The 4th ISCoS AND ASIA JOINT SCIENTIFIC MEETING
14th - 16th May 2015, Montreal, Canada

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Welcome

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the joint meeting of ISCoS and ASIA in Montreal. In the past the joint meetings have been amongst the best of our annual scientific gatherings. They fit perfectly in the ISCoS policy of spreading widely data of research and clinical practice in order to help improve spinal cord lesion care worldwide. There have been impressive improvements in this care but still so much can be done and needs to be done. So let us join forces and do our utmost best for spinal cord lesioned individuals worldwide. They need us and we need them to make care human, focused, respectful and ethically sound. The program of the meeting is impressive and many thanks are due to our scientific/meetings committee, the authors that sent an overwhelming number of submissions and the industry sponsors.

Nice to meet you all once more

Kind Regards
Jean Jacques Wyndaele
ISCoS President

ASIA ANTICIPATES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH ISCoS IN 2015

ASIA will meet with its international partner, ISCoS, for the fourth time in the great city of Montreal in May of 2015. Past combined meetings (Vancouver in 2002, Boston in 2006, Washington, D.C. in 2011) have been among the most successful in ASIA’s 40 year history of presenting an Annual Scientific Meeting. The international dimension that ISCoS brings to these meetings enriches not only the scientific program, but also encourages interaction among the attendees that is of great value to all. The city of Montreal is an ideal location for the 2015 meeting. It is easily accessible from many American cities, has a hospitable European flavor and cosmopolitan atmosphere that add a significant dimension to the meeting experience, and with the local hosts (SensoriMotor Rehabilitation Research Team) actively involved in planning the meeting, insures considerable local expertise that will affect both the scientific and social programming. ASIA is thrilled to be a part of this exciting venture, and welcomes all attendees to take full advantage of everything the meeting has to offer. Enjoy Montreal!

Michael H. Haak, M.D.
President, ASIA

Mary Jane Mulcahey, Ph.D.
President-Elect, ASIA
Welcome

It is a pleasure and an honor to host the next ISCoS/ASIA meeting in Montreal from May 14-16, 2015. The SensoriMotor Rehabilitation Research Team is your local host organization. The group is a multidisciplinary team of basic and clinical scientists working on spinal cord injury and stroke with 30 researchers affiliated to all major universities in Montreal and Quebec. This joint meeting of ASIA and ISCoS promises a stimulating scientific program and an opportunity to enjoy the role of Montreal in Science, Culture and History. Scientifically, Montreal has been associated with significant advances in neuroscience, such as the mapping of the sensorimotor cortices as the well-known homunculi by Dr Wilder Penfield at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Dr Herbert Jasper (McGill University and Université de Montréal), as well as the pioneering work of Dr Gustave Gingras in spinal cord rehabilitation medicine at the Université de Montréal. Culturally, Montreal hosts everyone in both French and English, as well being home to many other nationalities. Everyone can find their favourite quarter of the city to enjoy regional cuisine and culture. Montreal is bursting with cultural events, as well as gastronomy for every level of sophistication and budget. With the input of our trainees, we have created a list for students and fellows (or folks with youthful appetites and ears) of places to visit for food, drink and music. Historically, Montreal has played a key role in the settlement of Canada. Jacques Cartier explored present-day Newfoundland and Quebec as early as 1534 and made three voyages to Quebec, staying for a couple of years each time. Samuel de Champlain permanently founded Quebec City in 1608, after establishing Acadia in 1605 and established a post at Montreal in 1611. Paul de Chomedey, sieur de Maisonneuve founded Montreal in 1642. You can enjoy historic Montreal via many different walking or cycle paths. There are a multitude of art galleries and museums such as Pointe-à-Callières (Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History) being a most unique way to experience the city’s 400-year history.

Bienvenue à Montréal!

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Dates
The 54th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Spinal Cord Society and 4th ISCoS/ASIA joint scientific meeting will take place from Thursday 14th May to Saturday 16th May 2015.

Venue
The Fairmont Queen Elizabeth
900 Boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest
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Email: queenelizabeth.hotel@fairmont.com
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Registration & Meeting Secretariat
Registration and the Meeting Secretariat are located on the mezzanine level of the Hotel.
The Congress will be open during the following hours:

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Abstract Book
Abstracts will be available in PDF format on the ISCoS-ASIA website www.iscosasia2015.org and through the Congress App. There is no printed abstract book. The full programme will be distributed with the Congress bag and will be available on the Congress App.

Accreditation
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Spinal Injury Association.
The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 15.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Badges
Please wear your registration badge at all times.
All participants are required to wear identification badges when attending sessions, social events and when entering the exhibition. If you lose your badge, please go to the registration desk where a new badge will be made for you.

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In and out privileges
Self-Parking
Entrance on South side of Belmont Street
Fees must be paid at the parking pay stations.

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A Certificate of Attendance will be emailed to all registered delegates after the Meeting.
**Cloakroom & Left Luggage Facilities**

Cloakroom and Left Luggage services will be available during the Congress.

**Moderators & Speakers**

Please ensure that you are available in your presentation room at least ten minutes before the start of the session. It is recommended that all Speakers visit the Speakers’ Ready Room to confirm audio visual requirements and upload your presentation, at least 2 hours prior to the start of the session. The Speakers’ Ready Room is located in Room Chaudiere, on the congress and exhibition level.

The Speakers’ Ready Room will be open during the following hours:

- **Wednesday 13th May**: 16:00 - 19:00
- **Thursday 14th May**: 07:00 - 18:00
- **Friday 15th May**: 07:00 - 17:00
- **Saturday 16th May**: 07:00 - 14:00

**City Information**

In your delegate bags you will receive a city map and guide.

**Credit Cards**

Commonly accepted credit cards in hotels, restaurants and stores are American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Diners Club. All major credit cards are accepted for registration.

**Electricity**

Canada’s electrical supply and electrical outlets (sockets, wall plugs) are the same as those found in the United States. The electrical supply is 110 Volts and 60 Hertz (cycles per second).

**Exhibition Opening Hours**

An exhibition of related products, services and technologies is being held in conjunction with the Meeting. The exhibition is located on the congress level. A full list of exhibitors can be found on Page 109.

