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# International APHASIA Rehabilitation Conference



**July 1-3,**  
2026

Technopolis - Auditorium  
"Miltiadis Evert"

— Athens-Greece —



# International **APHASIA** Rehabilitation Conference

Preliminary Program

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Wednesday, 1

7:30 Registration

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8:00 Welcome

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8:30 **Keynote Presentation**

Digital Dysphasia: Simulating Aphasic Speech with Large Language Models. Opportunities and Challenges for Rehabilitation and Research, George Mikros

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9:30-10:30 **Platform Presentations - Title: From Concept to Clinical Practice: AI Tools Empowering People with Aphasia**

• **OP 01**

Lessons Learnt in using Large Language Models to facilitate Aphasia Therapy from a Community of Practice  
**Emily Guo**

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• **OP 02**

Using generative AI to support language in aphasia: Potential and problems to solve  
**John Pierce**

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• **OP 03**

From proof-of-concept to multisite implementation: Lessons learned from adapting the CHAT implementation strategy  
**Kirstine Shrubsole**

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• **OP 04**

Aphasia and Alexa: Moving beyond 'Sorry, I Don't Understand' through Collaboration  
**Abi Roper**

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**10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**





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11:00-12:30 **Platform Presentations** - Title: **Data-Informed Advances in Neurogenic Communication Disorders: Assessment, Prediction, and Innovative Interventions**

• **OP 05**

Addressing the long-term post-discharge needs of people with aphasia and cognitive communication disability through an AI-enabled self-management and support platform: Preliminary results from the Communication Connect pilot trial  
**Miranda Rose**

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• **OP 06**

Cognitive function predicts intensive aphasia therapy outcomes: Results from the FCET2EC randomised controlled trial  
**Caterina Breitenstein**

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• **OP 07**

Feasibility and Efficacy of a Hybrid Delivery Model of the Categorization Program for Individuals with Chronic Traumatic Brain Injury  
**Fofi Constantinidou**

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• **OP 08**

Investigating the effectiveness of "Aphasia + Math", an online intervention for the remediation of acalculia in adults with aphasia  
**Caroline Newton**

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• **OP 09**

TELE-narraktiv: Biographical-narrative Intervention to support quality of life for people with aphasia in an online setting - initial evidence of effectiveness  
**Sabine Corsten**

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• **OP 10**

Formal language assessment after right hemisphere stroke: A systematic review and recommendations for research and clinical practice  
**Alexandra Durfee**





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## 12:30-14:00 Lunch & Poster Presentation Session 1

14:00-15:00 **Keynote Presentation** - Digital innovation in the management of conversational discourse following acquired brain injury,  
**Leanne Togher**

15:00-16:15 **Platform Presentations** - Title: Digital Tools, Apps, and Accessible Technologies in Aphasia Assessment and Therapy

• **OP 11**

Building a Greek Computer-Adaptive Anomia Test: Psychometric and Corpus Foundations from the CACLA Project

**Evangelia Antonia Efstratiadou**

• **OP 12**

Development of an Online Toolkit and Training for Telehealth Aphasia Assessment: Findings from the FATE-A Project

**Amanda Comer**

• **OP 13**

OptimA: Mapping the Aphasia Therapy App Landscape and Understanding SLT Decision-Making in Clinical Practice

**Vasiliki Kladouchou**

• **OP 14**

Making audio visual media accessible for people living with aphasia through personalised accessibility features: the Content Accessibility: Highly Individualised Digital Content for Supporting Diverse Needs (CA11y) project

**Madeline Cruice**

• **OP 15**

"Much better than I thought it would be": experiences of online aphasia assessment

**Niamh Devane**





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## 16:15 -16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:45 **Panel** - Title: Innovations in Digital Aphasia Care:  
Apps for Discourse Analysis and Virtual Treatment Approaches

• **OP 16**

Exploring the efficiency and accuracy of the MARS app; a linguistic app for analysing the personal spoken stories of people living with aphasia

**Ruth O'Hagan**

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• **OP 17**

An innovative approach to discourse analysis; can we develop an app to support clinicians?

