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LECTURE ROOM 1  
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# PROGRAM

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2026

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9:15	<b>Registration</b>
9:45	<b>Welcome address</b>
10.00	<b>Keynote lecture 1: <i>The role of white matter in cognitive impairment and its recovery</i></b> Prof. Paolo Bartolomeo, Paris Brain Institute
11.00	<b>Interdisciplinary case 1: <i>White matter and cognitive impairment in the acute and post-acute phase: importance of clinical and multimodal assessment and treatment</i></b> Chairs: PD Dr. Anna-Katharine Brem (SVNP), Dr. Errikos Maslias and Prof. Karin Diserens (SGVN)
11.45	<b>Lunch and networking</b>
12.45	<b>Young minds Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic 1: <i>EEG-Based Insights into the Neurological Effects of Animal-Assisted Services in Healthy Participants and Patients with Disorders of Consciousness.</i> Fabio Carbone, PhD student, University Basel</li><li>• Topic 2: <i>Cerebellum-ventral tegmental connectivity as a personalized biomarker for apathy in schizophrenia.</i> Lorina Sinanaj, PhD student, Université de Genève</li><li>• Topic 3: <i>Eye-Tracking and Virtual Reality for Cognitive Rehabilitation</i> Léa Defferrard, PhD student, Université de Lausanne</li><li>• Topic 4: <i>Non-invasive temporal interference stimulation modulates apathy-related behavior</i> Michele Di Ponzio, PhD student, EPFL Lausanne</li></ul>
13.45	<b>Keynote lecture 2: <i>The changing concept of autism</i></b> Prof. Francesca Happé, King's College London
14.45	<b>Coffee break</b>
15.15	<b>Keynote lecture 3: <i>When the Spark Goes Out. The Neurology of Apathy</i></b> Prof. Masud Husain, University of Oxford
16.15	<b>Interdisciplinary case(s) 2: <i>Apathy</i></b> Chairs: Dr. Marco De Pieri (SSBP), Prof. Arseny Sokolov (SGNR)
17.00	<b>Closing remarks</b>
17.15	<b>End of Symposium</b>

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