

# 2025 Nordic Aphasia Conference Programme



Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

09:30-10:30	Registration opens
10:30-11:00	<b>Welcome</b> Ellika Schalling and the program committee
11:00-12:00	<b>Keynote</b> Chair: Ellika Schalling <b>Cultivating curiosity in aphasia rehabilitation: Dialling it up, and looking outwards</b> Professor Madeline Cruice, City, University of London, UK
12:00-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
13:15-14:35	<b>Session 1</b> Chair: Camilla Olsson
	<b>Aphasia, writing support and large language models – A pilot project</b> Ingrid Henriksson & Mattias Rost, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
	<b>Efficacy of a strategy-based intervention on text-level reading comprehension in persons with aphasia: a repeated measures study</b> Sarah-Maria Thumbeck, University of Erfurt, Germany
	<b>The impact of group size and group composition on conversation treatment outcomes for individuals with mild profiles of aphasia</b> Elizabeth Hoover, Boston University, USA
	<b>Future directions: Focusing on everyday family interactions of parents with aphasia</b> Helene Killmer, University of Oslo, Norway
14:35-16:00	<i>Coffee/tea &amp; Poster session</i>
16:00-17:00	<b>Session 2</b> Chair: Ingrid Henriksson
	<b>Was this treatment successful? Development of a global rating of change scale to interpret patient perceptions of aphasia treatment success</b> Sally Zingelman, University of Queensland, Australia
	<b>Exploring the experiences of people with aphasia during emergencies: A cross-sectional survey</b> Sam Harvey, University of Queensland, Australia
	<b>Co-designing aphasia services: Evaluation of experiences and processes to support involvement of people with post-stroke aphasia</b> Lisa Anemaat, University of Queensland, Australia
17:00-17:15	<i>Musical interlude followed by a welcome address by professor Mats Larhed, vice-rector for the Disciplinary Domain of Medicine and Pharmacy at Uppsala University</i>
17:15	<i>Get-together at the University building</i>

## Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

09:00-09:10	Opening of day 2
09:10-10:10	<b>Keynote</b> Chair: Monica Blom Johansson <b>More than a language disorder - from person-centered to family-centered aphasia services</b> Associate professor Jytte Isaksen, University of Southern Denmark
10:10-10:40	<i>Coffee/tea</i>
13:15-14:35	<b>Session 3</b> Chair: Kajsa Söderhielm
	<b>Better Conversations communication partner training: What can we learn from an intensive conversation camp?</b> Suzanne Beeke, University College London, UK
	<b>Improving communication partner training of familiar partners of people with aphasia: Results from a pilot stepped wedge implementation trial</b> Kirstine Shrubsole, University of Queensland, Australia
	<b>The implementation of the Comprehensive, High-dose Aphasia Treatment program into clinical practice: Results from a longitudinal process evaluation</b> Kirstine Shrubsole, University of Queensland, Australia
	<b>Acceptability of CHAT-Maintain, a technology-enabled home maintenance program: Perspectives of people living with aphasia and speech pathologists</b> Jade Dignam, University of Queensland, Australia
12:00-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
13:15-14:15	<b>Keynote</b> Chair: Francesca Longoni <b>The future of aphasia rehabilitation is personalized: Diagnosis, treatment and prediction of aphasia recovery</b> Professor Swathi Kiran, Boston University, USA
14:15-15:30	<i>Coffee/tea &amp; Poster session</i>
15:30-16:50	<b>Session 4</b> Chair: Helena Hybbinette
	<b>Artificial intelligence to detect chronic post-stroke aphasia from natural speech</b> Mara Barberis, KU Leuven, Belgium
	<b>Communication Connect: AI-enhanced self-management tools for aphasia</b> John Pierce, La Trobe University, Australia
	<b>Development of a main concept checklist to assess discourse informativeness in Spanish speakers with aphasia</b> Claudia Penalosa, University of Barcelona, Spain
	<b>Developing equitable economic evaluations: outcome measurement selection for health-related quality of life in aphasia treatment studies</b> Sally Zingelman, University of Queensland, Australia
19:00	<i>Conference dinner at Norrlands nation</i>

## Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

09:00-09:05	Opening of day 3
09:05-10:05	<b>Keynote</b> Chair: Marika Schütz <b>Multilingual aphasia: Challenges and insights from a clinical perspective</b> Associate professor Monica Norvik, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
10:05-10:45	<b>Session 5</b> Chair: Marika Schütz
	<b>Management of suicidality in stroke patients with and without aphasia - a survey among healthcare professionals</b> Camilla Olsson, Uppsala University, Sweden
	<b>Description and initial evaluation of CoCA: Confident Communication with Aphasia. An exploratory communication confidence therapy for stroke survivors</b> Sarah AlFraih, University of Manchester, UK
10:45-11:05	<i>Coffee/tea</i>
11:05-12:05	<b>Keynote</b> Chair: Frank Becker <b>Current evidence for aphasia therapy; the new European Stroke Organisation Aphasia Rehabilitation Guideline</b> Professor Katerina Hilary, City, University of London, UK
12:05-13:00	<b>Panel discussion about implementation of aphasia rehabilitation guidelines</b> led by Frank Becker, University of Oslo, Norway Discussants: Jytte Kjaergaard Isaksen, Line Haaland Johansen, Kajsa Söderhielm, Kate Renvall, Þórunn Halldórsdóttir, Katarina Hilari, Madeline Cruice and Swathi Kiran
13:00-13:15	Closing remarks and introducing NAC 2027
13:15	<i>Lunch to go</i>