

SYMPOSIUM [m]

Low Vision

25 April 2024

Auditorium of the Jules Gonin Eye Hospital
Lausanne, Switzerland



Jules Gonin Eye Hospital
University department of ophthalmology
Fondation Asile des aveugles

Synopsis

How to best help people with low vision ?

The Low Vision Symposium provides the venue to link the latest scientific discoveries in low vision research to innovative interventional procedures for the management of low vision. Starting from the assessment of the behavioural consequences of low vision, the symposium will highlight the neuropsychological aspects affected by low vision, the modifications in the brain dynamics brought by low vision, up to the current and exploratory clinical protocols to treat the different deficits associated with low vision. Talks will be given in English. The symposium ends with the attribution of a Young Investigator Award to the best student presentations in human vision neuroscience, neuro-ophthalmology, or any related discipline. The symposium is followed-up by the research topic "Neuro-Behavioral Insights on Low Vision and Beyond".

Young Investigator Award : Frontiers Excellence Prize

PhD and master students are encouraged to submit abstracts for the Frontiers Excellence Prize (max 250 words, English). Only registered students are allowed to apply. Registrations can be done on the website <https://events.ophtalmique.ch/evenement/low-vision-symposium>. First, abstracts will be peer-reviewed and evaluated for scientific and/or clinical impact on Human Vision Neuroscience, Neuro-Ophthalmology, Neuropsychology, or any related discipline. The best abstracts will advance to the second step: a short live presentation during the symposium. In the final step, peer-reviewers will judge the candidates and assign award(s). To participate to the Frontiers Excellence Prize, please send an abstract to silvio.ionta@unil.ch by 14 April 2024.

08h00 - 08h30	Welcome Coffee and Registration
08h30 - 08h45	Introduction Prof. Thomas J. Wolfensberger, Prof. Silvio Ionta, Dr Diego Ghezzi
Session 1	Low Vision Assessment (Moderator: Prof. Reinier Schlingemann)
08h45 - 09h00	Current trends in low vision research Ms Fatima Anaflous, Fondation Asile des Aveugles (CH)
09h00 - 09h30	E-health intervention to improve fatigue in adults with visual impairment. Results from a randomized controlled trial Prof. Ruth Van Nispen, Amsterdam University Medical Centers (NL)
09h30 - 10h00	Cognitive, behavioural and neuropsychological characteristics and interventions in children with low vision Prof. Naomi Dale, University College London (UK)
10h00 - 10h30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session 2	Brain Dynamics in Low Vision (Moderator: Prof. Silvio Ionta)
10h30 - 11h00	Visual impairment due to stroke Prof. Fiona Rowe, University of Liverpool (UK)
11h00 - 11h30	Cortical adaptation and plasticity in response to vision loss Prof. Susana Chung, University of California, Berkeley (USA)
11h30 - 12h00	Assessment and treatment of vision problems due to brain pathologies Prof. Joost Heutink, University of Groningen (NL)
12h15 - 13h30	<i>Lunch break</i>

Session 3 **New Perspectives in Low Vision** (Moderator : Prof. Thomas J. Wolfensberger)

- 13h45 - 14h15 **How to create low vision rehabilitation services**
Prof. Silvio Mariotti, World Health Organization (CH)
- 14h15 - 14h45 **A global health perspective on the impact of vision impairment on people's life experience**
Prof. Gianni Virgili, University of Florence (IT)
- 14h45 - 15h15 **Rehabilitation procedures at the Service Social et Réadaptation Basse Vision**
Diana Morais De Almeida & Sophie Jumeau, Fondation Asile des aveugles (CH)
- 15h15 - 15h45 *Coffee break*

Session 4 **Interventional Strategies in Low Vision** (Moderator : Dr Diego Ghezzi)

- 15h45 - 16h15 **Assessment and Rehabilitation in Cerebral Visual Impairment**
Prof. Els Ortibus, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (BE)
- 16h15 - 16h45 **Neuromodulation with microcurrent stimulation for low vision restoration and rehabilitation**
Prof. Bernhard Sabel, University of Magdeburg (GE)
- 16h45 - 17h15 **Assistive technologies for the management of individuals with low vision**
Prof. Ahalya Subramanian, City University of London (UK)
- 17h15 - 17h45 **New technologies for low vision management**
Ms Marine Clogenson, EPFL (CH)

Session 5 **Student presentations for the Frontiers Excellence Prize**

- 17h45 *Ceremony*

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PhD Credits : See website

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- Bus 20 and 21 direction Blécherette

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