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Warm regards,

The OPSYRIS Committee, <https://opsyris.org/>



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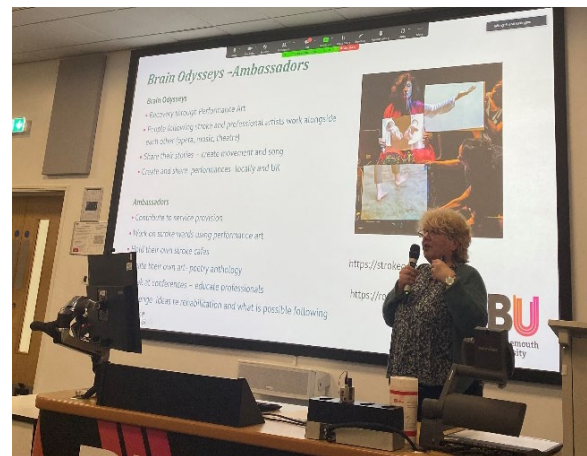
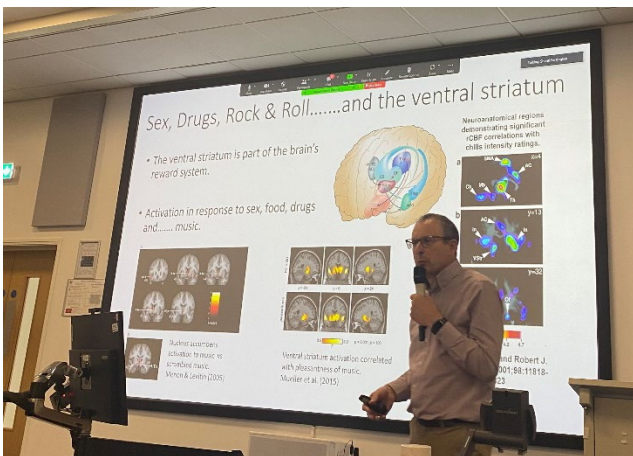


Dr Andrea Kusec

1. OPSYRIS 2024 – Sincere thanks to the Bournemouth team

Our sincere thanks to Prof. Dr Birgit Gurr, Dr Shanti Farrington and colleagues at Bournemouth University for hosting the OPSYRIS 2024 conference.

Conference certificates will be winging their way to you shortly via email.



2. New OPSYRIS YouTube Channel!

Keynote presentations from past meetings will be available very soon on our new [OPSYRIS YouTube channel](#)! Please subscribe for updates.

3. OPSYRIS 2025 - Abstract submission, Rising Star nominations & Registration

We are excited to announce that the next OPSYRIS conference will be held in Manchester on 11 July 25. Many thanks to local organiser, Professor Audrey Bowen.

Please submit abstracts for symposium/oral/poster presentations on this link by 30th April 2025: <https://forms.gle/ygDqk18bscdAQvst5>

Registration is open via Eventbrite here: <https://tinyurl.com/c47fdh56>

4. Looking for a Post-Doc in Stroke Neuroimaging and Cognition?

An exciting position for a [Senior Research Associate position](#) (38months) is available from January 2025 as part of the [SIGHT trial funded by the Medical Research Council and NIHR](#).

The post-doctoral researcher will work Dr. Stephanie Rossit and rest of the SIGHT team at the University of East Anglia (Norwich, UK) from Jan 2025 for 38 months. They will join our neuroimaging study on spatial neglect post-stroke, one of the most disabling and 'hidden' cognitive syndromes post-stroke, broadly defined as an inability to attend to the side most affected by the stroke.

The post-doctoral researcher will focus on the mechanistic neuroimaging study, embedded within the efficacy trial, which will use lesion-symptom mapping, resting state, and diffusion tensor imaging to determine if therapy response is modified by baseline brain structure and function as well as visual and cognitive deficits.

Details and application procedure can be found [here](#).

Closing date: midnight 16th October 2024.

Please direct any queries to: s.rossit@uea.ac.uk.

5. OPsyRIS-OZ Free Online Forum – Friday 13 December

The OPsyRIS-OZ 2024 Committee are pleased to invite abstract submissions, and registrations for the upcoming Organisation for Psychological Research into Stroke (OPsyRIS-OZ) free online forum on Friday, December 13th, 2024, held online. This is always a wonderful collegial meeting with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion. We encourage presentation of new ideas, proposals and research in progress as well as completed research.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Sarah Northcott from City St George's, University of London, will share her research on solution-focused brief therapy for people with aphasia.

Please find attached a flyer with details on registration and abstract submissions. We encourage a wide range of students, researchers and professionals interested in psychological research and stroke to submit and register.

Best wishes,

Prof Ian Kneebone University of Technology Sydney

On behalf of The OPsyRIS-OZ 2024 Committee

6. Are you up for a Challenge? Can You Write a Story in 25 words or fewer for InterAct Stroke Support?

Professor Marion Walker MBE (Emeritus Professor in Stroke Rehabilitation, University of Nottingham) has been in touch to let us know about the InterAct Stroke Support challenge to write a story in 25 words or fewer to celebrate the 25th anniversary of InterAct.

Can you please circulate this to your stroke networks please?

I am a trustee for this charity and they are doing such fabulous work to support stroke survivors...and may even be fun to take on the challenge yourself!!!

Many thanks Marion

InterAct Stroke Support is a charity whose professional actors deliver live, stimulating readings to stroke survivors.

Submit your story through the website before Sunday 13th October

www.interactstrokesupport.org/25-word-challenge

25 shortlisted stories will be read by leading actors Bill Paterson, Rula Lenska and others during a live streaming event on World Stroke Day, 29th October 2024.

Please share the attached poster with colleagues and friends who may be interested.

7. We need your views about the future of OPSYRIS!

We have been asked by WFNR to consider our future as a Special Interest Group (SIG) and we are asking our members for their opinions. Please can you complete this [form](#) so that your views can inform our decisions!

8. JOIN OPSYRIS

The Organisation for Psychological Research into Stroke (OPSYRIS) is a Special Interest Group of the World Federation for Neurorehabilitation (<https://www.wfnr.co.uk/>). Our aims are to facilitate and disseminate research on psychological aspects of stroke, inform evidence-based clinical practice in stroke psychology services, and promote consideration of psychological factors in stroke research and clinical settings.

- **Join OPSYRIS by completing a short membership form here:** <https://opsyris.org/about-us/membership/>
- **Become the next OPSYRIS committee:**
Email us to express interest and find out more: s.rossit@uea.ac.uk f.gracey@uea.ac.uk & catherine.ford@uea.ac.uk

Benefits include getting to meet the wonderful OPSYRIS membership, free travel, and conference attendance, hearing the latest news in psychological research in stroke and more!