**Ruth O'Hagan**

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• **OP 18**

A feasibility randomised controlled trial of Virtual, Elaborated Semantic Feature Analysis (VESFA) for people with aphasia

**Niamh Devane**

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17:45-18:00 **Discussion**

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18:00-20:00 **Welcome Reception**

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8:00-8:30 **Registration**

8:30-10:30 **Platform Presentations** - Title: **Advances in Aphasia Assessment: Tools, Psychometrics, Telehealth, and Clinical Implementation**

• **OP 19**

The development and validation of the Cyprus Aphasia Screening Test (CAST)

**Marina Charalambous**

• **OP 20**

LexiGram: A Standardized Test for Lexical and Grammatical Deficits in Greek-Speaking Individuals with Aphasia

**Spyridoula Varlokosta & Evangelia Antonia Efstratiadou**

• **OP 21**

Bridging Research and Practice: Clinical Application of Transcription-Less Discourse Assessments

**Reem Alyahya**

• **OP 22**

Standardised to dynamic: how assessment interactions reveal therapeutic potential

**Deborah Hersh**

• **OP 23**

The validity and feasibility of a telepractice screening protocol to identify aphasia post stroke

**Selina Teti**

• **OP 24**

Telehealth assessments in aphasia: equivalence with face-to-face assessments and reliability. Psychometric results of the FATE-A study

**Katerina Hilari**





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• **OP 25**

Why Clinicians Value PROMs but Struggle to Implement Them:  
Barriers and Facilitators to PROM use in Aphasia Services  
**Sally Zingelman**

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• **OP 26**

Co-Designing an online implementation toolkit for post-stroke  
aphasia management  
**Kirstine Shrubsole**

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**10.30-11.00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:00 Keynote Presentation** – On the precipice of change:  
Counseling and psychological care for individuals with aphasia  
**Jerry Hoepner**

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**12:00-12:45 Platform Presentations** - Title: Optimizing Aphasia  
Rehabilitation: Neurotherapeutic Approaches, Treatment Dose,  
and Learning Mechanisms

• **OP 27**

One neurotherapeutic system for various language dysfunctions:  
Evidence and possibilities of individualised connectomic tACS for  
post-stroke aphasia rehabilitation  
**Chester Cheung**

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• **OP 28**

Optimizing Language Rehabilitation by Matching Treatment  
Targets to Learning Mechanisms  
**Amy Ramage**

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• **OP 29**

Dose, Generalization, and Script Training for Aphasia:  
A Randomized Clinical Trial  
**Leora Cherney**

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## 12:45-14:15 Lunch & Poster Presentation Session 2

14:15-15:15 **Keynote Presentation** - Behavioral treatment of aphasia: Dose, active ingredients, and moderators of treatment response  
**William Hula**

15:15-16:15 **Panel Presentations** Title: ICAP World: A Collaborative Vision for Global ICAP Research and Practice (Panel)

• **OP 30**

What is an ICAP, Really? How ICAPs Operationalize Intensity, Comprehensiveness, and Cohort Design

**Jenna Griffin-Musick**

What Do ICAPS Look Like Around the World? International Perspectives on Implementation and Adaptation

**Ant Kong & David Copland**

How Might ICAPs Work....or Not? A Provisional Theory of Change and Logic Model for Intensive Comprehensive Aphasia Programmes (ICAPs)

**Katie Monnelly**

Where Do We Go From Here? Strategies for Multi-Site Collaboration and Aggregated Analysis,

**Victoria Scharp & Catherine Off**

16:15-16:30 **Discussion**

16:30-17:00 **Coffee Break**





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17:00-18:30 **Platform Presentations** - Title: **Beyond ICAP: Implementing Intensive, Technology-Supported, and Person - Centred Aphasia Rehabilitation**

• **OP 31**

Development of a communication partner training programme for people with brain injury and their family using behaviour change and co-design approaches

**Nicholas Behn**

• **OP 32**

Feasibility study of a supported self-management intervention for stroke survivors with aphasia (StarStep study)

**Faye Wray**

• **OP 33**

Feasibility of implementing components of TeleCHAT, a Comprehensive, High-dose Aphasia Treatment delivered via telerehabilitation, within clinical rehabilitation services

**Jade Dignam**

• **OP 34**

Comparing the effectiveness and feasibility of the Intensive and Comprehensive Aphasia Program (ICAP) for Cantonese speakers: In-person Versus Virtual

**Wan Yin Wong**

• **OP 35**

Can a modified Intensive Comprehensive Aphasia Programme (mICAP) be integrated into regular Swedish healthcare? Lessons learned from a multi-site feasibility study

