



# GLOBAL BRAIN CONSORTIUM

Montreal Neurological Institute  
de Grandpré Communications Centre

9-10 May 2019

## Welcome Messages



**Alan Evans, Co-Chair  
Global Brain Consortium**



**Pedro Valdes-Sosa, Co-Chair  
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On behalf of our entire Steering Committee, it is a pleasure to welcome you all to the inaugural meeting of the Global Brain Consortium (GBC). Numerous workshops in recent years on the topic prove that there is considerable appetite for the creation of transnational neuroscience networks that will allow us to tackle some of the biggest questions in neuroscience. Recent advances in information technology to mediate data-sharing, dedicated support from funders, and a burgeoning culture of Open Science offer new hope for meaningful scientific engagement on an international scale. However, bringing scientists across the globe together

to work collectively has been difficult - for a variety of technical, logistical, ethical and sociopolitical reasons. We must work together – scientists, technology developers and funders - to devise the strategies

that can make this happen. This is why we have come together here today.

Finding a place to begin that provides an opportunity for us to have a scientific focus, tackle major technological challenges and enhance global impact is a delicate balancing act. Modern neuroscience has a considerable arsenal of theoretical, modelling and neuroimaging technologies, but many of these devices are not readily available in Lower- and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC). Fortunately, access to an array of digital and neuro-technologies, enhanced in recent years thanks to the investment of the Big Brain initiatives, may allow us to cross this critical divide. This in turn will open collaborative opportunities for neuroscientists and clinicians in LMIC who have been somewhat marginalized from previous efforts in global collaboration. This was the focus of a first meeting of international Brain Projects with the World Health Organization in Geneva in 2016, regarding health care to underserved populations around the world. The GBC Steering Committee now seeks to level the playing field by creating an ecosystem where we can learn from each other.

We have elected to begin this venture with EEG, a technique that allows us to study dynamic brain states in consciousness, sleep, anesthesia, and across multiple brain disorders. EEG has exquisite temporal resolution in quantifying brain states, and is broadly used internationally. We believe it is an excellent use case that will lay the groundwork for a new global neuroscience collaborative ecosystem - tackling complex issues of international best practices and data-sharing, fostering global precision mental health and reducing the global burden of brain disorders. Our current efforts are based upon and considerably expand the Canada-Cuba-China collaboration that has received support from the Quebec, Cuban, and Chinese governments. It has initiated the construction, within the framework of Canadian Open Neuroscience Platform (CONP), of an accessible neuroinformatics platform that not only includes EEG but also is conceived to make possible full engagement from all countries regardless of their economic setting.

We are deeply grateful to the Ludmer Foundation and the Healthy Brains for Healthy Lives initiative at McGill University for their support for this inaugural GBC workshop and the vision of a global neuroscience network.



**Irving Ludmer, Founder  
Ludmer Centre for  
Neuroinformatics and  
Mental Health**

On behalf of the Ludmer Centre, welcome. Today represents a dream come true---a global consortium cooperatively researching neurodegenerative and mental illnesses.

Several years ago I asked the then Dean of Medicine if McGill University, my alma mater, was studying the matter of consciousness. He replied, “No, but if we start by fixing and modernizing our psychiatry training centre, maybe we can recruit scientists to fulfill our needs.” We turned what looked like a prison into a modern facility. But there remained much more to be done.

The next step was to build a consortium of the Douglas Mental Health Hospital, The Montreal Neurological Institute and the Lady Davis Institute of the Jewish General Hospital into a multi-disciplinary research centre for neurodegenerative and mental health studies.

About a year later, contracts were signed and The Ludmer Centre was born. Then came Alan Evans’ “Canada Cuba China” cooperative and a Canada-wide cooperative. Now with a global consortium, I’m confident we’ll see even further progress in the understanding of the universe within, the functioning of matter and energy into consciousness and cures.

Thank you for your participation.

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## Thursday 9 May 2019

- 08:00 – 08:30      **Registration and Light Breakfast – Helen Penfield Atrium**
- 08:30 – 08:45      **Welcoming Remarks**  
David Eidelman, Irving Ludmer, Alan Evans, Pedro Valdes-Sosa
- 08:45 – 10:30      **Session 1a: Introductions – de Grandpré Communications Centre**
- 08:45 – 08:55      **Blitz #1: Steering Committee Self-introductions (1 minute)**  
Alan Evans, Pedro Valdes-Sosa, Jan Bjaalie (representing Katrin Amunts), Gary Egan, Greg Farber, Maryann Martone, Jean-Baptiste Poline, Jane Roskams, Dirk Smit (representing Paul Thompson)
- 08:55 – 09:10      **GBC Vision and Goals**  
**Alan Evans, Pedro Valdes-Sosa, GBC Steering Committee**
- Mission** - Address the challenges that need to be overcome to drive large scale multi-national collaborative studies in support of Global Precision Brain Health.
- Vision** - Build pathways for collaborative experimental standards, and FAIR data-sharing and analysis of multi-modal imaging data, starting with EEG.
- Focus areas** - Accelerate our understanding of the spatiotemporal dynamics of brain states using techniques to integrate genetic, brain imaging & behavioral data.
- Outcomes** - stratified brain disorder governance and management approaches to support sustainable health care systems in a wide range of economic settings.
- 09:10 – 09:20      **Blitz #2: National, International and Multilateral Representatives (1 minute)**  
Stephanie Albin, Naomi Azrieli, Michelle Cruickshank, Tarun Dua, David Eidelman, Danielle Kemmer, Irving Ludmer, Mira Puri, Shekar Saxena, Andrew Welchman
- 09:20 – 09:35      **World Health Organization: Past Efforts in Brain Health and Future Expectations**
- 09:35 – 09:55      **International and Multilateral Research Support for Brain Health Initiatives**
- 09:55 – 10:25      **Blitz #3: National and International Workshop Invitees (1 minute)**  
Faranak Farzan, Karim Jerbi, Ravi Menon, Marco Prado, Jafri Abdullah, Mathew Abrams, Claudio Babiloni, Maria Luisa Bringas-Vega, Andrew Dykstra, Janina Galler, Wojtek Goscinski, Christophe Grova, Steven Hillyard, Sunpei Huang, Helena Ledmyr, Scott Makeig, Jean-Francois Mangin, Aina Puce, Franco Pestilli, Jorge Riera, Petra Ritter, Kamil Uludag, Mitchell Valdes-Sosa, Arno Villringer, Rigel Wang, Dezhong Yao, Robert Zatorre
- 10:25 – 10:45      **Coffee – Helen Penfield Atrium**

