



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

### Confirmed Speakers

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  
Daniel Kondziella, Denmark  
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 Pundhole, UK  
Caroline Schnakers, USA  
Aurore Thibaut, Belgium  
Lynne Turner-Stokes, UK  
John Whyte, USA  
Nathan Zasler, USA

### Educational Leadership

Caroline Schnakers, USA

Nathan Zasler, USA

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**Day 1: December 9, 2021**

**9:00 am – 5:30 pm Eastern Time**

8:00 am – 8:50 am	DOC SIG Meeting
9:00 am—9:30 am	<b>Welcome and Official Opening</b> <i>Nathan Zasler, USA</i> <i>Caroline Schnakers, USA</i>
9:35 am—10:35 am	<b>Plenary: Neural Correlates of Consciousness; Do We Know Enough?</b>  <b>Speaker</b> <i>Olivia Gosseries, Belgium</i>
10:40 am—11:40 am	<b>Panel: Subacute vs. Long Term Models of Care of Patients with Disorders of Consciousness</b>  <b>Speakers</b> <i>Jan Lavrijsen, The Netherlands</i> <i>Enrique Noe, Spain</i> <i>Joseph Giacino, USA</i>  <b>Moderator</b> <i>Nathan Zasler, USA</i>
11:45 am—12:45 pm	<b>Plenary: Long Term Outcome of DOC Patients: What Does the TBI Model System Tell Us?</b>  <b>Speaker</b> <i>Flora Hammond, USA</i>
12:45 pm—1:15 pm	Break
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>Symposium: Treatment of DOC: Where We Are and Where We May Be Going</b>  <b>Speakers</b> Pharmacological Treatment In Disorders of Consciousness <i>Olivia Gosseries, Belgium</i>  Emerging Neuromodulation Therapies In Disorders of Consciousness <i>Martin Monti, USA</i>  <b>Moderator</b> <i>Aurora Thibaut, Belgium</i>
2:20—3:20 pm	Plenary: Family and Caregiver Burden

	<p>Speaker Matilde Leonardi, Italy</p>
3:25—4:25 pm	<p>Panel: International Health Policy on DOC</p> <p>Moderator Alan Weintraub, USA (Invited)</p> <p>Speakers Daniel Kondziella, Denmark Lynne Turner-Stokes, UK John Whyte, USA</p>

**Day 2: December 10, 2021**

**9:00 am – 3:50 pm Eastern Time**

9:00 am—10:00 am	<p>Plenary: Curing Coma: The Campaign</p> <p>Speaker Brian Edlow, USA</p>
10:05 am —11:05 am	<p>Symposium: Use of Neurodiagnostics in DOC Prognostication: What, When and Why?</p> <p>Moderator Anna Estraneo, Italy</p> <p>Speakers <b>When And How to Predict Clinical Evolution in Adults Patients with DoC</b> Boris Kotchoubey, Germany</p> <p><b>When and How to Predict Clinical Evolution in Children with Disorders of Consciousness</b> Erika Molteni, UK</p>
11:05 am —11:15 am	Break
11:15 am—12:15 pm	<p>Plenary: BCI And Its Place In The Management of Disorders of Consciousness</p> <p>Speaker Christoph Guger, Austria</p>
12:20 pm—1:20 pm	<p>Symposium: Neurobehavioral Bedside Assessment of Person with DOC: Caveats, Challenges and Controversies</p> <p>Moderator Caroline Schnakers, USA</p>

	<p>Speakers  <b>Caveats and challenges of Bedside assessments in DOC</b>  Katherine O’Brien, USA</p> <p><b>Pain Monitoring in DOC Patients</b>  Ingrid Poulsen, Denmark</p> <p><b>Assessing Language in Severely Brain Injured Patients</b>  Amy Pundole, UK</p>
1:20 pm—1:45 pm	Lunch Break
1:45 pm —2:45 pm	<p>Panel: Neuromedical Comorbidities in Patients with DOC</p> <p>Moderator  Doug Katz, USA (invited)</p> <p>Speakers  <b>Clinical Complexity of Patients with Prolonged DOC</b>  Rita Formisano, Italy</p> <p><b>The Comorbidities Coma Scale (CoCoS)</b>  Francesca Pistoia, Italy</p> <p><b>Medical and Neurological Complications and Comorbidities in Disorders of Consciousness</b>  Craig DiTommaso, USA</p>
2:50 pm —3:50 pm	<p>Closing Panel: Ethical Issues in the Treatment of DOC</p> <p>Moderator  Philippe Azouvi, France</p> <p>Speakers  James L. Bernat, USA  Erika Molteni, UK  Joseph Fins, USA</p>
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