**Marika Schütz**

• **OP 36**

Is High-Intensity Aphasia Telerehabilitation (HIPSTER) Superior to Usual Care in Chronic Post-Stroke Aphasia? A Randomized Controlled Trial

**Caterina Breitenstein**





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8:00

**Registration**

8:30-10:30

**Platform Presentations - Title: Community, Conversation, and Connectedness: Psychosocial Approaches to Aphasia Support**

• **OP 37**

Rebalancing Evidence-Based Aphasia Neurorehabilitation:  
A P-FACTOR Perspective

**Gloriajean Wallace**

• **OP 38**

Communication, Identity and Culture: Cross-National Focus Group Findings to Inform the Adaptation of Better Conversations with Aphasia for Latin America

**Claudia Olivares**

• **OP 39**

Bridging workforce gaps in aphasia support after stroke: Trial outcomes from a Phase II Hub-and-Spoke, Peer-led Community Aphasia Group service model

**Lucette E. Lanyon**

• **OP 40**

"This is everything I've ever wanted to do on a platter... I think it's absolutely possible"-staff and volunteer experiences of establishing and delivering a Hub-and-Spoke, Peer-Led Community Aphasia Group Model within a community health service,

**Kathryn Pettigrove**

• **OP 41**

Connecting Couples Impacted by Aphasia: Preliminary Marital Outcomes of Relationship-Centered Communication Partner Training

**Tyson Harmon**





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• **OP 42**

Managing Conversations about Personal Troubles and Building Common Ground: Facilitator Role in Online Aphasia Group Therapy  
**Bianca Von Der Heide**

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• **OP 43**

The differing effects of conversation group treatment for individuals with chronic aphasia: An updated summary and comparison of findings with regard to aphasia profile, group size and group composition  
**Gayle Dede**

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• **OP 44**

Creative Expression as a Tool for Communicative Success in Persons with Aphasia  
**Mareike Hartmann**

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**10.30-11.00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:00** **Keynote Presentation** - Advancing Aphasia Intervention: Current Insights, Future Vision,  
**Katerina Hilary**

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**12:00-12:45** **Platform Presentations** - Title: Co-Design, Culture, and Community Participation: Expanding Aphasia Rehabilitation Beyond the Clinic

• **OP 45**

Reframing museums and art galleries as places for aphasia rehabilitation and life participation  
**Jayne Lindsay**

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• **OP 46**

Co-Designing Solutions for Cross-Linguistic and Cross-Cultural Aphasia Therapy: Development and Pilot Evaluation of a Collaborative Tool for Speech Pathologists and Interpreters  
**Chelsea Larkman**





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• **OP 47**

Bridging Global Gaps in Community Aphasia Management through Codesign and Cultural Adaptation  
**Shu En Lee**

**12:45-13:45** Lunch

**13:45-14:45** **Platform Presentations** - Title: **Enhancing Communication in Neurodegenerative Aphasia: Teletherapy, PPA Adaptations, and Partner Training**

• **OP 48**

Better Conversations with primary progressive aphasia & other rare dementias: A randomised controlled speech-language teletherapy trial  
**Anna Volkmer**

• **OP 49**

Co-development of an international Primary Progressive Aphasia awareness campaign: enhancing understanding of speech & language therapy  
**Anna Volkmer**

• **OP 50**

Better Conversations with Primary Progressive Aphasia: translation and cultural adaptation to Norwegian  
**Ingvild Winsnes**

• **OP 51**

Teletherapy communication partner training for Alzheimer's with prominent language difficulties: discourse outcomes  
**Richard Talbot**





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14:45-15:30 **Platform Presentations** - Title: **Communication Access and Decision-Making Rights in Aphasia: Clinical, Ethical, and Societal Perspectives**

- **OP 52**

Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines for Communication Strategies to Support End-of-Life Decision-Making by Persons with Aphasia

**Alexandra Stipinovich**

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- **OP 53**

The Speech and Language Therapist's Role in Supporting Decision-Making for People with Aphasia: An International Cross-Sectional Survey

**Anna Volkmer**

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- **OP 54**

Access to the court system for people with aphasia

**Sue Sherratt**

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15.30-16.00 **Closing Remarks**

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16.30 **Depart for Social Event**

