## Congress Program | Thursday 17 May 2012

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<td>WCNR 2012 Organising Committee Chairman’s Welcome  <strong>Professor John Olver</strong></td>
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<td>Opening Ceremony - Welcome to Country performed by a Wurundjeri Tribal Elder</td>
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<td>Welcome Message <strong>The Hon. Louise Asher MP</strong>, Victorian Minister for Tourism and Major Events</td>
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| 9.30am        | Welcome from the Presidents:  **Professor Michael Salzer**  World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation - WFNR  
                          **Dr Kathleen McCarthy**  Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine  
                          **A/Professor Leanne Togher**  Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment - ASSBI |
| 10.00am       | **The Michael P Barnes Lecture**  **Randolph Nudo**  Room: Plenary 2  
                                Harnessing the potential of neuroplasticity to improve recovery after brain injury |
| 10.30am       | **Morning Tea**  | Exhibition Area, Main Foyer |
| 11.00am - 12.30pm | **Concurrent Symposia Session 1**  |                                                                                                    |
| 11.00am       | **1A Basic Science 1:** Foundations for Neurorehabilitation  
                                Chair  **Randolph Nudo**  
                                Rooms 109 & 110  |
| 11.00am       |  **Michael Nilsson**, Australia  
                                Neural plasticity in the damaged brain: micro and macro perspective  |
| 11.30am       |  **Michael Salzer**, USA  
                                Anatomical plasticity in neural repair: Types of nerve growth differ, and why it matters  |
| 12.00         |  **Anthony Hannan**, Australia  
                                Gene-environment interactions and experience-dependant plasticity in mouse models of brain disorders  |
| 12.20pm       | Q & A Session with all presenters  
                                **Caroline Van Heugten**, Netherlands  
                                (to be presented by  **Barbara Wilson**, UK)  
                                Issues involved in measurement and evaluation in neuropsychological rehabilitation  
                                **James Malec**, USA  
                                Item-response theory and the revolution of outcome measurement  
                                **Robyn Tate**, Australia  
                                Strengths and limitations of the Functional Independence Measure/Functional Assessment Measure and the Barthel Index  
                                **Discussant**  **Barbara Wilson**, UK  |
| 11.00am       | **1B Measuring Outcomes in Neurorehabilitation: When the FIM/FAM and Barthel are not good enough**  
                                Chair  **Robyn Tate**  
                                Rooms 111 & 112  |
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                                Issues involved in measurement and evaluation in neuropsychological rehabilitation  |
| 11.45am       |  **Lucia Braga**, Brazil  
                                Evidence-based psychosocial rehabilitation of survivors of child and adolescent traumatic brain injury  |
| 11.00am       | **1C Psychosocial Rehabilitation for Children with Traumatic Brain Injury**  
                                Chair  **Adam Scheinberg**  
                                Room 103  |
| 11.00am       |  **Vicki Anderson**, Australia  
                                A parenting approach to treating child behaviour problems after TBI  |
| 11.45am       |  **Lucia Braga**, Brazil  
                                Evidence-based psychosocial rehabilitation of survivors of child and adolescent traumatic brain injury  |
| 12.30pm       | **Lunch**  | Exhibition Area, Main Foyer |