SOCIETY FOR THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF LANGUAGE

Newsletter

June 2026

Get Ready for SNL 2026 in Beautiful Geneva, Switzerland

The 18th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language will be held from September 30 to October 2, 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG).

Find more information on their website about how to get there from the airport, train station, or city center. A welcome reception will also take place on September 29 at Campus Biotech, located at Chemin des mines 9, Geneva.

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Registration is Now Open!

Register to attend SNL 2026 today! Your registration includes Complimentary Onsite Lunch each day of the meeting.

Two Educational Courses are offered for registered trainees on September 29 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, immediately before the SNL Welcome Reception. For information about each course and to register, see the SNL 2026 Educational Courses form.

Early Registration Deadline: July 15, 2026

Full details:https://2026.neurolang.org/meeting-registration/

Board of Directors Election Now Open!

The election is open for four Councilor (board member) positions on the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Board of Directors.

For a list of candidates, please go to 2026 Board of Directors Election**.**

To vote: Log In to your account and click "Vote in the 2026 Board of Directors Election." You must be a current Member to vote. If your membership is not current, click "Renew" on your account home page. If you do not have an SNL Account, please select Create an Account.

Voting closes on July 6, 2026

Upcoming Important Dates

June 24, 2026 - Notification of Accepted Abstracts Sent
July 6, 2026 - Deadline to Vote in the Board of Directors Election
July 15, 2026 - Deadline to Receive Early Registration Rate
September 2, 2026 - Deadline to Receive Standard Registration Rate

Upcoming Virtual Activities

There are no upcoming Member-Initiated Virtual Activities.

Neurobiology of Language

[Neurobiology of Language] is the open-access journal sponsored by the Society for the Neurobiology of Language and MIT Press. Launched in March 2019, the journal provides a new venue for articles across a range of disciplines addressing the neurobiological basis of speech and language. To learn more about Neurobiology of Language and how to submit articles, go to: https://www.mitpressjournals.org/nol

Job Postings and Announcements

If you have a job posting, general announcement, or conference that you would like to include in the SNL Newsletter, please send it to newsletter@neurolang.org.

Job Postings

PhD student position (f/m/d)
ID no. 322/2026

The goal of the project is to investigate the relationship between language model–derived surprisal measures and human language processing, combining EEG data, reading time measures, and linguistic analyses of semantics and syntax.

The position is funded as part of the project *"Interpretable Surprisal: Language Models Between Linguistic Structure and Neural Evidence" (PIs Alessandro Lopopolo and Milena Rabovsky)*, within the DFG Priority Programme SPP 2556 *"Robust Assessment & Safe Applicability of Language Modeling: Foundations for a New Field of Language Science & Technology"* (LaSTing, https://www.lasting-spp.org/). The salary and benefits are determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L 13 Ost; 75%). This is a temporary position initially limited to a term of 36 months.

The University of Potsdam hosts leading groups in cognitive sciences and linguistics, providing a vibrant interdisciplinary scientific environment (http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/cognitive-sciences/index.html). Potsdam is an attractive historical city, and its palaces are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Furthermore, Potsdam is at close commuting distance to Berlin, a culturally vibrant and progressive city.

Project and responsibilities
The aim of this project is to investigate the cognitive plausibility of language model–derived surprisal as a measure of human language processing. In particular, it examines how surprisal relates to linguistic structure (syntax and semantics) and to human behavioral and neural data (e.g., EEG). A central goal is to determine to what extent the relationship between surprisal and human responses is mediated or modulated by underlying linguistic information.

The successful candidate will develop and evaluate computational language models, derive surprisal-based measures, and conduct EEG and behavioral experiments on human language processing. Responsibilities include analyzing neural and linguistic data, working with large-scale computational infrastructure, collaborating within the research network, and publishing and presenting results internationally.