The exhibition opening hours are as follows:

- **Thursday 14th May**: 10:00 - 20:30
- **Friday 15th May**: 10:00 - 17:00
- **Saturday 16th May**: 10:00 - 15:00

The Welcome Reception will be held in the Exhibition/Poster Area on Thursday 14th May, following the Opening Ceremony.

**Insurance Policy**

The organisers cannot be responsible for medical, travel or personal claims. Participants are strongly advised to take out an insurance policy covering three areas: health and accident, loss of luggage and cancellation (travel and registration).

**Internet Facilities**

Complimentary WiFi is available throughout the venue.

**Language**

English is the official language of the meeting.

**Lunches and Refreshments**

Tea, coffee and lunch will be served to all registered participants in the Exhibition / Poster Area during the official breaks.

**Mail/Messages/Medical Assistance/Lost & Found**

Please go to the Registration Desk located on the mezzanine level for any assistance.
Meeting Bags
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Mobile Application
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Posters
Posters will be displayed in the Exhibition/Poster Area from 14th to 16th May.
Presenting authors are requested to stand by their posters as per the allocated times below.
Session 1. For Poster Viewing Thursday 14th May from 10:35 to 11:35 and from 15:10 to 16:10.
Posters should be mounted on your designated board by 09.00 on Thursday 14th May. Please remove the poster at the end of the day at 17:45. If your poster has not been collected after this time, it will be removed.
Session 2. For Poster Viewing Friday 15th May from 10:25 to 11:35 and from 15:10 to 16:15.
Posters should be mounted on your designated board by 08.00 on Friday 15th May. Please remove the poster at the end of the day at 17:45. If your poster has not been collected after this time, it will be removed.
Session 3. For Poster Viewing Saturday 16th May from 10:30 to 11:30 and from 12:25 to 13:25.
Posters should be mounted on your designated board by 08.00 on Saturday 16th May. Please remove the poster at the end of the day at 15:00. If your poster has not been collected after this time, it will be removed.
All poster presenters should please ensure that they mount their poster by the correct poster number on the correct day. Poster presenters should refer to the instructions which were sent by email for their board number. Delegates are encouraged to view the posters during the official tea/coffee and lunch breaks.
Poster sessions are kindly sponsored by

Programme Changes
The organisers cannot assume responsibility for any change in the programme due to unforeseen or external circumstances.
Social Programme
Thursday 14th May
18:00 - 20:30 Kick off reception with ISCoS and ASIA oral/poster awards, ISCoS Society Medal Award, ASIA Lifetime Achievement Award, poster viewing, artistic performances (dancing, singing) by members of the SCI community. Welcome Cocktail.
Dress code: Business Casual.
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Friday 15th May
Gala Dinner in the Grand Salon. The 3 course meal will be followed by dancing and entertainment with the band “Fastlane”.
Dress code: Cocktail dresses and suits.
Gala Dinner supported by RHI

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Thursday 14th May 2015

13:15 - 14:15
Jolliet Room

Back to Work: Success Stories and Challenging Cases in the US, Shepherd Center Experience

Chairman: John Lin, M.D., Internal Medicine, Spinal Cord Medicine and Rehabilitation. Director of Academic Programs, Shepherd Center, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine. Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, USA.

Speakers: Anna Elmers, M.D., J.D., Brain injury and spinal cord injury physiatrist, Shepherd Center, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine.

Angela Beninga, M.D., Director of Outpatient Services, Shepherd Center, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Assistant Professor, Emory University School of Medicine.

Lunch will be served outside the conference room at 13.00.

Topic description:
Return to work after spinal cord injury has historically been the last frontier of the complete rehabilitation. While many factors facilitate return to work, many others contribute to persistence of unemployment. Studies have demonstrated higher functional ability, pre-injury educational level, resource availability and vocational rehabilitation as factors leading to successful reintegration back to the work force. Others have demonstrated that medical complications, lack of optimized medical care, logistical considerations for transportation and caregiver schedules can all present barriers beyond the physical ones. In spite of the Americans with Disabilities Act’s attempt to minimize architectural barriers for employment reintegration, perceived work place attitudes have been the psychological barriers beyond the reach of legislation.

During this session, vocational reintegration trends in the United States will be discussed followed by identification of challenging cases at Shepherd Center.

Finally, successful reintegration case series will be presented.

* No CME credits are given for this event.
Industry Sponsored Sessions
Friday 15th May 2015

Facts and Myths of Bowel Management

06:30 - 07:00 Light breakfast

07:00 - 07:05 Welcome from the Chair
Steven Kirshblum

07:05 - 07:35 Is it possible to optimise patient-reported outcome for bowel symptoms following spinal injury?
Anton Emmanuel

07:35 - 07:55 Colonic dysfunction in SCI: Rationale and best practice for transanal irrigation
Gabriele Bazzocchi

07:55 - 08:00 Concluding remarks
Steven Kirshblum

* No CME credits are given for this event.
The Importance of Patient Selection and Dosing Strategies with Intrathecal Baclofen Therapy (ITB)

Best Practices
Michael Yochelson, MD, MBA (MedStar National Rehabilitation Network, Washington, DC)
Carlotte Kiekens, MD, PRM (University Hospital, Leuven, Belgium)

My Life with ITB Therapy - A Patient’s Perspective

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Industry Sponsored Sessions
Saturday 16th May 2015

International Collaborations
Building a Framework for International Research in SCI

Rick Hansen Institute
Institute for Safety, Compensation and Recovery Research
Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation

Continental Breakfast served from 06:45

1. Welcome and Presenter Introductions
   Verna Smith

2. Outcomes of a Survey of SCI Researchers
   Vanessa Noonan

3. Outcomes of a Survey of SCI Consumers
   Kim Anderson-Erisman

4. Draft Roadmap
   Vanessa Noonan

5. Facilitated Discussions on Platforms and Areas of Focus
   Verna Smith, Kent Bassett-Spiers and Phalgun Joshi

6. Conclusion and Next Steps

* No CME credits are given for this event.
Facts & myths of bowel management

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15 May 2015, 07:00-08:00, room ‘Jolliet’

Programme

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Scientific Programme
Thursday 14th May 2015

07:00 - 08:00  **ASIA Mentor/ Mentee Meeting**  
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08:00 - 08:10  **Opening Address**  
with remarks from ISCoS and ASIA Presidents  
Le Grand Salon

