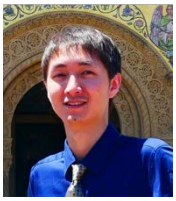
5th AOINC Virtual Symposium 2020

Invited Speaker

Dr Andrea Cortese is a Neurologist and MRC Clinician Scientist at the University College London, UK and University of Pavia, Italy. His research focuses on the discovery and modelling of novel causes of inherited neuropathies and other neurodegenerative diseases, with particular interest in repeat expansion disorders and conditions caused by variations in non-coding DNA.

Session Speakers



Yongzhi Xie is a Ph.D. candidate student from the Third Xiangya Hospital, Central South University, with an interest in neurogenetics and neuroscience. His study now is focused on genotype-phenotype correlations and molecular mechanism of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease under Prof. Ruxu Zhang.

Dr Eppie Yiu is a paediatric neurologist at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne and NHMRC Early Career Fellow at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. She has a special interest in Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease and is leading the development of international best practice guidelines for the management of this disorder in childhood.

Dr Ramesh Narayanan heads the *C. elegans* research program within the Neurobiology group headed by Prof. Marina Kennerson at the ANZAC Research Institute, Sydney. Dr Narayanan uses *C. elegans*, a 1 mm long invertebrate animal for studying molecular and biological pathways that lead to neurodegenerative diseases like CMT and MND.

Dr Pengfei Lin is the Associate Chief Physician in the Department of Neurology, Qilu Hospital of Shandong University. He has a strong research interest in neurogenetics and monogenic diseases. His recent research focuses on peripheral neuropathy in inherited metabolic disease.

Dr Low Soon Chai (MBBS, MRCP) is a Senior Lecturer and Consultant Neurologist at University of Malaya, Malaysia with research interest in familial amyloid polyneuropathy (FAP). He is the principal investigator of clinical trials of genetic therapy in FAP. He is currently the Treasurer of Malaysian Neuroimmunology and Neuroinfection Council.

Dr Gina Ravenscroft is an NHMRC Career Development Fellow at the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research and The University of Western Australia. At The Perkins, she leads the Rare Disease Genetics and Functional Genomics Group. She has a focus on the genetics of neuromuscular disorders, in particular severe and early-onset diseases that present as fetal akinesias.