

6th AOINC Virtual Meeting 2021

Invited Plenary Speaker



Dr Mario Saporta is a clinician-scientist and neuromuscular specialist with over 15 years of experience in genetic neuropathy research. He is an Associate Professor of Neurology and Human Genetics and the medical director of the University of Miami CMT Center of Excellence. Dr. Saporta conducts both clinical and translational research in CMT. He is the North America Principal Investigator for the Pharnext Premier trial and he leads a research lab focused on developing and applying human cellular models of CMT for drug discovery and genetic therapy validation

Platform Speakers



Dr Ruxu Zhang is a Neurologist at the Third Xiangya Hospital, Central South University in China. she leads the working Group of Inherited Peripheral Neuropathies. Her research focuses on the discovery of novel causes of inherited neuropathies, nature history study and good clinical practices in Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease.



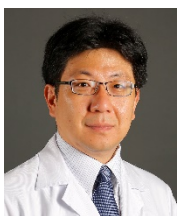
Prof. Joshua Burns is Head of School and Dean of the University of Sydney School of Health Sciences. Professor Burns is a world authority on inherited neuropathy of childhood who has worked in hospitals and universities in Australia and the United States conducting clinical trials to identify and implement rehabilitative, surgical and disease-modifying treatments. Following Early Career and Career Development Fellowships from the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia, Prof Burns now heads the Neuropathy Research Group at the Children's Hospital Westmead and is state-wide Director of the Paediatric Gait Analysis Service of New South Wales.



Dr Young Bin Hong received his PhD degree from Seoul National University in Korea. As a molecular biologist, he has worked on the development of novel therapeutics for genetic disorders and neurodegenerative diseases over 20 years. His recent research interest is to identify underlying pathogenesis and to develop novel therapeutic approaches for peripheral neuropathy.



Dr Gopi Krishnan, is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Neuromuscular Disorders, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru, India. He received his training in neurology at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum, India. His research interests include neuromuscular disorders and clinical electrophysiology.



Dr Yi-Chung Lee is currently the Chief of the Division of Peripheral Nervous System Disorders, Neurological Institute, Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan, and Professor of Neurology, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University School of Medicine. His research Interests focus on neurogenetics, with emphasis on inherited neuropathy, ALS, SCA, and cerebral small vessel diseases. His group had identified the disease genes of several inherited neurological diseases, including *KCND3* for SCA22, *GNB4* for dominant intermediate CMT type F and *WARS1* for distal hereditary motor neuropathy type 9.



Dr Oranee Sanmaneechai is an Associate Professor in pediatric neurology in the largest university hospital in Thailand. She has extensive experience in pediatric neuromuscular fields including CMT, SMA and DMD. Her neuromuscular training with Michael Shy led to her interest in clinical research for children with CMT. Her recent research includes developing and validating CMT infant scale and phenotype in children with CMT. She has established multidisciplinary clinics for neuromuscular diseases in Thailand where patients can come for one stop service of multidisciplinary care including pediatric neurology, rehabilitation, physical therapy, music therapy, Thai massage, social worker and special education counselor. She also conducts many clinical trials for children with DMD and SMA.