08:10 - 08:55  **Sell Lecture**  
The Future of Neural Prosthetics in SCI  
Michael Boninger, USA  
*Introduced by Michael Haak*  
Le Grand Salon

09:00 - 10:30  **Workshop 1**  
*Moderator: Suzanne Groah*  
Le Grand Salon

09:00  **Learning Objectives:**

1) To introduce and provide a working clinical definition for sarcopenic obesity, osteoporosis, multimorbidity and endocrine-metabolic disease  
   B Catharine Craven

2) To provide a succinct review of non-invasive methods for assessing endocrine-metabolic disease risk  
   a. Population Specific Assessment of Clinical Fracture Risk in Adults with Spinal Cord Injury  
      Chelsea Pelletier
   b. Associations between Abnormal Arterial Stiffness and Cardiometabolic Disease Risk in Chronic SCI  
      Masae Miyatani
   c. The Role of 24 hour Heart Rate and Blood Pressure Monitoring in the Management of Dysautonomia  
      Maggie Szeto
   d. Whole Body DXA for the Assessment of Visceral Adipose Tissue and Sarcopenic Obesity in Chronic SCI  
      Chelsea Pelletier
   e. Muscle Density as a Measure of Skeletal Muscle Fat Content after SCI  
      Cameron Moore

3) To discuss the application of these novel methods in routine clinical assessment of endocrine-metabolic risk using two case examples  
   B Catharine Craven

4) Discussion
Using The Spinal Cord Injury Quality Of Life (SCI-QOL) Item Banks To Detect Change In Research And Clinical Practice

**Introduction:** David S. Tulsky, USA

Change in Physical Functioning: Criterion Validity and responsiveness to change for the Basic, Wheelchair Mobility, Ambulation, and Self Care/Fine Motor Item Banks
Pam Kisala, USA

Measuring Performance with the SCI-FI AT: The physical functioning item banks allow measurement of an individuals’ “capacity” to perform activities without the use of adaptive equipment as well as new item banks to measure performance using their individual equipment and AT (“performance based”)
Alan Jette, USA

Change in Medical Issues: Criterion Validity and responsiveness to change for the Bowel and Bladder Management Item Banks
Denise Tate, USA

Change in Social Functioning: Criterion Validity and responsiveness to change for the Social Participation Item Banks
Allen Heinemann, USA

Change in Emotional Functioning: Criterion Validity, Linking with criteria measures, and responsiveness to change for the Emotional Functioning Item Banks
David Tulsky, USA

**Discussant:** Susan Charlifue, USA

Discussion
Thursday 14th May 2015

09:00 - 10:30  **Workshop 3**  
*Moderator:* Mary Jo Elmo

09:00  **Practical Solutions For Respiratory Care In Spinal Cord Injury**

- Introduction and review of current practice
- Review of evidence-based guidelines
- Review of non-invasive ventilation strategies
- Demonstration of respiratory assessment and management techniques
- Discussion of application across the continuum of care (with questions from audience)
- Closing remarks

09:00 - 10:30  **Award Papers**  
*Moderators:* John Steeves, John Lavelle

09:00  **Clinically Relevant Improvements In Diabetes Risk And Fitness Attributes Accompany Therapeutic Lifestyle Intervention In Chronic Spinal Cord Injury**  
*Gregory Bigford, USA*

09:15  **Comparison Of Bacterial Strains Of Infected Pressure Ulcers In Spinal Cord-Injured Patients From Community And Health Care Associated Infection**  
*Moh'd Rami Alahmar, Jordan*

09:30  **Sustained Efficacy And Safety Of Repeat OnabotulinumtoxinA Treatment In Spinal Cord Injury Patients With Neurogenic Detrusor Overactivity**  
*Michael Kennelly, USA*

09:45  **Spinal Cord Toolbox: Automated Software For Processing Quantitative MRI Data Of The Spinal Cord**  
*Benjamin De Leener, Canada*
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10:00  Lipofilling (fat grafting) In The Prevention Of Ischial Tuberosity Pressure Ulcers
       Jean Gabriel Previnaire, France

10:15  Human Central Nervous System Stem Cell Intramedullary Transplantation In Thoracic Spinal Cord Injury: Findings Of The Phase I/II Study
       Armin Curt, Switzerland

09:00 - 10:30  Workshop 4
               Moderator: Sukvinder Kalsi-Ryan

09:00  Upper Extremity Reconstruction Options In Spinal Cord Injury

Tendon transfers
       Allan Peljovich, USA

Nerve transfers
       Ida Fox, USA

Outcomes assessment
       Christine Novak, Canada

Pediatric perspective
       Kristen Davidge, Canada

Historical perspectives and challenging cases
       Susan E. Mackinnon, USA and Michael Keith, USA

10:35 - 11:35  Poster Viewing 1 with Refreshments
               Exhibition Hall

11:40 - 13:10 Community Living Papers
               Moderators: Erin Kelly, Paul Kennedy

11:40  Pain Medication Misuse Among Participants With Spinal Cord Injury
       Lee Saunders, USA

11:55  Secondary Conditions And Complications From Spinal Cord Damage In A Sample Of People With Traumatic And Non-traumatic SCI Living In The Community
       Peter New, Australia
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**Workshop 5**

*Moderator: Gordana Savic*

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Balance Control And Falls After Spinal Cord Injury: Clinical And Laboratory Perspectives

Falls are caused by the complex interaction of many factors including one’s physical and mental health, the nature of the activities performed and the conditions under which one engages in activity. After Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), the ability to control standing and dynamic balance is compromised and risk of falls is increased. Novel knowledge gained from clinical and laboratory studies allows better assessment and training of balance in individuals with SCI, which could reduce the risk of falls. After reviewing the statistics on falls after SCI, this workshop will present clinical and laboratory perspectives on the challenge of improving balance after SCI. Aspects covered will include the psychometric properties of balance assessment (e.g. Berg Balance Scale, Balance Master, BESTest) for individuals with incomplete SCI, and the relationship with walking evaluations as well as between various clinical assessments. Then, using electrophysiological techniques, the role of spinal and supraspinal structures, such as the vestibulospinal tract, and its correlation with clinical measures of impaired balance in persons with SCI will be presented. Based on biomechanical evaluations, results on balance in standing (multi-directional reaching) and various locomotor tasks will be presented to better understand balance at a behavioral level. Factors such as the sensorimotor impairments, the importance of vision and the difficulty in moving the center of pressure after incomplete SCI and during level or inclined-surface walking will reveal important findings such as the role of a lower gait velocity in maintaining balance. At the end of the session, attendees will be more familiar with postural control during functional tasks after incomplete “SCI”.

