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THE OTHER BRAIN November 7th – 8th, 2019, Ljubljana

Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts Novi trg 3, Ljubljana, Slovenia

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, November 6th, 2019: Arrival

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.15	Opening of the Conference
0.00	SASA President Tadej Bajd
	Her Excellency the British Ambassador to Slovenia Dr. Sophie Honey
	His Excellency the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Slovenia – Mr. Juraj Chmiel
	Royal Society & Academia Europaea: Ole Petersen
	Robert Zorec: The Other Brain: a target for developing new therapies
9.15 – 9.45	Alexei Verkhratsky (Manchester): Neuroglia in health and disease: Astroglial atrophy and
	functional asthenia in the pathogenesis of neurological diseases
9.45 – 10.15	Dmitri Rusakov (UCL): Activity-dependent plasticity of perisynaptic astroglia
10.15 – 10.45	COFFEE BREAK
10.45 – 11.15	Kristian Franze (Cambridge): Mechanical signals regulate glia function in health and
	disease
11.15 – 11.45	Arthur Butt (Portsmouth): Astrocytes of the white matter
11.45 – 12.00	Matjaž Stenovec (Ljubljana) Vesicular mechanisms of interferon y-induced MHCII-
	dependent antigen presentation in astroglia
12.00 – 12.15	Maja Potokar (Ljubljana): ZIKV Strains Differentially Affect Survival of Human Fetal
	Astrocytes versus Neurons and Traffic of ZIKV-Laden Endocytotic Compartments
12.15 – 12.45	Frances Platt (Oxford): Understanding and treating neurodegenerative diseases: insights
	from Niemann-Pick type C
12.45 – 14.00	LUNCH
14.00 – 14.30	Charles ffrench Constant (Edinburgh): Oligodendrocytes and multiple sclerosis
14.30 – 15.00	COFFEE BREAK
15.00 - 15.30	David Pitt (Yale, Brno): Dysfunctional astrocytes are drivers of multiple sclerosis (MS)
	susceptibility and progression
15.30 – 16.00	Marko Kreft (Ljubljana): Insulin and Adrenaline Modulate Cytoplasmic Glucose, Lactate and
	Glycogen Levels in Astrocytes
16:00-16:30	Nina Vardjan (Ljubljana): TDP-43 inclusions in astrocytes dysregulate glucose and lipid
	metabolisms
16.30 – 17.00	Ole Petersen (Cardiff): Calcium signalling in the mysterious pancreatic stellate cells

Friday, November 8th, 2019

8.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 9.30	Gorazd Bernard Stokin (ICRC, Brno): Axonal interactions with astrocytes
9.30 - 10.00	Wendy Noble (Kings' College): Astrocytes mediate the beta-amyloid-driven toxic effects of
	synaptic tau in Alzheimer's disease
10.00 - 10.30	Boris Rogelj (Ljubljana): Protein binding RNAs in neurodegeneration
10.30 - 11.00	COFFEE BREAK
11.00 – 11.30	Eva Sykova (Bratislava): Astrocytes and stem cells in pathophysiology of neurodegenerative
	diseases
11.30 – 12.00	Jernej Ule (UCL, Ljubljana): RNA biology to understand neurodegeneration
12.00 – 12.30	Conference End & Communiqué