## Thursday 9 May 2019, Continued

10:45 – 12:15

**Session 1b: Plenary Discussion, Pre-Breakout, 15 minutes per topic**

**Co-moderators: Alan Evans & Naser Muja**

- Data-sharing infrastructure, governance for EEG
- Studying dynamic brain states with EEG
- Clinical research opportunities with EEG
- Clinical care translation using EEG
- Other technologies (e.g. cell phones, wearables)

12:15 – 13:00

**Lunch Buffet—Helen Penfield Atrium**

13:00 – 14:30

**Session 2: Breakout Sessions**

**Data-sharing infrastructures, data governance for EEG**

**Breakout Room: deGrandpre, left side**

**Co-moderators: Maryann Martone & Mathew Abrams**

What data-sharing infrastructures are available ?

What best practices do we need (interoperability) ?

What data governance challenges do we face ?

**Studying dynamic brain states with EEG**

**Breakout Room: Penfield 174A**

**Co-moderators: Pedro Valdes-Sosa & Jorge Riera**

What new directions are emerging in EEG-based basic brain research ?

**Clinical research opportunities with EEG**

**Breakout Room: BT100**

**Co-moderators: Aina Puce & Dirk Smit**

What research opportunities exist that require international cooperation ?

**Clinical care translation using EEG**

**Breakout Room: deGrandpre, right side**

**Co-moderators: Mitchell Valdes-Sosa & Claudio Babiloni**

What health care opportunities exist that require international cooperation ?

How can we best engage with existing international entities (e.g. WHO) ?

**Role of funders in advancing global brain collaborations**

**Breakout Room: NW201**

**Moderator: Jane Roskams**

## Thursday 9 May 2019, Continued

- 14:30 – 15:30      **Networking**—Helen Penfield Atrium. Refreshments will be served.
- 15:30 – 17:00      **Breakout Session Reports and Discussion**—de Grandpré Communications Centre
- 17:00 – 17:30      **Progress Review**—Alan Evans and Pedro Valdes-Sosa
- 18:00 – 21:00      **Dinner**
- Le Pois Penche, 1230 Boulevard Maisonneuve West, Montreal H3G 1M2
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## Friday 10 May 2019

- 08:30 – 09:00      **Light Breakfast**—Helen Penfield Atrium
- 09:00 – 12:00      **Session 3: Knowledge Sharing and Mobilization (Plenary)**
- 09:00 – 09:40      **Data-sharing**  
                         **Co-moderators: Jean-Baptiste Poline & Wojtek Goscinski**
- 09:40 – 10:20      **Governance in Global Health Research Consortia: Lessons Learned**  
                         **Co-moderators: Bartha Knoppers & Janina Galler**
- 10:20 – 10:40      **Coffee**—Helen Penfield Atrium
- 10:40 – 11:20      **Building Capacity for Global Precision Mental Health**  
                         **Co-moderators: Gary Egan & Tarun Dua**
- 11:20 – 12:00      **International Engagement & Funding**  
                         **Co-moderators: Jane Roskams & Greg Farber**
- 12:00 – 13:00      **Lunch Buffet and Closing Remarks by Pedro Valdes-Sosa**—Helen Penfield Atrium
- 13:00 – 14:00      **Session 4: Summary Discussion**
- Action Items and Implementation Plan**  
                         **Co-moderators: Gary Egan & Maryann Martone**
- Closing Remarks**  
                         **Alan Evans**



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## Partners



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## Leadership



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## Plenary Workshop

- 40-50 international invitees
- 7 breakout sessions
- Research priorities, standards, and best practices
- Knowledge translation and use

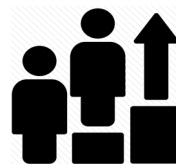
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Integration



Capacity



Professional  
Development



Precision  
Brain Health

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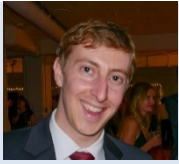
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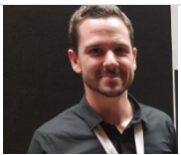
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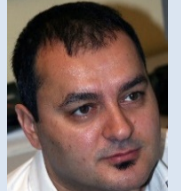
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