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## BRAIN STIMULATION AND BRAIN PLASTICITY: FROM BASIC RESEARCH TO CLINICAL PRACTICE MILAN, NOVEMBER 21-23, 2018



## **CONGRESS VENUE**

University of Milano-Bicocca  
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## NEUROMI 2018 INTERNATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The **Milan Center for Neuroscience** ([www.neuromi.it](http://www.neuromi.it)) was founded in 2014 by the University of Milano-Bicocca to promote high-level multidisciplinary research and education in the field of Neuroscience, fostering collaborations among clinical, molecular, cognitive, imaging, computational and biotechnological fields.

It gathers now more than 300 neuroscientists from 8 Departments of Bicocca and other Universities and Research Institutes of the large Milan Area.

This is the **fourth NeuroMi International Meeting**. Previous ones have been: 2015-“Imaging of the brain”, 2016-“Prediction and prevention of dementia: new hope”, 2017 -“Personalised Medicine in Multiple Sclerosis”, all organized with major international experts and with stimulating interdisciplinary views.

This meeting will follow the successful **multidisciplinary approach**, gathering basic scientists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, psychiatrists, psychologists, rehabilitation specialists. This fertile cross-disciplinary meeting will also provide the opportunity to interact with top level scientists in each field.

The field of **brain stimulation is advancing rapidly** with breakthroughs in basic, translational, and clinical research. The latest and most important research will be presented at this meeting across these domains, starting with mechanisms of brain plasticity, and going through applications of non-invasive (electrical and magnetic) cortical stimulation to surgical deep brain stimulation in neurological and psychiatric disorders.

Brain stimulation methods are rapidly transforming research on brain mechanisms, from the molecular to the behavioral, and **offer new approaches to therapeutics and rehabilitation for brain disorders**. In many ways, the field of brain stimulation represents a paradigm shift, integrating and sometimes replacing the prevalent neuropsychopharmacological approaches of the past several decades.

**Topics and Key words:** Brain Plasticity-Cognitive enhancement-Computer modeling of brain stimulation methods-Deep brain stimulation-Neuropsychiatric disorders (dementia, depression, movement disorders, multiple sclerosis, obsessive compulsive disorders, pain, stroke, substance abuse)-Neurophysiology-Neurostimulation-Nutraceuticals-Transcranial alternating current stimulation (tACS)-Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS)-Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)-Vagus nerve stimulation

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**Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP**

**Practical training of Neurostimulation with Transcranial Direct-Current Stimulation**

- 13:30 Registration
- 14:00 Welcome and Presentation  
GIUSEPPE VALLAR
- 14:10 Introduction to the workshop  
CARLO MINIUSI
- 14:40 Overview of tES and TMS systems  
DAVIDE CORRADINI
- 15:10 Neuronavigation systems  
FILIPPO CARDUCCI
- 15:40 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 Transcranial Electrical Stimulation (tES)  
ALBERTO PISONI
- 16:30 Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) in clinical practice  
GIACOMO KOCH
- 17:00 Hands-on Session
- 18:00 **End of the workshop**

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**Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00-14:00 Annual Meeting of Milan Center for Neuroscience**

Selected oral and poster presentation from NeuroMi members on all research areas of the Center

Non members are also welcome

**14:30-15:00 Inauguration**

CRISTINA MESSA, Rector University of Milano-Bicocca

CARLO FERRARESE, Scientific Director, Milan Center for Neuroscience

MONICA DI LUCA, President of the European Brain Council

**FIRST SCIENTIFIC SESSION**

**Biological basis of neuroplasticity**

*Chair:* ANNAMARIA COLANGELO and MONICA DI LUCA

15:00 Neuronal circuits, plasticity and behaviour

CAMILLA BELLONE

15:30 Stress, neuroplasticity and mood disorders

MARCO RIVA

16:00 Astrocytic regulation of synaptic function

ANDREA VOLTERRA

16:30 *Coffee Break*

**Strategies to modulate neuroplasticity**

*Chair:* MICHELA MATTEOLI and MARINA SARESELLA

17:00 Nutraceuticals: Pharmacological cognitive enhancement

GIOVANNI SCAPAGNINI

17:30 Neurostimulation: neurogenesis and neuronal repair

ANTONINO CATTANEO

18:00-19:00 **Selected oral communications on the topic**

19:30 *Welcome Cocktail*

**Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Non-invasive brain stimulation -NIBS-  
(Transcranial Electrical and Magnetic Stimulation): effects  
in the normal brain and in neuropsychiatric disorders**

