

# TEATC 2025 Program schedule

## Sunday, September 28, 2025

(Presentations are 20-minutes long, plus a 10-minute Q & A – Challenge period)

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **Continental breakfast**

7:55 – 8:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introduction**

Nauman Imami, M.D., M.H.S.A, Chair, Henry Ford Health, Department of Ophthalmology

**Housekeeping announcements**

David J. Goldman, M.D., M.B.A., Director, Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology

## Session One: Retinal Devices

Moderator: Daniel Palanker, Ph.D. Stanford University, Stanford, California

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Toward In Vivo Tests of Recording and Stimulation at Cellular Resolution Using a Bi-Directional Epiretinal Implant**

Claire Baum, Ph.D., Stanford University, Stanford, California

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **2025 Updates of Seoul Artificial Retinal Project**

Jongmo Seo, M.D., Ph.D., Seoul National University Hospital, Korea

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **The Suprachoroidal Retinal Prosthesis: The Path Taken and Lessons Learned**

Penelope Allen, M.B., B.S., Centre for Eye Research, Australia

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Group discussion**

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Break

## Session Two: Clinical - Cortical & LGN Devices

Moderator: Shelley Fried, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Implant Positions and Spatial Distribution of Phosphenes for the First Two Implantees of the Intracortical Visual Prosthesis**

Michael Barry, Ph.D., ICVP, Chicago, Illinois

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Object Detection and Localization through Intracortical Visual Prosthesis and AI-Driven Technologies**

Patricia Grant, Ph.D., ICVP, Chicago, Illinois

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Fountain Probe for LGN Stimulation**

Bert Monna, Ph.D., Phosphoenix, Amsterdam, Netherlands

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. **Group discussion**

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.      **Lunch**

## Session Three: Public Session

Moderator: Daniel Rathbun, Ph.D., Henry Ford Health, Detroit, Michigan

- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.      **Towards a Bidirectional Cortical Visual Prosthesis: Recent Studies in Four Human Volunteers**  
Eduardo Fernandez, M.D., Ph.D., University of Miguel Hernandez, Spain
- 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.      **The Intracortical Visual Prosthesis Clinical Trial: Update on Status and Results**  
Philip Troyk, Ph.D., ICVP, Chicago, Illinois
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.      **A 38 Patients' Clinical Trial to Demonstrate Efficacy and Safety of the PRIMA Retina Implant**  
Ralf Hornig, Ph.D. Science Corporation, Alameda, California
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.      **A Wide-field High-channel-count Cortical Visual Prosthesis using the Neuralink Implant**  
Dan Adams, Ph.D., Neuralink, Fremont, California
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.      **Break (End of Public Session)**

## Session Four: Special Addresses

Moderator: Joseph Rizzo, M.D., Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Boston, Massachusetts

- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.      **Panel Discussion – Scientific Challenge/Discussion for Session Three Speakers**
- 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.      **Updates from the FDA**  
Lan Yue, Ph.D., Bioengineering & Biomedical Engineering, FDA  
Elvin Ng, M.Sc., Bioengineering & Biomedical Engineering, FDA
- 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.      **Keynote: Interview with Chris McNeil and Joseph Rizzo, M.D.**  
Chris McNeil – Low Vision patient and Artificial Chip candidate  
Joseph Rizzo, M.D. – Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

## Evening Program:

- 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.      **Bartimaeus Dinner** – Reservations required  
Contact Roseanne Horne - Rhorne1@hfhs.org or 313-936-1968

## Monday, September 29, 2023

(Presentations are 20-minutes long, plus a 10-minute Q & A – Challenge period)

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.      **Continental breakfast**
- 7:55 – 8:00 a.m.      **Welcome & Introduction**  
Joseph Rizzo, M.D., Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

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## **Session Five: In Vivo**

Moderator: Philip Troyk, Ph.D., Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois

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| 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.   | <b>Neural Selectivity in Subretinal Stimulation with PRIMA Implants</b><br>Daniel Palanker, Ph.D., Stanford University, Stanford, California                     |
| 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.   | <b>Neural Population Dynamics of Electrical Stimulation in V1</b><br>Daniel Denman, Ph.D., University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado                              |
| 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.   | <b>Residual Photoreceptors in the Degenerate Retina Can Affect its Response to Electrical Stimulation</b><br>Keith Ly, Ph.D., Palanker Lab, Stanford, California |
| 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.  | <b>Group discussion</b>  |
| 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. | Break  |