Clinical Approach To Sexual Dysfunction In Women With Spinal Cord Injury
Frédérique Courtois, Canada

Development And Commercialization Of The Networked Neuroprosthesis: Is The Future The Implantable Intranet Over An Exoskeleton?
Hunter Peckham, USA
12:10  Pro(x)thèse - An Interactive Installation That Enables The Exploration Of Sexuality, Disability And Self Image
Geoffrey Edwards, Canada

12:25  Structural And Inflammatory Biomarkers In Cerebrospinal Fluid Predict Neurologic Outcome After Human Spinal Cord Injury
Brian Kwon, Canada

12:40  Rat Unilateral Cervical Spinal Cord Injury (ucSCI) Effects On Immature Myeloid Cell Populations And Splenic T-cell Function
Michael Beattie, USA

11:40 - 13:10  Workshop 7
Moderator: Lawrence Vogel

11:40  Pediatric Neuromuscular Recovery Scale: Content Development, Reliability And Application

Background:
Acknowledgements
Review of current pediatric instruments and gaps
Rationale for measuring neurorecovery in children age 1-12 yrs
Challenges and needs in measuring neurorecovery in pediatrics
Development of Pediatric NRS: content validity
Mary Jane Mulcahey, USA

Introduction to the Pediatric NRS
Description of items and video demonstration (typically developing children)
Item scoring and derivation of Overall Phase Score
Inter-rater reliability testing
Andrea L. Behrman, USA

Practical application
Demonstration of the Peds NRS via video cases of children post-SCI
Audience participation in scoring video examples
Shelley A. Trimble, USA

13:15 - 14:15  Lunch
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Status of development of Pediatric SCI CDEs
Mary Jane Mulcahey and Lawrence Vogel

Collaborations and future work
Fin Biering-Sørensen

16:15 - 17:45 Workshop 9
Moderator: John Ditunno

16:15 Annual ASIA International Standards And Education Committee Updates

ISNCSCI Changes (Not Determinable (ND) designation, proposed C4/C5 and T12/L1 classification algorithm)
Steve Kirshblum, USA

ISNCSCI Areas being reviewed/discussed
(Non SCI sensory/motor loss documentation, more detailed directions for anorectal examination)
William Waring, USA

Upcoming ISNCSCI topics - (Tetraplegia/Paraplegia definition, creating a screening ISNCSCI)
Steve Kirshblum, William Waring and Audience, USA

Overview of ASIA Learning Center
Mary Schmidt Read and Ron Reeves, USA

Upcoming changes for the International Spinal Cord Injury Standards Training eLearning Programs
Linda Jones and Mary Schmidt Read, USA

Proposed new ASIA Learning Center Programs (Pressure Ulcers)
Mary Schmidt Read, USA

Suggestions for new Learning Center Programs
(SCI Pain and Wheelchairs)
Panel and Audience, USA
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16:15 - 17:45  **Exercise and Activity Papers**

*Moderators*: Claes Hultling, Amiram Catz

16:15 A Behavior Intervention Focusing On An Active Lifestyle Is Effective In Persons With Recent SCI: A Randomized Controlled Trial
Carla F.J. Nooijen, The Netherlands

16:30 Energy Consumption In Non-exercise Physical Activity After Spinal Cord Injury
Tobias Holmlund, Swedenolm, Sweden

16:45 Substrate Utilization During And After Exercise In Persons With Chronic Paraplegia
Mark Nash, USA

17:00 Maximal Ventilation Limits Increased Aerobic Capacity With Hybrid Functional Electrical Stimulation Exercise Training In High Spinal Cord Injury
Saeed Alzahb, USA

17:15 Comparison Between H- And Posterior Root Motor Reflexes In The Triceps Surae During Stepping After Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury
Brad Farrell, USA

17:30 Assessing Different Methods Of Determining Anaerobic Threshold In Individuals With Motor-Complete Spinal Cord Injury
Jason Au, Canada

16:15 - 17:45  **Ambulation Papers**

*Moderators*: Isa McClure, Giorgio Scivoletto

16:15 Watch Your Step - From Instrumented Gait Analysis To Real-time Feedback Therapy
Rüdiger Rupp, Germany

16:30 Does Transparent 3-dimensional Body Weight Support Change Gait Kinematics In A Healthy Young Cohort?
Christopher Schmidt Easthope, Switzerland

16:45 Distances Covered At 2, 4 And 6 Minutes During The 6-min Walk Test In Individuals With Spinal Cord Injury
Audrey Roy, Canada
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17:00  Clinical Assessments To Accurately Quantify Walking Function In Spinal Cord Injury
       Marc Bolliger, Switzerland

17:15  Identifying Training Strategies For Progressing Exoskeleton Users Towards Everyday Functional Ambulation
       Kathleen Scanlan, USA

17:30  Lower-limb Exoskeletons For Individuals With Chronic Spinal Cord Injury: Findings From A Feasibility Study
       Ian Benson, UK

16:15 - 17:45  Workshop 10
                Moderator: William Donovan

16:15  The Transition From Pediatric To Adult Care: Key Elements And Challenges

Introduction/ overview of transition in pediatric SCI, including stages of development
Kathy Zebracki, USA

Self-management and decision-making, including how responsibilities and family members’ roles change over time
Heather Taylor, USA

Participation and quality of life
Erin Kelly, USA

Parent/ caregiver outcomes
Heather Russell, USA

Adult outcomes of pediatric SCI
Marika Augutis, Sweden

Case presentations and discussion

18:00 - 20:30  Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail
               Le Grand Salon and Exhibition Area
**Friday 15th May 2015**

**07:00 - 07:55**  
**Coloplast Breakfast sponsored Symposium**  
Non CME Event

**08:00 - 08:45**  
**Guttmann Lecture**  
Le Grand Salon  
Axonal regeneration In the adult mammalian CNS  
- A retrospective  
Albert J. Aguayo  
*Introduced by Jean Jacques Wyndaele*

