

SPEAKERS

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTES



Anne Gordon is the chief therapist at Evelina London Children's Healthcare, part of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust in central London. Dr Gordon holds strategic leadership responsibility for paediatric dietetics, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology and speech and language therapy services across Evelina London hospital and community based services. Evelina London has a geographical reach across the south of London and SE England, covering a population of over 4 million children and young people.

Anne also works clinically as a consultant occupational therapist in paediatric neuroscience at Evelina London Children's Hospital. Her clinical and research interests are in paediatric neurodisability, particularly acquired brain injury and stroke. She has a PhD in paediatric neuroscience, is an honorary senior lecturer at King's College London, and has ongoing research collaborations with colleagues internationally. Anne runs the Evelina REACH rehabilitation service, the child stroke and acquired brain injury recovery clinic, and the ECMO outcome outpatient service.

Anne is a technical advisor to the World Health Organisation – Public Health England Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Early Intervention. She is also an ILM Level 7 qualified executive coach and mentor. Anne completed a secondment with NHS England, leading a national project scoping children's rehabilitation services and was chair of the rehabilitation and long-term outcomes working group for the national Childhood Stroke Guidelines (Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health).



Neil H Pliskin is a board certified clinical neuropsychologist and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Neurology in the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Professor Pliskin serves as Director of Neuropsychology services at UI Health, and has had 30+ years of experience working as a clinical neuropsychologist and directing clinical neuropsychology training programs. He has served as the Director of Continuing Education for the *International Neuropsychological Society* and was a Delegate at *The Houston Conference on Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology*. He has volunteered his time to *APA Division 40* (Education and Practice Advisory

Committees, Federal Advocacy Coordinator), *National Academy of Neuropsychology* (Policy and Planning Committee) and *American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology* (Foundation Board). Neil has strong scientific interests in the neuropsychological sequelae of medical illness (MS, dementia, renal disease) and brain trauma (particularly electrical shock injuries). Neil is a Fellow of NAN and was recipient of NAN's Distinguished Service Award in 2008. He is a Fellow of the APA's Division of Clinical Neuropsychology and was awarded a Presidential Citation by the American Psychological

Association in 2010 for dedicated service to the profession "as an advocate, scientist, educator and practitioner of clinical neuropsychology". He served as President of APA Division 40 (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology) in 2015. Neil continues to work for the profession as an advisor representing the APA on the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Panel.



Sarah E MacPherson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Edinburgh, UK. Sarah earned her PhD in Cognitive Neuropsychology from the Department of Psychology, University of Aberdeen, UK and then received postdoctoral training at Department of Psychology, University of Aberdeen, UK and the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College London, UK. Since 2006, she has worked at the Human Cognitive Neuroscience Unit at University of Edinburgh. Her research focuses on the neuropsychological assessment of frontal lobe functions

including executive functions, social cognition and memory. Her research is mainly conducted through the study of patients with focal frontal lobe lesions or neurodegenerative conditions, as well as healthy older adults. She has developed the more recent version of the Cognitive Estimation Test (CET, MacPherson et al., 2014) and the Edinburgh Social Cognition Test (ESCoT, Baksh et al., 2018). Sarah has authored over 65 papers in peer reviewed journals as well as co-authoring, "The Handbook of Frontal Lobe Assessment" (2015) and co-editing the book, "Cases of Amnesia: Contributions to Understanding Memory and the Brain" (2019).

DOMESTIC KEYNOTES



Emma Power is a speech pathologist and an academic at the University of Technology Sydney. A/Prof Power has worked in the area of communication disorders following acquired brain injury for over 23 years in a variety of clinical and academic positions.

Emma has led research on the development of 82 post-stroke aphasia best practice guidelines published in BMJOpen and the development of the Australian Aphasia Rehabilitation pathway. She has also developed

efficacious training programs for communication partners of people with TBI, TBI Express. Emma has over 70 peer reviewed publications and \$3 million worth of grant funding. She supervises PhD students in acquired brain injury and implementation science and has won awards for excellence in publications and conference papers in implementation science as well as for her curriculum development and teaching in neurogenic communication disorders.

She is currently on the Research Advisory Committee of the Stroke Foundation of Australia and a member of the Stroke Foundation clinical practice living guidelines working party.



Kylie Radford Dr Kylie Radford is a clinical neuropsychologist and Research Fellow leading the Aboriginal Health and Ageing Group at NeuRA. She completed her PhD in 2010 at the University of Sydney. Her diverse clinical research experience has involved studying early onset dementia, alcohol dependence, and cognitive rehabilitation for acquired brain injuries, mild cognitive impairment and epilepsy, as well as population brain ageing. This has included experience in a range of research methodologies, such as

randomized controlled trials, multicentre studies, longitudinal observational cohort studies, development of psychometric instruments and validation studies.

Since 2009, she has worked with the Koori Growing Old Well Study (KGOWS), an epidemiological study investigating ageing and dementia in urban and regional Aboriginal communities in New South Wales. Her current NHMRC-ARC Dementia Research Development Fellowship focuses on understanding social and biomedical risk factors for cognitive decline and dementia, and promoting healthy brain ageing in collaboration with urban and rural Aboriginal communities.



Rene Stolwyk is a clinical neuropsychologist based at the Turner Institute for Brain and Mental Health at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. A/Professor Stolwyk has extensive clinical experience working in stroke rehabilitation, including at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London. He is the founder and clinical lead of the Monash TeleNeuropsychology Service, a world first initiative using digital health technology to open up much needed neuropsychological assessment

and rehabilitation services to rural neurology patients throughout Australia.

Dr Stolwyk is convenor of the Clinical PhD in Clinical Neuropsychology training program at Monash University. He leads a team of highly-skilled educators providing excellence in clinical training to the next generation of Australian neuropsychologists.

From a research perspective, Dr Stolwyk leads the stroke and telehealth research theme within the Monash-Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre. He supervises a team of 12 research fellows, research officers and doctoral students and has published over 50 scientific works aimed at improving outcomes for survivors of brain injury.

PRESIDENTIAL KEYNOTES



Skye McDonald is a Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology at the University of New South Wales. Skye worked clinically for years in neurology, brain injury rehabilitation and dementia. She currently leads a NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Brain Recovery. Skye has 115 peer reviewed publications, 19 book chapters and edited volumes. She is Consulting Editor for the Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society.

Her research is in disorders in social, emotional and communication processes after traumatic brain injury. She has developed The Awareness of Social Inference Test (TASIT) as a widely used assessment tool to measure social cognition and pragmatic language and a number of treatment programs to remediate emotion perception, social skills and communication. Along with colleagues she developed PsycBITE, an internet database indexing all studies ever published (4,000+) that evaluate treatment for psychological disorders arising from any kind of brain disorder www.psycbite.com. Trials published on PsycBITE are rated for methodological rigour. To this end she and the PsycBITE team have developed rating scales and publishing guidelines for single case experimental designs.



Olivier Piguet is an NHMRC Senior Research Fellow and Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology at the University of Sydney. A clinical neuropsychologist with over 20 years clinical experience in the field of ageing and neurodegeneration, he is the co-director of FRONTIER, the frontotemporal dementia clinical research group. Olivier trained in Geneva and Melbourne and completed his PhD at the University of Sydney, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at MIT.

His research investigates early clinical markers of frontotemporal dementia and related youngeronset dementia syndromes. He is particularly interested in the biological correlates underlying changes in social cognition, memory and executive function in these disorders. He has published over 220 peer-reviewed journal articles on these topics.

Amy Scholes