Your Qualifications:

- Very good Master's degree in a relevant field (e.g., Cognitive Science, Cognitive Neuroscience, Computational Linguistics, or related disciplines)

- Strong programming skills (e.g., Python, MATLAB, R), including familiarity with machine learning frameworks (e.g., PyTorch)
- Experience with and interest in neuroscientific methods (preferably EEG)
- Excellent skills in advanced statistical analyses
- Excellent writing, communication, and presentation skills in English
- Strong interest in the lab's research focus, including cognitive neuroscience, language processing, prediction, and event-related brain potentials (ERPs)
- High motivation and commitment

We are also looking for the following competences:

- Experience in training and evaluating language models
- Familiarity with NLP tools and libraries (e.g., tokenizers, parsers such as spaCy, Stanza, or similar)
- Familiarity with linguistic theory (e.g., syntax, semantics, or formal linguistic frameworks)
- Familiarity with working on servers and high-performance computing (HPC) environments
- Experience in research on language processing, prediction, or related cognitive processes

What We Offer:
As a university, we combine the strong potential for development of a teaching and research institution with the attractive working conditions of the public sector. The University of Potsdam is a reliable employer that supports its employees with a variety of offers and benefits:

- Make the most of the various continuing education and networking opportunities offered by the University of Potsdam to refine your subject-specific and interdisciplinary competencies for professional as well as personal growth.
- All campuses have good transport connections. You can receive a monthly subsidy for the public transport job ticket and use our campus bicycles.
- Benefit from a company pension scheme, a special annual payment, and capital-forming benefits.
- Take advantage of the various offers from our Occupational Health Management unit as well as the Academic Sports Center.
- To improve employees' work-life balance, the University of Potsdam offers family-friendly flexible working hours and a defined share of remote working hours (e.g. work from home).
- You have 30 vacation days per year (with a 5-day week) and are also exempt from work on December 24 and 31.

For further information about this position, please contact Dr. Alessandro Lopopolo by e-mail: lopopolo@uni-potsdam.de.

The University of Potsdam strives to maintain gender balance among its staff. Severely disabled applicants shall receive preference in case of equal qualifications. We expressly invite applications from people with migration backgrounds.

Please send your application (including **ID nr. 322/2026**, letter of motivation, CV, at least 1 name of a potential referee, copies of academic certificates) as a single pdf file to Alessandro Lopopolo at lopopolo@uni-potsdam.de until June 30, 2026 for full consideration (late applications may be considered until the position is filled).

Open Rank Tenure Track Faculty Position Fall 2026 – Spring 2027

Jefferson Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute
Sidney Kimmel Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University

The Jefferson Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute (JMRRI), part of Jefferson Moss-Magee Rehabilitation and Thomas Jefferson University, seeks a faculty scientist to develop and lead a research program aligned with the Institute's focus on human translational neuroscience and neurorehabilitation. The successful candidate will receive a tenure-track appointment in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. We seek applicants with a PhD and demonstrated research productivity and independence, though candidates at all career stages are encouraged to apply. MDs and clinician-scientists with a substantial research track record will also be considered. This opening represents an outstanding opportunity to work with leading researchers in a well-established, growing, and vibrant environment.

The position includes dedicated laboratory and testing space at the Institute, located on the Jefferson Moss-Magee Rehabilitation Hospital campus in Elkins Park, PA. The successful candidate will benefit from JMRRI's strong track record of clinical-research integration and opportunities to collaborate across laboratories studying cognition, emotion, language, and motor control in acute and degenerative neurologic conditions. Comprehensive core resources include regulatory support, recruitment infrastructure, and state-of-the-artneuromodulation, EEG, motion capture, and robotics equipment. Neuroimaging is accessible at multiple

Jefferson Health System sites and through established partnerships with the University of Pennsylvania. Research recruitment is supported, in part, by JMRRI's Research Registry of 2,000+ individuals with stroke, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and Parkinson's Disease, supplemented by the Moss TBI Model Systems database of 1,600+ well-characterized TBI participants.

Jefferson Moss-Magee Rehabilitation and JMRRI are part of Jefferson Health, one of Philadelphia's largest health systems, with faculty appointments through Thomas Jefferson University. The position offers access to a broad research infrastructure, including biostatistics, scientific writing support, and established basic and clinical neuroscience programs. We offer competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefits package including medical/dental/vision coverage, generous vacation, pension, and malpractice insurance. Jefferson Health is an equal opportunity employer; JMRRI values diversity and strongly encourages applications from underrepresented groups.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter detailing research interests and future directions, CV, and contact information for 3 references via email to Kevin Whelihan: Kevin.Whelihan@jefferson.edu

Applications received before October 16, 2026, will receive full consideration. Review will continue on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

https://rehabilitationresearch.jefferson.edu/job-opportunities.html

Full-Time, Postdoctoral Position in the Speech Research Lab

Applications are invited for a fixed-term, full-time postdoctoral position working in the Speech Research Lab within the Department of Psychology, Bangor University, UK. The postholder will work full time on the grant “The Neurometabolic and Microstructural Basis of Developmental Stuttering” funded by the Academy of Medical Sciences.