**08:50 - 10:20**  
**Free Papers**  
Le Grand Salon  
*Moderators: Martin McClelland, Michael Haak*

**08:50**  
Diagnostic And Therapeutic Regimen And In-hospital Outcomes Following Single-dose Radiation Therapy In The Treatment Of HO Following Acute SCI  
Citak Mustafa, Germany

**09:05**  
Does The Acute Neutrophil Lymphocyte Ratio Predict Severity Of Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)?  
Jillian Clark, Australia

**09:20**  
“Challenges In The Application Of The Non-Traumatic SCI Basic Dataset To A Large Single Institution Population”  
Marianne Luetmer, USA

**09:35**  
A Clinically Relevant Rodent Contusion Model To Investigate Cardiovascular Dysfunction Following Spinal Cord Injury  
Jordan W. Squair, Canada

**09:50**  
Cerebral Blood Flow Velocities And Memory In Hypotensive Individuals With Spinal Cord Injury  
Jill Wecht, USA

**10:05**  
Non-invasive In Vivo Histology Of The Human Spinal Cord Using Diffusion And Myelin Mapping With MRI  
Tanguy Duval, Canada
Friday 15th May 2015

08:50 - 10:20  **Workshop 11**  
*Moderator: Dan Lammertse*

“How Can Concepts Developed In Animal Models Be Translated To Those Living With Spinal Cord Injury?”

**Workshop introduction**
Aurélie Stil, Canada

**Studies of SCI in zebrafish: repair mechanisms**
Aurélie Stil, Canada

**Studies of SCI in rats: activating propriospinal relays within the spinal cord for recovery of locomotor function**
Kristine Cowley, Canada

**Studies of SCI in cats: recovery of locomotor function**
Serge Rossignol, Canada

08:50 - 10:20  **Workshop 12**  
*Moderator: Pradeep Thumbikat*

**Pain Interference On Motor Recovery, Participation And Quality Of Life Following Spinal Cord Injury**

**Pain, Participation and Quality of Life: Perspectives from the Canadian SCI Community Survey**
Luc Noreau, Canada

A longitudinal study of pain and pain modulation in patients with spinal cord injury during intensive rehabilitation
Catherine Mercier, Canada

Impact of pain and nociception on locomotor learning - evidence from animal and human models
Laurent Bouyer, Canada

Virtual reality pain and motor recovery after SCI: can we kill two birds with one stone?
Meyke Roosink, Canada
**Workshop 13**

*Moderator: Sergio Aito*

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08:50

**Primary Prevention Of Spinal Cord Injury: Prevention Is Cure: Global Challenges - Local Solutions**

- Prevention Intro
  - ASIA: Sara J Klaas - ISCoS: Kamil Yazicioglu

- Cost of Managing SCI and Burden on Individual vs Society in USA
  - ASIA: Yuying Chen

- Cost of Managing SCI and Burden on Individual vs Society in other Developed countries
  - ISCoS: Douglas Brown

- Cost of Managing SCI and Burden on Individual vs Society in Less and Least Developed Countries
  - ASIA/ISCoS: Herndon Murray

- Demonstration of Successful Prevention Programs
  - ASIA: Geoff Fernie - ISCoS: Bonne Lee

- Successful Prevention Programs: Cost Benefit Analysis in USA and other developed countries
  - ASIA: Geoff Fernie - ISCoS: Shinsuke Katoh

- Challenges in Evaluating Cost-benefit Analysis of Prevention Programs in Less Developed and Least Developed Countries
  - ISCoS: Sergio Aito

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**Panel Discussion: Economics of SCI**

*Panelists: Jean Jacques Wyndaele et al*

*Moderators: Harvinder Chhabra & Sara J Klaas*

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**Upper Extremity Papers**

*Moderators: Mary Jane Mulcahey, Diana Sigrid-Nix*

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**Impact Of Botulinumtoxin A On The Function Of The Upper Limb: An Outcome Analysis**

*Ines bersch, Switzerland*
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Workshop 14

Moderator: Fin Biering-Sorensen

13:35 – 15:05

‘Til Death Do Us Part’: Parallel Declines In Cerebral And Cardiac Function Due To Autonomic Dysfunction After Spinal Cord Injury

Understanding the known and unknown regarding the role of AD in cardiovascular end-organ adaptation
A. Krassioukov, Canada

A comprehensive assessment of brain function stemming from rodent experiments using colorectal distension as a model of AD
A. Phillips, Canada

A characterization of cardiac adaptations resulting from exposure to colorectal distension in rodents
C. West, Canada

The results of a human observational study evaluating the relationship between AD severity and an array of cognitive functions in those with SCI
A Zheng, Canada

Results of a knowledge translation initiative to enhance knowledge and use of autonomic dysreflexia clinical practice guidelines among Canadian paramedics
K. Martin Ginis, Canada

Interactive discussion

Clinical Trials and Clinical Practice Guideline Papers

Moderators: B. Catherine Craven, Serge Rossignol

13:35

Auricular Acupuncture For Spinal Cord Injury Related Neuropathic Pain: A Pilot Controlled Clinical Trial
Peter Gorman, USA

13:50

How Well Do Randomised Controlled Trials Of Physical Interventions For People With Spinal Cord Injury Adhere To The CONSORT Guidelines?
Lisa Harvey, Australia
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<td>Feasibility And Acceptability Of Incorporating Indirect Calorimetry Into Standard Care Of Spinal Cord Injuries</td>
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*Moderator: Shinsuke Katoh* |                               | Duluth   |
| 13:35 | Emerging Concepts In The Pathology And Clinical Management Of Degenerative Conditions Of The Spine Causing Spinal Cord Dysfunction |                               |          |
|       | Introduction - The shift in SCI, from traumatic to non-traumatic       | M.G. Fehlings, Canada         |          |
|       | Emerging Concepts in the pathobiology of Degenerative Spinal Cord Dysfunction | M.G. Fehlings, Canada         |          |
|       | Epidemiology and clinical presentation and non-traumatic classification of NTSCI (Incidence and Prevalance) | P. New, Australia             |          |
|       | Clinical Implications, Outcomes and Rehabilitation Pathways            | G. Scivoletto, USA            |          |
|       | Understanding disease severity through Novel surrogate measurement approaches in NTSCI | S. Kalsi-Ryan, Canada         |          |
|       | Advanced Techniques in Imaging specific to degenerative myelopathy    | J. Cohen-Adad, Canada         |          |
Panel Discussion regarding the clinical relevance and impact of NTSCI on the field of SCI, how it can be managed and what we need to learn