## **Session Six: In Vivo (contd.)**

Moderator: James Weiland, Ph.D. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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| 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. | <b>Visual Cortex Neurons Preserve Functional Tuning to Prosthetic Retinal Input at Single-Cell Resolution</b><br>Yossi Mandel M.D., Ph.D., Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel                               |
| 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. | <b>Neural Activity Shaping for a Closed-Loop Suprachoroidal Retinal Impact: In Vivo Results</b><br>Martin Spencer, Ph.D., University of Melbourne, Australia<br>Presented by Mohit Shivdasani, Ph.D., Australia |
| 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. | <b>Recent Results from Preclinical Testing in the Ocular Project</b><br>Maarten Schelles, Ph.D., Re-Vision Implant, Belgium   |
| 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. | <b>Group discussion</b>   |
| 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  | <b>Lunch</b>  |

## **Session Seven: Ex Vivo**

Moderator: EJ Chichilnisky, Ph.D., Stanford University, Stanford, California

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| 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. | <b>Beyond Depolarization Block: Nonlinear Integration of Synaptic Input and HFS-induced Membrane Potential Shifts</b><br>Jae-Ik Lee, Ph.D., Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts |
| 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. | <b>Investigation of Differential Electrical Stimulation of RGC's in the Mice Retina through Sinusoidal and Rectangular Stimulation Waveforms</b>                                      |

Nick Lorenz, M.Sc., RTG InnoRetVision, Duisburg, Germany  
Surya Ulaganathan, M.Sc., RTG InnoRetVision, Duisburg, Germany

- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.      **Precise Reproduction of Diverse Naturalistic Firing Patterns in Intermixed Ganglion Cell Populations Using Epiretinal Electrical Stimulation**  
AJ Phillips, M.S., Engineering, Stanford Artificial Retina Project, California
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.      **Group discussion**
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.      Break

## Session Eight: Poster Session Teasers

Moderator: Mohit Shivdasani, Ph.D., University of New South Wales, New South Wales, Australia

- 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.      **Lightning Round Presentations from Poster Presenters Group 1**
- 4:45 – 5:30 p.m.      **Lightning Round Presentations from Poster Presenters Group 2**
- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.      Break

## Evening Program:

Moderator: Mohit Shivdasani, Ph.D., University of New South Wales, New South Wales, Australia

- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.      **Poster presentations and cocktail reception**
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.      Group “A” poster presenters
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.      Group “B” poster presenters
- 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.      Group poster discussion

## Tuesday, September 30, 2023

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- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.      **Continental breakfast**
- 7:55 – 8:00 a.m.      **Welcome & Introduction**  
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## Session Nine: Modeling and Image Processing

Moderator: Greg Auner, Ph.D., Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.      **AI-Based Image Processing to Improve Face Perception in Retinal Prosthetic Vision**  
Jungyeon Park, B.S., Stanford University, California  
Presented by: Anna Kochnev-Goldstein, M.Sc., Stanford University, CA

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.      **Virtual Eye: An In-silico Platform for the End-to-end Design, Optimization and Validation of Artificial-vision Therapies**

Tianruo Guo, Ph.D., University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.      **Deep Learning-Based Control of Electrically Evoked Activity in Human Visual Cortex**

Michael Beyeler, Ph.D., Bionic Vision Lab, University of California, California

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.      **Group discussion**

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.      Break

## Session Ten: Eclecticism

Moderator: Ralf Hornig, Ph.D., Science Corporation, Alameda, California

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.      **A Flexible Photoacoustic Implant for High Precision Retina Stimulation**

Chen Yang, Ph.D., Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.      **An Integrated Suite of Low Vision Assessments: Lessons for Vision Restoration Trials**

Gislin Dagnelie, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, Maryland

11:30 – 12:00 p.m.      **Group discussion**

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.      **Wrap-up and plans for 2027!**