**Morning Session**

*Chair:* GIUSEPPE VALLAR and ALBERTO PRIORI

- 9:00 Neurobiological basis of tDCS-induced plasticity  
BRITA FRITSCH
- 9:30 Neurophysiology and plasticity mechanisms of NIBS  
PAOLO MARIA ROSSINI
- 10:00 NIBS: motor enhancement  
JANINE REIS
- 10:30 NIBS: interacting with brain oscillations to modify perception  
and cognition  
GREGOR THUT
- 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 NIBS in disorders of consciousness  
MARCELLO MASSIMINI
- 12:00 NIBS in pain treatment  
FILIPPO BRIGHINA
- 12:30 NIBS in movement disorders  
ANGELO QUARTARONE
- 13:00 NIBS in multiple sclerosis  
LETIZIA LEOCANI
- 13:30-14:30 *Lunch and Poster View*



**Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Afternoon Session**

*Chair:* NADIA BOLOGNINI and CESARE CERRI

14:30-15:30 Selected oral communications on NIBS

15:30 *Coffee Break*

16:00 NIBS in dementia and psychiatric disorders  
GIACOMO KOCH

16:30 NIBS in stroke recovery  
CHRISTIAN GREPKES

17:00 NIBS, vision and rehabilitation of visual deficits  
ANGELO QUARTARONE

17:30 Ethical issues in non invasive and surgical brain stimulation  
VITTORIO SIRONI

18:00 **General discussion**  
*Discussants:* LEONOR J. ROMERO LAURO and LUIGI TESIO

**Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Surgical Neuromodulation in Neurology  
and Psychiatry**

**Morning Session**

*Chair:* CARLO FERRARESE and ERIK SGANZERLA

- 9:00 DBS in neurology and psychiatry: a historical overview  
MARWAN HARIZ
- 9:30 DBS: methodological issues and technological innovations  
MICHAEL SCHUEPBACH
- 10:00 DBS: electrodes as a window in brain functions  
ALBERTO PRIORI
- 10:30 DBS and functional neuroimaging: functional effects and the search  
for ideal DBS targets  
ERALDO PAULESI
- 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 DBS in Parkinson's Disease and essential tremor:  
role of the neurologist and the neurosurgeon  
ANGELO ANTONINI, ANDREA LANDI
- 12:00 DBS and focused ultrasound in Dystonia and in cluster headache  
ANGELO FRANZINI
- 12:30 DBS in Alzheimer's Disease  
JENS KUHN
- 13:00 **General discussion**  
*Discussants:* ROBERTO ELEOPRA and LEONARDO LOPIANO
- 13:30-14:30 *Lunch*

Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Afternoon Session**

*Chair:* MASSIMO CLERICI and LORENZO BELLO

14:30-15:30 Selected oral communications on NIBS

15:30 *Coffee Break*

16:00 DBS in obsessive-compulsive disorders  
CHRIS BERVOETS

16:30 DBS in Gilles de la Tourette syndrome: 18 years on  
DOMENICO SERVELLO

17:00 DBS and VNS in depression  
BERNARDO DELL'OSSO

17:30 DBS stimulation in Substance Abuse  
VEERLE VISSER-VANDEWALLE

18:00 **General discussion**  
*Discussants:* MAURO PORTA and ANTONIO VITA

18:30 **Meeting closure**



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Congress venue

University of Milano - Bicocca  
Great Hall - Building U6  
Piazza dell'Ateneo Nuovo, 1  
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### Directions



#### By train

The station closest to the Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca is Milano Greco Pirelli, which can be directly accessed by these railway lines:

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- Milano Porta Garibaldi in about 7 minutes with 4 trains departing per hour
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After passing the sign indicating the city of Milan, at the StarTourist Hotel on the left, take Viale Sarca, the first street parallel to the one you find yourself on, on the left side.

Continuing along Viale Sarca in the same direction you will find the University on your left after about one kilometre.

## Registration

Single individuals will only be able to register online through the site [www.neuromi2018.it](http://www.neuromi2018.it). Before October 1st 2018 they will be able to take advantage of the subsidised fee.

The fee includes: participation in the scientific studies, conference kit, certificate of attendance, opening ceremony, welcome cocktail, working buffet lunches.

Category	Until 1st October	From October 2nd
Medical registration fee	€ 350	€ 400
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All professions and disciplines not set out in the previous list are excluded from the acquisition of CME credits, but can still take part in the event (provided the classroom has not reached the maximum limit of attendance required under accreditation).

## Submission of abstracts

During the fourth International Meeting of the Milan Center For Neuroscience (NEUROMI) there will be scientific sessions devoted to oral communication and posters.

Oral communications will be selected from the abstracts submitted on line to the scientific secretariat and presented in the main scientific session.

All abstracts must be submitted before **10th September 2018**

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## Posters instruction

Posters have to be affixed on the first day of the congress.

Posters will remain on display for the whole congress.

Posters' dimension: 70 cm. x 100 cm.

## Language

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## Congress website

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