All Speakers

13:35 - 15:05 Workshop 16

Moderator: Lance Goetz

13:35

Engaging Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Consumers Across
The Research And Clinical Care Spectrum

Best Practices in Consumer Engagement: Engaging Consumers in Improving Care
Peter Athanasopoulous, Canada

Consumer Engagement in Research Funding and Healthcare Education
Tara Jeji, Canada

Consumer Engagement in Research Design Consultation
John Bourke, Australia

Consumer Engagement in Dissemination
Joe Gaskins, USA

13:35 - 15:05 Surgery/Imaging Papers

Moderator: Naveen Kumar

13:35

Expansion Duroplasty Improves Intraspinal Pressure And Spinal Cord Perfusion Pressure In Patients With Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury
Marios Papadopoulos, UK

13:50

Surgical Management For Penetrating Spinal Gunshot Injuries: Is It Over-utilized?
Kenneth Nwosu, USA

14:05

Throw In The Tape, Skip The Skinfolds And Doubt The DEXA. Assessing Measures Of Muscle Atrophy Using MRI As Criterion.
Maya Panisset, Australia

14:20

Bone Mineral Density Assessed By QCT, But Not DXA, Discriminates SCI Patients With Prevalent Fragility Fractures
W. Brent Edwards, Canada
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Saturday 16th May 2015

07:00 - 08:00 **ASIA Membership Meeting & Breakfast**

08:00 - 08:10 **RHI Breakfast**
Non CME Event

08:05 - 08:50 **ISRT lecture**
Visualizing Spinal Cord Damage with MRI
Julien Cohen-Adad, Claudia Gandini Wheeler-Kingshott
*Introduced by* Serge Rossignol

08:55 - 10:25 **Measurement Papers**
Moderators: Peter New, Armin Curt

08:55 Pressure Ulcer Risk During Inpatient Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation: Using Rasch To Determine The Measurement Properties Of The SCIPUS
Marie-Therese Laramee, Canada

09:10 Predicting Pressure Ulcer Risk During Inpatient SCI Rehabilitation: Comparison Of The FIM Motor Scale, SCIPUS And Braden Risk Assessment Tools
Heather Flett, Canada

09:25 Development Of A Computerized Algorithm For International Standards For Neurological Classification Of Spinal Cord Injury (ISNCSCI)
William Waring, USA

09:55 Prognostic Validity Of The Trunk Control Test For Individuals With Spinal Cord Injury
Kievka Almaguer-Benavides, México

09:55 Development Of The Manual Wheelchair Performance Measure (MWPM)
Jennifer Dunn, New Zealand
### Urological Papers

**Moderator:** Jean Jacques Wyndaele

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<td>Suzanne Groah, USA</td>
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<td>Bladder Behaviour During Pregnancy In Spinal Cord Injured Women: A Multicentric Survey</td>
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### Regeneration Papers

**Moderator:** Brian Kwon

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09:40  Study Of Safety And Efficacy MED Therapy For Chronic And Complete SCI Patients
       Gustavo Antonio Moviglia, Argentina

       Rationale & Design Of AOSpine Phase III Multicenter Double Blinded Randomized Trial
       Michael Fehlings, Canada

10:10  Neural Stem Cells Promote Multimodal Recovery In A Severe Bilateral Model Of Cervical Spinal Cord Injury Through Myelination And Not Direct Synaptic
       Jared Wilcox, Canada

08:55 - 10:25  Participation/Outcomes Papers  Mackenzie

08:55  Examining The Effects Of Passive Standing And Intermittent Whole Body Vibration On Serum Sclerostin Levels After Chronic Spinal Cord Injury
       B. Catharine Craven, Canada

09:10  Participation Trajectories Of Youth With And Without SCI, Aged 4 To 21
       Mary Jane Mulcahey, USA

09:25  Virtual Reality Game-Based Technology To Improve Sitting Balance In Paraplegics
       Shefali Walia, India

09:40  Exercise Participation Levels In People With Paralysis Due To Spinal Cord Dysfunction
       Abdullah Alghamdi, Canada

08:55 - 10:25  Free Papers  Gatineau

       Scott Schubert, USA

09:10  Progressive Cervical Spinal Cord Compression Injury (CSM) Maintains Adequate Ventilation Via Compensatory Modifications Of The Spinal Respiratory in Circuitry
       Kajana Satkunendrarajah, Canada
Spinal Cord Injury Propagates The Susceptibility For Bacterial Infection In A Lesion Height Dependent Manner -- Evidence For An ‘Immune Paralysis’
Jan Schwab, USA

Poster Viewing 3 with Refreshments
Exhibition Hall

ASIA Lecture
Le Grand Salon
Neuroscience at the nexus of the lab and clinic:
Using stimulation and practice to drive adaptive neural plasticity
Edelle Field-Fote
*Introduced by* Susan Charlifue

Lunch and Poster Viewing 3
Exhibition Hall

Workshop 17
Moderator: Anthony DiMarco

Quantitative MRI Techniques And Their Applications To Spinal Cord Injury
Claudia Wheeler-Kingshott

Acquisition and image processing methods
Julien Cohen-Adad

Application to MS
Charles Guttmann

Application to SCI
Michael Fehlings

Workshop 18
Moderator: Mike Boninger

Developing Novel Task-specific Approaches To Optimize Mobility After Spinal Cord Injury
Resistive robotic gait training to improve ankle dorsiflexion during walking
L. Bouyer, Canada
Multi-muscle vibration to provide augmented feedback during walking
C. Duclos, Canada

Haptics and wheeling
D. Gagnon/R. Aissaoui, Canada

Use of multichannel FES therapy for improving voluntary walking function
M.R. Popovic, Canada

### Workshop 19

**Moderator:** Denise Tate

**Symposium On Incontinence And Sexuality**

Sexuality following SCI: a Multidisciplinary Framework of Sexual Health
Stacy Elliott, Canada

Bladder function: Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Bladders
Mark Nigro, Canada

Bowel function: from Practical Neurophysiology to Subtypes of Neurogenic Bowel Dysfunction
Anton Emmanuel, Canada

Incontinence and sexuality: precipitating factors, patients’ concerns, treatment approaches, and prevention strategies
Frédérique Courtois, Canada

