

IBRO-ISN-WU Canada SCHOOL ON NEUROSCIENCE IN AFRICA

Theme: Dementia, Mental Health and Brain Ageing

Dates: 7-11 December 2026; Venue: Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Sun. 06/12	Mon. 07/12	Tue. 08/12	Wed. 09/12	Thur. 10/12	Frid. 11/12	Sat. 12/12
Arrivals		8.00 – 09.00 Survival Skills Breakfast: Ethics Sci Medicine	8.00 – 09.00 Survival Skills Breakfast III: Open-source research tools	8.00 – 09.00 Survival Skills Breakfast IV: Grantsmanship for ECRs	8.00 – 09.00 Survival Skills Breakfast V: Publishing your work	Departures
	9:00-9.45 C Makau - About IBRO and ARC 10.00-10:30 Raj Kalaria- Intro: Brain Ageing, Cognition and Dementia	9:00-9.45 Roxana Carare – Drainage Pathways of the Brain 9.45-10.30 Axel Montagne – Blood Brain Barrier	9.00 – 10.30 Christine Musiya - Epidemiology of Dementia and Mental Health Discussion on Global Trends & Q&A	9.00 – 10.30 Daniel Erskine – Non AD Disorders: Parkinsons Disease, Dementia with Lewy Bodies etc in the African setting	9.00 – 10.30 Zul Merali - Resilient and At- Risk Brain Ageing Debate Pros and Cons	
	10:30-11:00 Coffee Break	Coffee Break 10:30-11:00	Coffee Break 10:30-11:00	Coffee Break 10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break 10.30 – 11.00	
	11:00-11.45 Daniel Erskine – Neurodegeneration and mechanisms 11.45-12.30 TBC? -Upal Roy and Kenyan colleague -HIV and Mental Health?	11:00-11:45 Karen Mather- Genetic Epidemiology, epigenetics, transcriptomics 11:45-12.30 Stephanie Carare -Current Treatments for Dementia- Strategy, Pitfalls,...	11.00 – 12.00 Stella-Maira Paddick - Overview of Cognitive Testing 12.00 – 13.00 Adrian Owen – Executive Function in Brain Injury and Dementia	11.00 – 13.00 Androu AbdalMalak & Emily Nichols- Practical Demos GTEC: EEG/ fNIRS applications in Dementia and Mental Health 11.00 – 13.00 Karen Mather and Peggy PV-Genetics and Dementia Studies in Africa	11.00 – 11.30 Iracema Leroi- How to write or Edit a Book - GBHI 11.30 -13.30 Raj Kalaria -Panel: Trainees and ECRs – Dementia/Mental Health Projects in Africa	
	Lunch 12.30-14:00	Lunch 12:30-14:00	Lunch 13.00 – 14.00	Lunch 13.00 – 14.00	Lunch 14.00 – 15.00	
	14:00-14.45 Peter St George-Hyslop- Glial involvement in neurodegeneration	14:00-15:30 Emily Nichols/ Androu Abdalmalak - Understanding	14.00 – 16.10 Henrik Zetterberg - Fluid Biomarkers in Brain Ageing and Dementia	14.00 – 15.30 Chi Momeh – How to Devise a Prevention Trial?	15.00 – 16.15* IBRO School -Student Presentations Groups A	

	14.45-15.30 Margaret Pericek-Vance – Genetics of Neurodegeneration	Neuroimaging: Methods and Applications		IBRO School Session on how to design Trials	
17.00 – 18.30 IBRO School Registrations Introduction Session: Faculty and Trainees, ECRs	Tea Break 15:30-16:00	Tea Break 15:30-16:00	Tea Break 16.10 – 16.40	Tea Break 15.30 – 16.00	Tea Break 16.15 – 16.30
	16:00-17:30 Richard Brown - Animal models of Neurodegeneration and in Dementia Studies: I and II	16:30-18:30 IBRO School to join Opening- welcome: UON, AA, ADCD, BMI, WDC Plenaries: Adrian Owen - Traumatic Brain Injury and Cognition (Canada) Ingmar Skoog -New 50 is the 70s (Sweden) Meru Choir/ Nun Story Musical Interlude	16.40 – 18.00 Godwin Ogbole and Androu Abdalmalak– Brain Imaging as a Biomarker for Dementia and Mental Health	16.00 – 17.30 IBRO Students - Poster Blitz Session (C Makau)	16:30-18:00 IBRO School -Student Presentations Group B Closing of IBRO School
	17:30-18:30 Juzar Hooker - Neurological Disorders: Movement Disorders		18.00-18.30 IBRO Instructors – Discussion Panel, Where next?	17.30 -18.30 IBRO Instructors - Education, Engagement and Capacity Building	
19:00-20:30 Informal IBRO School Welcome Get-Together	19:00-20:30 Role of IBRO, Advancement of Neuroscience in Africa, UoN MSc Neuroscience Launch and Reception	18.45 – 20.45 WELCOME DINNER - POOLSIDE SPH	18.45 –21.00 Open evening option or Richard Brown -Social for IBRO School: History of Neuroscience (Canada)	20.00 – 22.30 SCHOOL and SYMPOSIUM DINNER NYAMA CHOMA RANCH, SAFARI PARK HOTEL	19:00-20:30 IBRO School Dinner: and Farewell

Notes: School and Lunch/Dinner venues to be announced. Important reminder – School Faculty should sit with students at meal/break times