



Disorders of Consciousness  
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# Inaugural Conference on Disorders of Consciousness

December 9-10, 2021  
An IBIA Virtual Event

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Times Represented in Eastern Time

### Plenary Speakers

Brian Edlow, USA  
Olivia Gosseries, Belgium

Christoph Guger, Austria  
Flora Hammond, USA

Matilde Leonardi, Italy

### Speakers & Moderators

Philippe Azouvi, France  
James L. Bernat, USA  
Craig DiTommaso, USA  
Brian Edlow, USA  
Anna Estraneo, Italy  
Joseph Fins, USA  
Rita Formisano, Italy  
Joseph Giacino, USA  
Olivia Gosseries, Belgium  
Christoph Guger, Austria

Flora Hammond, USA  
Douglas Katz, USA  
Boris Kotchoubey, Germany  
Jan Lavrijsen, The Netherlands  
Matilde Leonardi, Italy  
Erika Molteni, UK  
Martin Monti, USA  
Enrique Noe, Spain  
Katherine O'Brien, USA  
Francesca Pistoia, Italy

Ingrid Poulsen, Denmark  
Amy Pundole, UK  
Caroline Schnakers, USA  
Aurore Thibaut, Belgium  
Lynne Turner-Stokes, UK  
Alan Weintraub, USA  
John Whyte, USA  
Nathan Zasler, USA

### Educational Leadership

Caroline Schnakers, USA

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Day 1: December 9, 2021		9:00 am – 4:40 pm Eastern Time
9:00 am—9:30 am	<b>Welcome and Official Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Caroline Schnakers, USA</i></li> </ul>	
9:35 am—10:35 am	<b>Plenary: Neural Correlates of Consciousness; Do We Know Enough?</b> Moderator: <i>Caroline Schnakers, USA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> <i>Olivia Gosseries, Belgium</i></li> </ul>	
10:40 am—11:40 am	<b>Subacute vs. Long Term Models of Care of Patients with Disorders of Consciousness</b> Moderator: <i>Nathan Zasler, USA</i> <p><b>Presentations and Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Spaulding Rehabilitation Network DoC Program - <i>Joseph Giacino, USA</i></li> <li>• How To Improve the Continuum of Care: Lessons Learned from A Practical Experience - <i>Enrique Noe, Spain</i></li> <li>• A New Chain of Care in an Academic Network of Expertise - <i>Jan Lavrijsen, The Netherlands</i></li> </ul>	
11:45 am—12:45 pm	<b>Plenary: Long Term Outcome of DOC Patients: What Does the TBI Model System Tell Us?</b> Moderator: <i>Caroline Schnakers, USA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> <i>Flora Hammond, USA</i></li> </ul>	
12:45 pm—1:15 pm	Break	
1:15 pm —2:15 pm	<b>Treatment of DOC: Where We Are and Where We May Be Going</b> Moderator: <i>Aurore Thibaut, Belgium</i> <p><b>Presentations and Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmacological Treatment in Disorders of Consciousness - <i>Olivia Gosseries, Belgium</i></li> <li>• Emerging Neuromodulation Therapies in Disorders of Consciousness - <i>Martin Monti, USA</i></li> </ul>	
2:20—3:20 pm	<b>Plenary: Roles and Burden of Family and Caregivers of DOC Patients</b> Moderator: <i>Caroline Schnakers, USA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> <i>Matilde Leonardi, Italy</i></li> </ul>	
3:25—4:25 pm	<b>Systems of Care for Individuals with Disorders of Consciousness</b> Moderator: <i>Alan Weintraub, USA</i> <p><b>Presentations and Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The US System of Care - <i>John Whyte, USA</i></li> <li>• The UK System of Care - <i>Lynne Turner-Stokes, UK</i></li> </ul>	
4:25—4:40 pm	<b>Wrap up of the Session and Close of the Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Alan Weintraub, USA</i></li> </ul>	

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Day 2: December 10, 2021		9:00 am – 4:00 pm Eastern Time
9:00 am—10:00 am	<b>Plenary: Curing Coma: The Campaign</b> Moderator: <i>Nathan Zasler, USA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> <i>Brian Edlow, USA</i></li> </ul>	
10:05 am —11:05 am	<b>Use of Neurodiagnostics in DOC Prognostication: What, When and Why?</b> Moderator: <i>Anna Estraneo, Italy</i> <p><b>Presentations and Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When and How to Predict Clinical Evolution in Adults Patients with DoC - <i>Boris Kotchoubey, Germany</i></li> <li>• When and How to Predict Clinical Evolution in Children with Disorders of Consciousness - <i>Erika Molteni, UK</i></li> </ul>	
11:05 am —11:15 am	Break	
11:15 am—12:15 pm	<b>Plenary: BCI and its Place in the Management of Disorders of Consciousness</b> Moderator: <i>Nathan Zasler, USA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> <i>Christoph Guger, Austria</i></li> </ul>	
12:20 pm—1:20 pm	<b>Neurobehavioral Bedside Assessment of Person with DOC: Caveats, Challenges and Novelties</b> Moderator: <i>Caroline Schnakers, USA</i> <p><b>Presentations and Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caveats and Challenges of Bedside Assessments in DOC - <i>Katherine O'Brien, USA</i></li> <li>• Pain Monitoring in DOC Patients - <i>Ingrid Poulsen, Denmark</i></li> <li>• Assessing Language in Severely Brain Injured Patients - <i>Amy Pundole, UK</i></li> </ul>	
1:20 pm—1:45 pm	Lunch Break	
1:45 pm —2:45 pm	<b>Neuromedical Comorbidities in Patients with DOC</b> Moderator: <i>Douglas Katz, USA</i> <p><b>Presentations and Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Complexity of Patients with Prolonged DOC - <i>Rita Formisano, Italy</i></li> <li>• The Comorbidities Coma Scale (CoCoS) - <i>Francesca Pistoia, Italy</i></li> <li>• Medical and Neurological Complications and Comorbidities in Disorders of Consciousness - <i>Craig DiTommaso, USA</i></li> </ul>	
2:50 pm —3:50 pm	<b>Ethical Issues in the Treatment of DOC</b> Moderator: <i>Philippe Azouvi, France</i> <p><b>Presentations and Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Decision-Making in Adult Patients with DOC - <i>James L. Bernat, USA</i></li> <li>• Clinical Decision-Making in Pediatric Patients with DOC - <i>Erika Molteni, UK</i></li> <li>• Disorders of Consciousness and Disability Rights - <i>Joseph Fins, USA</i></li> </ul>	
3:50 pm —4:00 pm	<b>Conference Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nathan Zasler, USA</i></li> </ul>	