### Workshop 20

**Mackenzie**

**13:30 - 15:00**

Immune Responses To Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury: Data From Preclinical And Clinical Studies

Spinal Cord Injury-induced Immunodepression Syndrome (SCI-IDS) - Experimental

Evidence & Clinical Relevance
Jan Schwab, USA
SCI-induced deficits in anti-viral immunity
John Bethea, USA

Inflammatory Biomarkers and the Prediction of Injury Severity and Outcome
Brian Kwon, Canada

Immune Dysregulation in Acute and Chronic Spinal Cord Injury
Ona Bloom, USA

13:30 - 15:00

**Workshop 21**
*Gatineau*

*Moderator: Michael DeVivo*

13:30

Epidemiology, Outcomes And Practical Principles In The Rehabilitation Of People With Spinal Cord Damage Due To Tumor

Epidemiology, clinical features and outcomes for patients with spinal cord damage due to tumor
Giorgio Scivoletto, Italy

Practical considerations for spinal rehabilitation units when managing people with spinal cord damage due to tumor
Peter New, Australia

Complications of spinal cord tumors and tumor treatments, and their management
Michael Stubblefield, USA

Panel Discussion involving all speakers
Keynote Speakers
Keynote Speakers

The Sir Ludwig Guttmann Lecture
Axonal Regeneration In The Adult Mammalian Cns - A Retrospective

The Sir Ludwig Guttmann Lecture was established by the International Medical Society of Paraplegia, now the International Spinal Cord Society, to recognize the pioneering work and lifelong contribution of Sir Ludwig Guttmann, the originator of modern multidisciplinary spinal cord care.

Albert J. Aguayo

Albert J. Aguayo received his M.D. in 1959 from the University of Cordoba, Argentina and trained in clinical neurology and research at the University of Toronto, McGill University and the United Kingdom. Aguayo’s main scientific interest is the study of the mammalian central nervous system’s capacity for regeneration and repair. He is Emeritus Professor and the former Director of the Centre for Research in Neuroscience at McGill University. He has authored more than 150 scientific publications and has received 4 honorary degrees from Sweden, Argentina and Canada. His awards include the Gairdner International Prize, the Wakeman (USA), Helmerich (USA), Ameritec (USA), Ipsen (France), Leo Parizeau (Canada), Cotzias (USA), Wilder-Penfield (Prix du Québec), the Alcon Research Institute Award for Vision Research (USA), the Killam Prize (Canada), the Christopher Reeve Medal (USA), The Queen Elizabeth (ER) Golden Jubilee Medal (Canada), the J.E. Purkinje Honorary Medal for Merit from the Academy of Science of the Czech Republic, and the Canadian Medical Association’s F.N.G. Starr Achievement Award. He is also an Honorary Member of the Board of Director of Neuroscience Canada and the Rick Hansen Foundation. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (USA), and an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2007, the FRSQ/INMHA created the “Albert J. Aguayo International Fellowship in Neurosciences” to support the training in Quebec of students from developing countries. In 2010, McGill University inaugurated the “Albert J. Aguayo Annual Lecture in Neuroscience”. In 2010 he was awarded the McGill Medal for Exceptional Academic Achievement, was elected to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame and named also “One of the Ten Most Influential Hispanic-Canadians”. His past administrative responsibilities include the Presidency of the Society for Neuroscience (USA), the Canadian Neurological Society and the Canadian Association of Neuroscientists. He has also served as Scientific Director of the Canadian Network of Centres of Excellence in Neuroscience, Chairman of the Council of Scientists of the Human Frontier Science Program (Strasbourg), and been a member of a number of scientific advisory and review boards, including the Medical Research Council of Canada, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (USA), the American Paraplegic Association, the Rick Hansen Legacy Fund (Canada), the Grass Foundation (USA), the Max-Planck Institute at Martinsried, Germany (Chair), the Friedrich Miescher Institute in Basel, Switzerland (Chair), the Riken Institute’s Frontier Research Program (Japan), the
Institutos Científicos Milenio (Chile), the Ipsen Foundation (France), the Leloir Institute for Medical Research in Argentina (Chair), the American Neurosurgical Association Research & Education Foundation (USA), the Winn Prize Committee (USA), the Montreal Neurological Institute’s Scientific Advisory Committee, the Canada Council for the Arts and was also a Director of the Neuroscience Canada Foundation. Dr. Aguayo served as Secretary General of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) from 2000 to 2005 and was President of this organization from 2005 to 2007. Currently, he serves on advisory boards of the Christopher and Donna Reeve Paralysis Foundation (USA), the IBRO committee for the Rita Levi-Montalcini Fellowships for African Young Women Neuroscientists, the Pew Charitable Trusts (USA), the External Advisory Board of the Methodist Hospital Research Institute in Houston (SA), and the Executive Committee of the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives (USA). He is also the Director of the Canada-IBRO International School of Neuroscience and a member of the “Brain@McGill International Collaboration Program”.

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**Sell Lectureship**

**The future of neural prosthetics in SCI**

The G. Heiner Sell Lectureship was inaugurated in 1982, following the untimely death of Dr. Sell the previous year. At that time, Dr. Sell was President-Elect of ASIA, and the association wanted to memorialize him by presenting this named lecture as the keynote of its annual scientific meeting.

**Michael L. Boninger**

Dr. Michael Boninger is a Professor and UPMC Endowed Chair in the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine and Director of the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute. He is a physician researcher for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Dr. Boninger has an extensive publication record of over 200 papers in the areas of spinal cord injury and technology. The technologies Dr. Boninger has investigated vary from brain computer interfaces to wheelchairs. His central focus is on enabling increased function and participation for individuals with disabilities through development and application of assistive, rehabilitative and regenerative technologies. Dr. Boninger also has extensive experience and publications related to training researchers. His students have won over 50 national awards. Dr. Boninger holds 4 United States patents and has received numerous honors, including being inducted into the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science in 2013.
Rick Hansen Institute Lecture
Understanding motor function after spinal cord injury:
Involvement of a defined spinal microcircuit

