



SOCIETY FOR THE
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Newsletter

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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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Accepting Nominations for the SNL Distinguished Career Award!

The SNL Distinguished Career Award honors researchers with 15+ years of outstanding contributions to the neurobiology of language through research, leadership, and mentorship. Includes a \$1,000 honorarium, free SNL 2026 registration, and invited talk. Self-nominations welcome.

Deadline to Submit a Nomination:
May 18, 2026

Full details:
<https://2026.neurolang.org/distinguished-career-award/>

Abstract Submissions for SNL 2026 in Geneva Are Open!

We're also excited to bring back the **Sandbox Series** for posters—the perfect chance to get feedback on planned or in-progress work.

Abstract Submission Deadline:
May 22, 2026

Submit here:
<https://2026.neurolang.org/abstract-submissions/>



Upcoming Important Dates

May 18, 2026 - Deadline to Submit a Distinguished Career Award Nomination

May 22, 2026 - Deadline to Submit an Abstract Submission

May 27, 2026 - Registration Opens

June 1, 2026 - Board of Directors Election Opens

June 19, 2026 - Early Career Award Recipients Announced

June 19, 2026 - Dissertation Award Recipient Announced

June 24, 2026 - Notification of Accepted Abstracts Sent



Upcoming Virtual Activities

There are no upcoming Member-Initiated Virtual Activities.



[Neurobiology of Language](https://www.mitpressjournals.org/nol) 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

Postdoc position in Cognitive Neurosciences of Language at the University of Potsdam, Germany (subject to final budget approval)

The Cognitive Neurosciences Lab (PI Milena Rabovsky) of the Department of Psychology, Cognitive Sciences Unit at the University of Potsdam invites applications for a potential postdoctoral position, most likely from October 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029.

The position is primarily intended for a postdoc, but we will also consider applications by potential PhD students, and decisions will be based not only on existing degrees but also on the fit of the candidate to the project.

This position is part of the project B08 "Shifting the limits of domain-specificity: Correlational and causal approaches to the P600-as-P3-hypothesis" (PIs Milena Rabovsky, Mathias Weymar & Isabell Wartenburger), within the DFG Collaborative Research Center "Limits of Variability in Language: Cognitive, Computational, and Grammatical Aspects" <https://www.sfb1287.uni-potsdam.de/en/>

The project focuses on how and to what degree language processing aspects are shared with other cognitive domains. Specifically, it aims to investigate whether the P600 ERP component, a well-known component in language research, might be an instance of the domain general oddball sensitive P3 component. It has been hypothesized that both the P600 and the P3 might reflect phasic release of the neuromodulator noradrenaline from the locus coeruleus in the brainstem in response to salient and motivationally significant stimuli across domains. This hypothesis will be investigated using both correlational and causal approaches, employing EEG, transcutaneous auricular vagus nerve stimulation (taVNS), and physiological markers of noradrenaline, potentially challenging dominant theories that the P600 is specific to linguistic processing.

Your Qualifications

- Very good Master's and PhD degree in a relevant field (e.g., Psychology, Cognitive Sciences, Cognitive Neurosciences, or related disciplines)
- Experience with and interest in neuroscientific methods (preferably EEG)
- Strong programming skills (e.g., Python, MATLAB, R)
- 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); see here to get an idea of what we are working

on: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/cogneuro/index>

- High motivation and commitment

What We Offer:

- Excellent EEG laboratory facilities and computational resources
- Research support by student assistants and a lab manager
- A friendly and open-minded lab research environment
- 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.

For further information about this position, please contact Milena Rabovsky by e-mail: milena.rabovsky@uni-potsdam.de

Your Application: Please send your application (including letter of motivation, CV, 2 names of potential referees, copies of academic certificates) as a single pdf file to Milena Rabovsky at milena.rabovsky@uni-potsdam.de until June 1 for full consideration (late applications may be considered until the position is filled).



Other

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

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **May 25th, 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 Isaye, 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.



Explore Language and the Brain – ILCB Summer School 2026 Applications Now Open

Join Us at the ILCB Summer School 2026!

We are thrilled to announce that applications for the **9th ILCB Summer School** are now open!

Dates: August 24–28, 2026

Venue: Le Cube, Aix-Marseille Université, Aix-en-Provence, France

Program Highlights

This year, participants can choose from a variety of five-day theoretical and methodological courses covering diverse topics such as:

- Brain imaging techniques and neural networks
- Auditory cognition
- Language development
- Computational modeling
- Language pathologies
- Neural basis of language processing

We welcome participants from relevant academic backgrounds and at various career stages (PhD students, postdocs, academics, and exceptionally motivated Master's students). Several social events will be organized to encourage networking in a friendly atmosphere.

Key Details:

- **Registration Fee:** 350€
- **Additional Expenses:** Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation.
- **Application Deadline:** Friday, May 22, 2026 (anywhere on Earth).
- **Program & Application Details:** <https://www.ilcb.fr/2026-9/>
- **Apply now to secure your spot:** <https://columbo.univ-amu.fr/index.php/667994?lang=en>

Join us in Aix-en-Provence for an immersive learning experience at the ILCB Summer School 2026! 🌟



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