Duties will include designing, running, and analysing experiments related to the above topic, as well as communicating the aims and results of the research via public and academic forums. The project will run in collaboration with people who stutter and clinical speech and language therapists, and therefore experience working with public and participant involvement is desirable.

Candidates should have completed (or be about to complete) their PhD (or equivalent) and have previous experience with the following topics:

- Magnetic Resonance research
- Behavioural assessments
- Data processing and analysis skills
- Experience with communicating with public and academic audiences

The successful candidate will be expected to commence in October 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter, and the post is available until 31/08/2028.

Starting Salary: £38,249 per annum.

This role will be located on campus at Bangor University (Brigantia Building, LL57 2AS). Through our Dynamic Working framework, there will also be the option to spend some time working remotely (although remaining in the UK) to support work life balance, which will be discussed further with candidates at interview. Applications will also be considered to carry out this role on a part-time or job share basis, please contact:
c.wiltshire@bangor.ac.uk to discuss.

Applications will only be accepted via our on-line recruitment website, jobs.bangor.ac.uk. However, in cases of access issues due to disability, paper application forms are available by telephoning 01248 383865.

Closing date for applications: 15th July 2026

Committed To Equal Opportunities

Informal enquiries are encouraged; contact Dr. Charlotte Wiltshire, c.wiltshire@bangor.ac.uk

Laboratory information: www.charlottewiltshire.com/

Project information:

www.charlottewiltshire.com/research/projects/new-funding-awarded-from-the-academy-of-medical-sciences

Project funding information:
http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/grants-and-schemes/grant-schemes/springboard/springboard-awardees
Springboard awardees | The Academy of Medical Sciences

PI profile: research.bangor.ac.uk/en/persons/charlie-wiltshire/ Charlie Wiltshire - Bangor University

Other

Academy of Aphasia 64th Annual Meeting
Liège, Belgium and Virtual (Hybrid)
Sunday, October 4th - Tuesday, October 6th, 2026

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **June 1, 2026**

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Aphasia will be hosted at the University of Liège, a beautiful public research university of the French Community of Belgium based in Liège, Belgium. The Academy welcomes submissions of experimental, clinical, theoretical, and historical research from any field that contributes to the study of aphasia, including Speech-Language Pathology, Psychology, Neurology, Neuroscience, Linguistics, and Computational Modeling. We encourage onsite attendance – **required for platform presenters** – although we also offer the option to participate online via an interactive hybrid platform. The conference reception and welcome party will be held Sunday, October 4th at the Foyer Eugène Isaÿe, located in the prestigious and historic home of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of Liège.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Michel Thiebaut de Schotten, research director at the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research), and head of the Brain Connectivity and Behaviour group, University of Bordeaux, France. Dr. Thiebaut de Schotten is an internationally recognized expert in neuropsychology and neuroimaging for pioneering research on white matter anatomy, brain connectivity, and disconnection syndromes in both healthy individuals and stroke populations.

Now in its ninth year, the NIDCD-funded Academy of Aphasia conference grant (R13 DC017375) will sponsor student and junior research fellows to attend and present their work. Selected fellows will also receive focused mentoring and training from expert faculty at the meeting. Both U.S. and international students submitting a first-author abstract are eligible to apply (check the website for details). The grant also sponsors a state-of-the-art*New Frontiers in Aphasia Research* seminar. This year's seminar will feature Dr. Marc Brysbaert, Professor of Cognitive Psychology at Ghent University, whose influential research on visual word recognition, bilingualism, and large-scale lexical databases has significantly advanced our understanding of language processing.

Abstract guidelines

Submission procedures. Abstracts (max. 500 words) must be submitted through the vFairs platform. Account creation is required to register and submit. An individual can submit and participate in more than one abstract but can be listed as first author on only one submission. Please note that if you are submitting an abstract for a symposium, **you need to submit individual abstracts for each of the talks that are part of the symposium**. If the submitter serves as a symposium organizer without presenting one of the symposium's individual talks, they may still submit a separate platform or poster abstract as first author.

