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**on Signal Transduction at the**  
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# PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

12.00 - 13.30 Registration, attachment of posters

13.30 - 13.45 Introductory remarks and welcome by local representatives

## Opening *Lectio Magistralis*

**Chairs:** Britta Engelhardt (Switzerland), Reiner Haseloff (Germany)

**Omolara Ogunshola (Switzerland)**

13.45 - 14.45 Pericytes at the BBB - Progress, Promises and Challenges

## SESSION 1

14.45 - 16.15

## The Neurovascular Unit: Cellular, Subcellular and Molecular Components

**Chairs:** Daniela Virgintino (Italy), Nicola Marchi (France)

14.45 - 15.15 **Plenary Lecture**

**Maria A. Deli (Hungary)**

Brain endothelial surface charge, glycocalyx, and blood-brain barrier function

**O1** 15.15 - 15.30 TNF $\alpha$  alters human brain pericytes cholesterol metabolism and A $\beta$  uptake  
**Dib Shiraz (France)**

**O2** 15.30 - 15.45 Extracellular vesicle-mediated intercellular communication at the blood-brain barrier  
**Michal Toborek (USA)**

**O3** 15.45 - 16.00 Characterization of human blood-brain barrier receptor-mediated antibody cargo paths using a human primary astrocytes and induced pluripotent stem cell based *in-vitro* model system  
**Mikkel R. Holst (Denmark)**

**O4** 16.00 - 16.15 Tunneling nanotube-based supercellularity between human blood-brain barrier cells and the post-ischemic repairing process  
**Francesco Pisani (Italy)**

16.15 - 16.45 *Coffee break*

## SESSION 2

16.45 - 18.30

### Cellular and Molecular Modelling of the Brain Barriers

**Chairs:** Maria A. Deli (Hungary), Britta Engelhardt (Switzerland)

16.45 - 17.15 **Plenary Lecture**

**Roberto Villaseñor Solorio (Switzerland)**

Developing next-generation brain delivery shuttles with a toolbox of human *in vitro* BBB models

**O5** 17.15 - 17.30 Arterial vasodilation drives convective fluid flow in the brain: a poroelastic model  
**Francesco Costanzo (USA)**

**O6** 17.30 - 17.45 Blood-brain barrier organoids and brain diseases - modelling cerebral malaria and Lyme neuroborreliosis induced barrier dysfunction  
**Yvonne Adams, Anja R. Jensen (Denmark)**

**O7** 17.45 - 18.00 cARLA: a small molecular cocktail for robust induction of blood-brain barrier properties  
**Gergo Porkolab (Hungary)**

**O8** 18.00 - 18.15 iPSC-Derived neurovascular unit model to study neuroinvasion of parechovirus A3  
**Pamela E. Capendale (The Netherlands)**

**O9** 18.15 - 18.30 From DNA methylation to protein function: Selection and evaluation of regulated targets in human cerebral ischemia *in vitro* models of the blood-brain barrier  
**Winfried Neuhaus (Austria)**

18.30 - 19.30 **POSTER SESSION**

19.30 Welcome Aperitivo

# PROGRAM

Thursday, September 22, 2022

## SESSION 3

08.30 - 10.15

### The Brain Barriers in Neuroinflammatory and Neuroinfectious Diseases

**Chairs:** Elga de Vries (The Netherlands), Egle Solito (United Kingdom)

08.30 - 09.00

#### **Plenary Lecture**

**Sara Salinas (France)**

Viral interactions with brain barriers: a focus on emerging neurotropic viruses

**O10**

09.00 - 09.15

B-cells and where to find them in multiple sclerosis

**Carla Rodriguez-Mogeda (The Netherlands)**

**O11**

09.15 - 09.30

Interaction of the hypervirulent CC17 Group B *Streptococcus* with choroid plexus cells of the blood-cerebrospinal fluid barrier

**Julie Guignot (France)**

**O12**

09.30 - 09.45

Rapamycin rescues loss-of-function in blood-brain barrier transmigrated regulatory T cells

**Paulien Baeten (Belgium)**

**O13**

09.45 - 10.00

Tick-borne encephalitis - mouse and human research model

**Martin Palus (Czech Republic)**

**O14**

10.00 - 10.15

The effect of astrocyte-derived fatty acid-binding protein 7 on blood-brain barrier breakdown in LPS-induced sepsis in mice

**Deniz Altunsu (Turkey)**

10.15 - 10.45

*Coffee break*

## SESSION 4

10.45 - 12.15

### The Brain Barriers in Neurodegenerative and Psychiatric Diseases

**Chairs:** Malgorzata Burek (Germany), Pierre-Olivier Couraud (France)

10.45 - 11.15

#### **Plenary Lecture**

**Matthew Campbell (Ireland)**

Regulation of the BBB in epilepsy

**O15**

11.15 - 11.30

Electronic cigarettes and alcohol cause mitochondrial stress via P2X7r in brain microvascular endothelial cells

**Yuri Persidsky (USA)**

**O16**

11.30 - 11.45

Novel therapeutic targets to repair blood-brain barrier dysfunction in epilepsy

**Bjoern Bauer (USA)**

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**O17** 11.45 - 12.00 A novel promising approach to target gut-brain axis and treat Alzheimer's disease  
**Carolina Pellegrini (Italy)**

**O18** 12.00 - 12.15 Vascular and blood-brain barrier-related changes underlie stress responses and resilience in female mice and depression in human tissue  
**Laurence Dion-Albert (Canada)**