Robert Brownstone

Dr. Rob Brownstone (MD, PhD, FRCSC, FCAHS) holds the Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Spinal Cord Circuits, is a Professor of Surgery (Neurosurgery) and Medical Neuroscience at Dalhousie University, and is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Rob Brownstone completed most of his training at the University of Manitoba, beginning with a B.Sc. in computer science, followed by MD and PhD degrees. He then pursued post-doctoral training in neurophysiology in Copenhagen, Denmark, before returning to the University of Manitoba for residency training in neurosurgery. He accepted a faculty position there, where he practiced for five years as a neurosurgeon-scientist before re-locating to Dalhousie University in 2000. As a functional neurosurgeon, he focuses on quality of life neurosurgery, treating patients with Parkinson’s disease and other movement disorders, intractable pain syndromes, and epilepsy. Work in his laboratory focuses on neural circuits controlling movement. Specifically, he studies how the brain activates spinal cord neuronal circuits to produce movement, how these spinal cord circuits are configured to produce appropriate motor coordination, and how circuits between the spinal cord and muscles ensure appropriate limb movement. His research is currently supported by three grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, as well as grants from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation and Nova Scotia Research and Innovation Trust. He is frequently an invited speaker to international meetings, and sits on a variety of national and international neuroscience research committees and boards.
ISRT Lecture
Visualizing spinal Cord Damage with MRI

Julien Cohen-Adad

Dr. Cohen-Adad completed his PhD in 2008 at the University of Montreal and pursued with a 3-year postdoctoral fellowship at the MGH Martinos Center at Harvard University. He is now assistant professor at Polytechnique Montreal, director of the Neuroimaging Research Laboratory at Polytechnique (NeuroPoly) and associate director of the Neuroimaging Functional Unit at University of Montreal. Dr. Cohen-Adad has a background in MR physics and software development. His research focuses on the development of multi-parametric MRI techniques for quantifying microstructure in the brain and spinal cord. These developments include MRI coils, acquisition at ultra-high field (7 tesla), quantitative techniques (diffusion imaging, magnetization transfer, functional MRI) and image processing software (multimodal registration, segmentation, motion correction). His lab has created the first comprehensive image processing software dedicated to the spinal cord (http://sourceforge.net/projects/spinalcordtoolbox/, 1000+ downloads). In collaboration with several international hospitals, he has been translating these advanced MRI techniques for studying patients with spinal cord injury and multiple sclerosis. He has published over 55 articles, edited the first book on quantitative MRI of the spinal cord (Elsevier) and has organized several workshops at international conferences (OHBM, ISMRM).

Claudia Gandini Wheeler-Kingshott

Claudia Gandini Wheeler-Kingshott is Reader of MR Physics at UCL Institute of Neurology (UCL IoN, UK), Deputy of the Division of Neuroradiology and Neurophysics at the UCL IoN (UK), Chair of the technical scientific committee of the RM3T Research Centre at the Mondino Institute (Italy), Past-Chair of the ISMRM Diffusion Study Group. Claudia Graduated in Solid State Physics at the University of Pavia in 1994. She moved to the UK where she achieved her PhD in MR Physics at the University of Surrey (UK) and at the beginning of 1999 she joined the NMR Research Unit (UCL IoN) to develop quantitative MR techniques for investigating Multiple Sclerosis. Here, she soon developed the ZOOM technique for diffusion imaging of the spinal cord, now recognised as a key step change in spinal cord imaging. Claudia is now leading the NMR Research Unit MR Physics group and has established national and international collaborations always with the aim of promoting the development of quantitative imaging biomarkers of the brain and spinal cord (and optic nerve) and promoting their translation to the clinics. Claudia’s group works on several aspects of imaging, including microstructural techniques, functional MRI, spectroscopy and sodium imaging. She has published over 100 peered reviewed papers, has co-edited the first book on Quantitative MRI of the Spinal Cord (Elsevier) with Julien Cohen-Adad (Montreal, Canada) and sits on a number of national and international committees.
Edelle [Edee] Field-Fote, PT, PhD, FAPTA is the Director of Spinal Cord Injury Research and the Hulse Laboratory at the Shepherd Center. She also holds the title of Voluntary Professor in the Departments of Neurological Surgery and Physical Therapy at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She obtained her BS in Physical Therapy and her MS in Epidemiology & Industrial Engineering from the University of Miami. She received her PhD in Movement Science from Washington University in St. Louis, where her doctoral studies investigated spinal cord control of movement in an animal model of spinal cord injury. She completed post-doctoral training at The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and then directed the Neuromotor Rehabilitation Research Laboratory at University of Miami from 2000 - 2014. The efforts of her laboratory are directed at investigating the role of rehabilitation in fostering activity-driven neuroplasticity and developing advanced rehabilitation strategies to improve function in people with spinal cord injury. She uses combined interventions to promote adaptive neural reorganization. Dr. Field-Fote is a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association, and a Trustee of the Foundation for Physical Therapy. Her work has been funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1997, and she has served as chair of the NIH Musculoskeletal and Rehabilitation Sciences Study Section. She is the editor/author of the textbook Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation (FA Davis Publishers, 2009), and her studies have been published in an array of peer-reviewed journals.
Dr. Mackinnon (, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C.), F.A.C.S) graduated with a M.D. degree at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. She trained in general surgery at the same institution and completed her plastic surgery training at the University of Toronto. She then completed additional training in peripheral nerve research at the University of Toronto and a fellowship in hand surgery at the Raymond Curtis Hand Center in Baltimore. Dr. Mackinnon joined the surgical staff at the University of Toronto in 1982. In 1988 she was awarded the Medal Prize in Surgery from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons for her work on nerve regeneration. In 1991 Dr. Mackinnon joined the Department of Surgery at the Washington University School of Medicine. Her research work in St. Louis has been funded through the National Institute of Health since 1993 and has investigated nerve allotransplantation and nerve regeneration. This work has resulted in new strategies to reconstruct nerve injuries. She has been Chief of Plastic Surgery since 1996. She has published a classic textbook on Neurosurgery, 454 peer reviewed publications and 154 Book Chapters. Dr. Mackinnon is Past President of the American Society for Peripheral Nerve, American Association of Hand Surgery, American Association of Plastic Surgery, and Plastic Surgery Research Council and is a member of the Institute of Medicine. She is the recipient of the Jacobson Innovation Award from the American College of Surgeons for 2013 for her pioneering work on nerve transfers. http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/the-rewiring-of-tim-raglin
The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for those living with spinal cord injury and to support scientific exploration for effective therapies and treatments leading to a cure.