

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE 2026  
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Day - Date	Time	Event
<b>Wednesday, April 15</b>	13:00 – 17:00	Pre-conference PI Summit \$95 – Advanced registration
	13:00 – 17:00	Pre- conference Workshop NAVIGATING THE FMRI MULTIVERSE \$95 – Advanced registration
	13:00 – 17:00	Pre- conference Workshop BUILDING A THRIVING RESEARCH CAREER \$95 – Advanced registration

<b>Thursday, April 16</b>	8:00 – 9:00	Mentor/Mentee Match Event – Advanced registration required to attend this session
	9:00- 9:30	Opening Session & Welcome Address
	9:30- 10:45	<b>Symposium 1</b> <b>New Directions in Social Learning &amp; Memory</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Megan Meyer – Columbia University Anna Vannucci - Columbia University Yi Yang Teoh - Brown University Clara Sava-Segal - Dartmouth College
	10:45 -11:15	Early Career Awardee Talk
	11:15 – 12:30	<b>Symposium 2</b> <b>Clinical and Translational Perspectives on Affect</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Diego Pizzagali – University of California Brian Sweis - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York City Hedy Kober -University of California, Berkeley Kevin LaBar - Duke University
	<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break - On own</b>
	14:00-15:00	<b>Presidential Speaker</b> <b>Behavioral and Neural Mechanisms of Social Decision-Making</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Steve Chang - Yale University
	<b>15:00-17:00</b>	<b>Poster Spotlight, session &amp; Opening Reception</b>
	17:00 -18:00	Comic Sans

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<b>Friday, April 17</b>	8:15-9:15	<b>BIOPAC PRESENTATION</b>
	9:15- 10:30	<b>Symposium 3</b> <b>Affect &amp; Decision-Making</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <i>Oriel FeldmanHall – Brown University</i> <i>Dean Mobbs - Caltech</i> <i>Robb Rutledge - Yale University</i> <i>Kate Wassum - UCLA</i>
	10:30 – 11:00	Mid Career Awardee Talk
	11:00 -12:00	Trainee Blitz Talks
	<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break - On own</b>
	14:00 – 15:00	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <b>The Human Amygdala, Threat, and Anxiety: Translational Progress and Challenges</b> <b>Speaker:</b> <i>Elizabeth Phelps-Harvard University</i>
	15:00-17:00	Poster Spotlight & Poster Session 2
	17:00 -18:00	EDIJ Social Hour – Location to be confirmed
	18:00	SANS Social – Location to be confirmed

<b>Saturday, April 18</b>	8:30 – 9:45	<b>Symposium 4</b> <b>Naturalistic Hyperscanning: Mechanisms, Plasticity, and Network Complexity</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <i>Suzanne Dikker - New York University</i> <i>Giacomo Novembre - Italian Institute of Technology</i> <i>Simone Shamay-Tsoory - University of Haifa</i> <i>Anat Dahan - Braude College of Engineering</i>
	10:15 – 11:30	<b>Symposium 5</b> <b>Advancing Emotion Regulation Research: Neural Mechanisms and Translational Applications</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <i>Richard Lopez- Worcester Polytechnic Institute</i> <i>Bryan Denny – Rice University</i> <i>Kateri Mcrae - University of Denver</i> <i>Nicole Giuliani - University of Oregon</i>
	11:30 - 12:30	Faculty Blitz Talks
	<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break - On own</b>
	14:00 – 16:00	Poster Spotlight & Poster Session 3
	16:00 - 17:00	Distinguished Scholar Awardee Talk
	17:00 - 17:30	Closing Remarks & Announcements
	17:30	<b>SANS Annual Business Meeting</b> (open to all attendees- only members of SANS can vote)