12.15 - 13.15 *Lunch and* **POSTER SESSION**

## SESSION 5

**13.15 - 14.30**

### New Insights from Advanced CNS Microscopy Imaging

*Chairs:* **Katerina Akassoglou (USA), Daniela Virgintino (Italy)**

13.15 - 13.45 **Plenary Lecture**  
**Robert G. Thorne (USA)**  
Delivering therapeutic proteins across the blood-brain barrier: Imaging biodistribution pathways and efficacy with multiple methods

**O19** 13.45 - 14.00 *In vivo* imaging of the glia limitans with a new aquaporin-4-mRuby3 knock-in reporter mouse  
**Pauline H  lie (Switzerland)**

**O20** 14.00 - 14.15 New insights on barrier function and discoveries of atypical NVU structures made with super-resolution microscopy applications  
**Ayal Ben-Zvi (Israel)**

**O21** 14.15 - 14.30 Plasmin causes loss of barrier function and remodelling of key junctional molecules in brain microvascular monolayers  
**James JW Hucklesby (New Zealand)**

## SESSION 6

**14.30 - 16.15**

### Structural and Regulative Molecules at the Brain Barriers

*Chairs:* **Ingolf Blasig (Germany), Reiner Haseloff (Germany)**

14.30 - 15.00 **Plenary Lecture**  
**Caroline M  nard (Canada)**  
Alterations of blood-brain barrier integrity and signaling underlie sex-specific stress responses in mice and human depression



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Thursday, September 22, 2022

- O22** 15.00 - 15.15 Mutated in colon cancer protein (MCC): role in maintaining blood-brain barrier integrity through Wnt signaling  
**Valentin Delobel (France)**
- O23** 15.15 - 15.30 Epigenetic regulation of the blood-brain barrier recovery after stroke  
**Anuska V. Andjelkovic (USA)**
- O24** 15.30 - 15.45 Occludin regulates the antiviral RIG-1-like receptor signaling in human brain pericytes  
**Silvia Torices (USA)**
- O25** 15.45 - 16.00 Protocadherin gamma C3 in breast cancer and melanoma and its role in interaction with brain microvascular endothelial cells  
**Malgorzata Burek (Germany)**
- O26** 16.00 - 16.15 Liver X receptor alpha promotes blood-brain barrier function by counteracting hypoxia induced endothelial dedifferentiation  
**Davide Vacondio (The Netherlands)**
- 16.15 - 16.45 *Coffee break*

## SESSION 7

16.45 - 18.15

### The Brain Barriers in Tumors and Stroke

**Chairs:** Istvan Krizbai (Hungary), Stefan Liebner (Germany)

- 16.45 - 17.15 **Plenary Lecture**  
**Timothy Phoenix (USA)**  
 Delineating vascular heterogeneity across brain tumors
- O27** 17.15 - 17.30 The differentiation degree of glioblastoma impacts on blood-brain barrier permeability  
**Sabrina Digiovanni (Italy)**
- O28** 17.30 - 17.45 Impact of HER2+ brain-tropic breast cancer cells in blood-brain barrier permeability  
**Liliana Santos (Portugal)**
- O29** 17.45 - 18.00 Blood-brain barrier opening by Tumor Treating Fields (TTFields) is due to Claudin-5 phosphorylation  
**Ellaine Salvador (Germany)**
- O30** 18.00 - 18.15 Identification of Dickkopf-1 as a potent modulator of post-stroke recovery  
**Romain Menet, Ayman ElAli (Canada)**
- 19.00 "Bari Vecchia" guided tour
- 20.30 Conference dinner



## SESSION 8

09.00 - 11.00

### CNS Drug Delivery and Extracellular Vesicles Transport

In collaboration with the Controlled Release Society and the Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association

**Chairs:** Birger Brodin Larsen (Denmark), Michal Toborek (USA)

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| 09.00 - 09.30            | <b>Plenary Lecture</b><br><b>Chiara Riganti (Italy)</b><br>Lessons from multidrug resistant tumors: new pharmacological tools to improve drug delivery at the BBB/glioblastoma interface |
| <b>O31</b> 09.30 - 09.45 | Improving brain delivery of the peptide-drug NA-1 through stabilization and conjugation to the "BBB homing" peptide BR1<br><b>Mie Kristensen (Denmark)</b>                               |
| <b>O32</b> 09.45 - 10.00 | Accessing brain space using controlled release engineered nanomaterials<br><b>Shanta Dhar (USA)</b>  |
| <b>O33</b> 10.00 - 10.15 | Fatty acid binding proteins at the blood-brain barrier and microglia: Involvement in CNS trafficking and neuroinflammation<br><b>Joseph Nicolazzo (Australia)</b>                        |
| <b>O34</b> 10.15 - 10.30 | Venlafaxine transport involves a solute carrier at the blood-brain barrier<br><b>Laetitia Federici (France)</b>  |
| <b>O35</b> 10.30 - 10.45 | Brain endothelium derived extracellular vesicles containing amyloid-beta induce mitochondrial alterations in neural progenitor cells<br><b>Olivia M. Osborne (USA)</b>                   |
| <b>O36</b> 10.45 - 11.00 | Investigation of the Wykyw pentapeptide as a biomolecule carrier on the blood-brain barrier<br><b>Ilona Gróf (Hungary)</b>   |
| 11.00 - 12.00            | <i>Coffee break and IBBS Members Meeting</i>   |

### Closing **Lectio Magistralis**

**Chairs:** Egle Solito (United Kingdom), Elga de Vries (The Netherlands)

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|               | <b>Katerina Akassoglou (USA)</b>                              |
| 12.00 - 13.00 | Neurovascular Interactions: Mechanisms, Imaging, Therapeutics |
| 13.00 - 13.30 | Oral Presentation and Poster Awards                           |
|               | Closing remarks   |

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