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**International
APHASIA
Rehabilitation
Conference**



**July 1-3,
2026**

**Technopolis - Auditorium
"Miltiadis Evert"**

— Athens-Greece —



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Wednesday, 1

7:30 Registration

8:00 Welcome

8:30 - 9:30 **Keynote Presentation**

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

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

• **OP 02**

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

• **OP 03**

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

• **OP 04**

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

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

• **OP 06**

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

Caterina Breitenstein

• **OP 07**

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

Fofi Constantinidou

• **OP 08**

Investigating the effectiveness of “Aphasia + Math”, an online intervention for the remediation of acalculia in adults with aphasia

Caroline Newton

• **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

• **OP 10**

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

Laura Murray





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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
Ciara Shiggins





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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**

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

Ruth O'Hagan

• **OP 17**

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

Jean Rutter

• **OP 18**

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

Niamh Devane

17:45-18:00 Discussion

18:00-20:00 Opening Ceremony - Welcome Reception





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8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-10:45 **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 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

• **OP 25**

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

Spyridoula Varlokosta





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• **OP 26**

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

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:15 Keynote Presentation - Advancing Aphasia Intervention: Current Insights, Future Vision, Katerina Hilari

12:15-13:00 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

• **OP 28**

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

• **OP 29**

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





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13:00-14:30 Lunch & Poster Presentation Session 2

14:30-15:30 Keynote Presentation - Behavioral treatment of aphasia: Dose, active ingredients, and moderators of treatment response
William Hula

15:30-16:30 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

16:30-16:45 Discussion

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• 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 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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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

• **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

• **OP 44**

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

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

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

• **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

• OP 53

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

Anna Volkmer

• OP 54

Access to the court system for people with aphasia

Sue Sherratt

15:30-16:00 Closing Remarks

16:30 Depart for Social Event

