Personalised Treatment Approaches
10:45-11:15	Morning tea
11:15-11:30am	<b>Gold Sponsor presentation: Symbiotic devices</b>
11:30-12:45pm	<b>Symposium: Brain stimulation Research and Clinical Applications</b> Session chair: Dr Donel Martin  <b>Prof Andrew Zalesky:</b> Harnessing Connectomics to Advance Therapeutic Brain Stimulation <b>Dr Oscar Murphy:</b> SMART Neuronavigation: A Software-based Model to Individualise Transcranial Stimulation Targets <b>Dr Michael Barham:</b> The 'Big NIBS data' project: An open-source repository and standardised pipeline for sharing and analysing non-invasive brain stimulation data <b>Mr Nathan Higgins:</b> Recommendations for Post-trial Responsibility in Neurosurgical Device Research: An Australian Consensus Study ( <i>Student presentation</i> ) <b>Dr Yihang Jiao:</b> Resistor–Capacitor Circuit Model Predicts Brain-Stimulation propagation ( <i>Student presentation</i> )
12:45-1:00pm	Conference photo
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch
2:00-2:15pm	<b>Gold sponsor presentation: Aerobe</b>



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2:15-3:00pm	<p><b>Symposium: Brain Stimulation Parameters and Motor Function</b> Session chair: Dr Jacob Thorstensen</p> <p><b>Prof Shapour Jaberzadeh:</b> Montage polarity in 400 Hz cortico-cerebellar stimulation affects brain excitability and hand dexterity</p> <p><b>Mrs Mona Malekahmad:</b> Anodal Transcranial Pulsed Current Stimulation at Different Frequencies: Effects on Cortical Excitability and Side-effects (<i>Student presentation</i>)</p> <p><b>A/Prof Maryam Zoghi:</b> Effects of 400 Hz anodal and cathodal transcranial pulsed current stimulation on corticospinal excitability and hand dexterity in young adults: A Double-Blind RCT</p>
3:00-3:40pm	<p><b>Data blitz</b> Session chair: A/Prof John Semmler</p> <p><b>Dr Elizabeth Thomas:</b> Theta Burst Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation to Treat Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder: An Open Label Pilot Study</p> <p><b>Dr Marilena DeMayo:</b> Clinical Outcomes of Adjunctive D-Cycloserine to intermittent Theta-Burst Stimulation in Fibromyalgia</p> <p><b>Miss Afifa Safda:</b> Brief disruption of the contralesional primary motor cortex using online rTMS degrades paretic hand performance in MEP-chronic phase stroke patients</p> <p><b>Dr Jacob Thorstensen:</b> Evidence for a noradrenergic contribution to human corticospinal excitability</p> <p><b>Miss Zakia Haque:</b> Investigating the interaction of transcranial stimulation of prefrontal cortex with contextual factors in modulating response execution and action inhibition.</p> <p><b>Miss Miriam Cerman &amp; Dr Andris Cerins:</b> Recording the TMS-evoked corticospinal volley from peripheral nerve</p> <p><b>Dr Wei-Yeh Liao:</b> Transcranial alternating current stimulation improves ballistic motor performance in trained and untrained limbs of healthy older adults</p>
3:40-4:45pm	Afternoon tea, poster session
4:45-5:15pm	AGM
5:30-8:00pm	Social event: Naughtons Hotel.



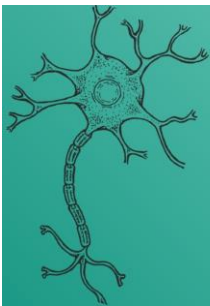
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## Day 2: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

9:30-10:30am	<b>Keynote: Prof Jennifer Rodger</b> Translational rTMS research: finding more questions than answers.
10:30-11:00am	Morning tea
11:00-12:15pm	<b><u>Symposium: Brain Stimulation Treatments and Therapies</u></b> Session chair: Dr Saurab Sonkusare  <b>Prof Kate Hoy:</b> Stimulating connections: Personalised Theta Burst Stimulation in Alzheimer's <b>Dr Hugh Simpson:</b> Thalamic ictal and interictal physiology for personalising epilepsy deep brain stimulation <b>Dr Donel Martin:</b> Modulating effects of synchronised sensory stimulation and transcranial magnetic stimulation on memory-related brain activity <b>Dr Grace Lai:</b> TPS Beyond Dementia: Can TPS-Mediated Neuromodulation Benefit Cognitive Impairment? <b>Dr Yohan Wards:</b> White Matter Microstructure Governs Individual Response to tDCS-Enhanced Cognitive Transfer ( <i>ECR presentation</i> )
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-2:00pm	<b><u>Symposium: Motor System Function in Health and Disease</u></b> Session chair: Dr Chris Latella  <b>Prof Winston Byblow:</b> A compositional neurophysiology biomarker for predicting stroke recovery and outcome. <b>Miss Emma Savelon:</b> Does corticomotor excitability within two weeks of stroke predict upper limb recovery and outcome? ( <i>Student presentation</i> ) <b>Dr Aidan Lewis:</b> Optimising tDCS to Enhance Exercise Performance: Evidence, Pitfalls, and the Next Experiments ( <i>ECR presentation</i> ) <b>Dr John Cirillo:</b> Modulation of primary motor cortex after experimentally induced and use-dependent plasticity in young and older adults
2:00-2:30pm	Prizes. Conference close.