Presentation types. This includes *papers* (i.e., platform and poster sessions) consisting of original research that has not yet been published and*symposia* (i.e., 3-4 platform sessions focusing on a common theme) consisting of original or previously published research. *Platform session* presenters will be required to attend and present onsite (in Liège). *Poster session* presenters have the option to present onsite (in Liège) or present in the online poster hall.

Templates. All abstracts should conform to a specified template format (click link to download template for either platform/poster presentations or symposia). Please use the correct template to be considered for acceptance to the conference program.

Notification of acceptance. The Program Committee will e-mail a decision **by July 31, 2026.**

Visa information is available online.

Childcare support may be available on a limited basis, subject to funding availability.

Program Committee: Silvia Martínez-Ferreiro & Rajani Sebastian (Co-Chairs), Arpita Bose & Effy Ntemou (Co-Vice-Chairs), Dan Roberts, Ran Li, Jee Eun Sung, and Nichol Castro.

Local Arrangements Committee: Steve Majerus (Local Chair), Martine Poncelet, Solène Hameau, Marie-Pierre de Partz, and Sophie Gillet.

Academy of Aphasia Membership Event
June 26th, 12pm (noon) US Eastern Daylight Time (GMT -4)

Open-source, in-browser neuroimaging tools for stroke and aphasia research
Chris Rorden, PhD and Nicholas Riccardi, PhD

This workshop introduces a suite of free, browser-based neuroimaging tools that aphasia and stroke researchers can use to view, process, and visualize MRI data with no or minimal local installation required. Dr. Chris Rorden will give an overview of the latest tools coming out of his lab and the broader open-source ecosystem they connect to, including NiiVue and Neurodesk which support reproducible, web-based neuroimaging. Dr. Nicholas Riccardi will lead an applied walkthrough on real data using NiiVue in the browser: loading and overlaying lesion masks, viewing lesion-symptom mapping results, examining lesion overlap with anatomical atlases, and generating publication-ready figures. The workshop is open to aphasia researchers at any career stage, including those without prior neuroimaging or coding experience.

This event is for members of the Academy of Aphasia. To register, please visit: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/nqLShQtbwW

To become a member of the Academy of Aphasia, please visit: https://www2.academyofaphasia.org/home/membership/

Nicholas Riccardi, PhD is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Carolina and is affiliated with the Bonilha Laboratory, Aging Brain Cohort, and Dr. Julius Fridriksson's Aphasia Lab. His research uses multimodal neuroimaging and machine learning to study brain health and language across the adult lifespan, with current projects on individualized prediction of aphasia treatment outcomes and deep learning-derived brain aging in stroke survivors.

Chris Rorden, PhD is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Carolina. He develops widely used and world-renowned open-source neuroimaging tools including dcm2niix, MRIcro, SurfIce, MRIcroGL, and NiiVue. His work focuses on MRI acquisition, data standardization, and the methodological infrastructure that allows for rigorous, reproducible neuroimaging research in clinical populations.

Last Call for International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB 16) symposia presentations: deadline is June 30th 2026

International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB 16), to be held on June 14-18, 2027 in Saskatoon, Canada is issuing the last call for Symposia. Our theme for ISB 16 is “Languages in Academia and in Communities”. ISB is the most significant conference in the field of bi/multilingualism. Its formats include oral presentations, posters and symposia. Only the call for symposia is now open. Symposia are 120-minute blocks that allow for extended, interactive discussion on a specific topic, focusing on a cluster of independent yet related papers. Each symposium consists of four slots, and should consist either of four presentations, or of three presentations and a discussion.

Proposals must include a general abstract describing the symposium as a whole (max 350 words), as well as abstracts for all individual presentations (each no longer than 350 words). The total length of one whole proposal (proposal overview plus 3-4 abstracts of presentations) should be no more than 1600 words with references. Sufficient detail on methods and results should be provided to allow peer reviewers to judge the merit of the proposal. Please see more detail on the websites provided. Proposals should be uploaded to the ISB 16 symposia submission portal by **30 June 2026**.

Click here to submit.
https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/82055/submitter

Please notice that Individual talks/posters submissions will open on July 2, 2026, with the submission deadline on October 1, 2026. For more details and other information, please visit conference website https://conferences.usask.ca/isb16/

For further questions, please contact isb16sask@gmail.com

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