



Dear IERASG members and auditory evoked response colleagues,

Welcome

I am looking forward to meeting with you in Sydney, Australia for IERASG 2019. This will be the 26th meeting of IERASG, which has grown out of the informal meetings of lab groups interested in auditory electrophysiology, hosted by Professor Hallowell Davis. “Hal’s Club” became the “ERA Club” and is now the International Evoked Response Audiometry Study Group. Our biennial symposium is held in odd-numbered years. We are very excited that this year IERASG will “down under” in Australia for the first time.

Website

The website is now live for abstract submissions, with a closing date of 18th March 2019
<https://events.mq.edu.au/IERASG2019-Abstracts>

Dates

The conference will officially open Sunday evening 30th June with a Welcome event. The Registration desk will be open on Sunday at 8.30 a.m. Lectures will begin 8 a.m. on Monday 1st of July and conclude mid-afternoon on Thursday 4th July. Small group tours of the Hearing Hub will be offered from Monday to Thursday at break times during the conference.

Workshops

An exciting line-up of workshops has been arranged for Sunday 30th June, including Dr Andrew Dimitrijevic’s highly-regarded EEG processing workshop, workshops lead by Professor Katherine Demuth on sentence processing and eye tracking, and a workshop lead by Professor David McAlpine on fNIRS (functional near-infrared spectroscopy). There will be no charge for students attending the workshops, but priority will be given to students who have a paper or poster accepted for the conference. Workshops are open to people registered for the full IERASG2019 conference.

Highlights

Apart from an excellent line-up of papers on diverse auditory evoked topics including otoacoustic emissions, auditory brainstem responses, vestibular evoked myogenic potentials, cortical evoked responses, and event related potentials, highlights of the conference will be the opportunity to visit

the Hearing Hub research facilities, and to see Sydney from the water. We are very pleased to welcome Professor Lee-Suk Kim as 2019 Hallowell Davis lecturer.

Travel

International conference delegates should check the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs website – “Entering Australia” – <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/entering-australia/overview> to check whether they require a visa for conference travel to Australia from their home country.

Organizing committee

Thank you to Professor Bob Cowan, Associate Professor Mridula Sharma, and Dr Bram Van Dun for their hard work preparing for our visit to Sydney. Please email Dr Sharma if you have questions about the conference mridula.sharma@mq.edu.au

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,
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