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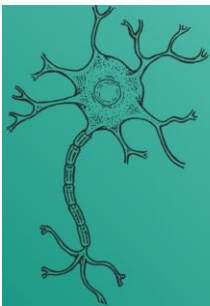
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## Posters

1. **Miriam Ceraman**, Donggyu Rim, Brendan McCarthy, Gianni Sesa-Ashton, Leo Chen, Vaughan Macefield, Andris Cerins: Recording the TMS-evoked corticospinal volley from peripheral nerve (*Student presentation*)
2. **Samuel R. Armstrong**, Martin V. Sale, Ross Cunnington: Phase-Specific Effects of Slow-Oscillatory Currents on Motor Cortical Excitability (*ECR presentation*)
3. **Marilena M DeMayo**, Vandad Sharifi Senejani, Tuan Trang, Ashley D. Harris, Alexander McGirr: Clinical Outcomes of Adjunctive D-Cycloserine to intermittent Theta-Burst Stimulation in Fibromyalgia (*ECR presentation*)
4. **Zakia Haque**, Farshard Mansouri: Investigating the interaction of transcranial stimulation of prefrontal cortex with contextual factors in modulating response execution and action inhibition (*Student presentation*)
5. **Elizabeth Thomas**, Caroline Gurvich, Mimi Truong, Chitra Vinnakota, Violet Francis, Andris Cerins, Lisanne M. Jenkins, Jacqueline Noonan, David Elliot, Leo Chen: Theta Burst Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation to Treat Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder: An Open Label Pilot Study (*ECR presentation*)
6. **Jacob Thorstensen**, Shannon McManus, Ragina Rai, Daniel McKeown, Douglas Angus: Evidence for a noradrenergic contribution to human corticospinal excitability
7. **Renming Liu**, Zhen Zheng, Aung Aung Kywe Moe, Maryam Zoghi, Shapour Jaberzadeh: Laser acupuncture improves cortical excitability and sensorimotor function in healthy individuals: A randomized controlled trial (*Student presentation*)
8. **Afifa Safdar**, Winston Byblow, Cathy Stinear: Brief disruption of the contralesional primary motor cortex using online rTMS degrades paretic hand performance in MEP-chronic phase stroke patients (*Student presentation*)
9. **Hamed Alanazi**, Prue Morgan, Shapour Jaberzadeh: Concurrent effects of EMG-tES and anodal tDCS on cortical and behavioral outcome measures: The role of ipsilateral versus contralateral stimulation (*Student presentation*)
10. **Nathan Difford**, Paul J. Stapley, Cassandra Russell, Jonathan Shemmell: Temporal Contributions of the Vestibulospinal and Corticospinal Tracts to Postural Responses Following Support-Surface Perturbations (*Student presentation*)
11. **Anis Gadapi**, Wei-Yeh Liao, Mitchell Goldsworthy, Scott R. Clark, George M. Opie, Ulf Ziemann, John G. Semmler, Tristan Bampton, Michael J. Weightman, Nigel C. Rogasch: Characterising excitation and inhibition with TMS-evoked EEG potentials from prefrontal and parietal cortex: a pharmacological study with carbamazepine and diazepam (*Student presentation*)
12. **Marissa Holden**, Wei-Yeh Liao, Scott Clark, Mitchell Goldsworthy, Nigel C. Rogasch: Influence of Amplifier Settings and Pulse Shape on Artefacts in TMS-EEG Recordings (*Student presentation*)



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13. **Sophia Xue Fei**, Koh, Shun-Xin, Koong, Shi Qing Steffi, Kong, Jack S. Fogarty, Alicia M. Goodwill, Wei-Peng Teo: The effects of a single session anodal transcranial pulsed current stimulation on working memory in healthy young adults
14. **Shun-Xin, Koong**, Sophia Xue Fei, Koh; Shi Qing Steffi, Kong; Jack S. Fogarty, Alicia M. Goodwill, Wei-Peng, Teo: The effects of repeated transcranial pulsed current stimulation on working memory in healthy younger adults (*Student presentation*)
15. Nishadi Gamage, **Wei-Yeh Liao**, Philip J. Atherton, Mathew Piasecki, George M. Opie, John G. Semmler: Transcranial alternating current stimulation improves ballistic motor performance in trained and untrained limbs of healthy older adults (*ECR presentation*)
16. **Amy C. Meadows**, Wei-Yeh Liao, John Cirillo, George M. Opie, John G. Semmler: Influence of theta-gamma tACS on motor cortex plasticity induced by repetitive paired-pulse TMS (*Student presentation*)
17. **Lakshini Piyasiri**, Fiona Gearon, Jamie Beros, Tim Rosenow, Aleksandra Miljevic, Jennifer Rodger: Investigating the Long-term Effects of Neuromodulation in the Developing Brain with Depression using Neuroimaging and Plasticity Biomarkers – A Translational Approach (*Student presentation*)
18. **Wei Qin**, Andre Peterson, Anthony Burkitt, Paul B Fitzgerald, Philippa J Karoly, Jodie Naim-Feil: Using the Response to Perturbation to Evaluate Changes of Cortical Excitability in Healthy Subjects (*ECR presentation*)
19. Wei-Yeh Liao, Brodie Hand, **Giuseppe Rinaldi**, John Semmler, George Opie: Neuromodulation by repetitive paired-pulse TMS at late I-wave intervals in older adults (*Student presentation*)
20. **Briella Rodriguez**, Aron T Hill, Paul B Fitzgerald, Karen Barlow, Adam Guastella, Melissa K Licari, Nigel C. Rogasch, Scott R Clark, Ann-Maree Vallence, Kelsie Boulton, Peter G. Enticott: The therapeutic application of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation in autism: Findings from a randomised controlled trial (*Student presentation*)
21. **Cassandra Russell**, Jonathan Shemmell: The interaction of non-invasive neural stimuli and its effect on feedforward motor control commands (*Student presentation*)
22. **Noah Tilley**, John Cirillo, George M. Opie, John G. Semmler: Theta-gamma transcranial alternating current stimulation and complex visuomotor training in healthy young adults (*Student presentation*)