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GENERAL INFORMATION

Date

8-9 March 2019

Location

Washington DC, USA

Venue

Hilton Garden Inn Reagan National Airport Hotel
2020 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington,
Virginia, 22202, USA
TEL: +1-703-892-1050

Registration

Please refer to the NICIS Conference
website for registration
<https://www.nicis-conference.org>

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WELCOME LETTER

NICIS 2019 Annual Meeting in Washington DC

We are delighted for you to participate in the third annual Neurosciences in Intensive Care International Symposium America (NICIS-America). The upcoming meeting will be held on March 8-9, 2019 in Washington DC and is titled "Neurologic Biomarkers in Critical Care: Physiology, Treatment and Recovery". Neurologic biomarkers are quantifiable biological signatures identified in molecular assays of blood or CSF, neurophysiological recordings, and structural or functional changes captured with neuroimaging. Biomarkers are the basis for neurologic injury detection, diagnostic classification, treatment selection, and prognostication. In the intensive care unit, the care of patients with acute brain injury is increasingly reliant on the analysis of appropriately selected biomarkers. The conference will include sessions on physiological biomarkers, cellular biomarkers, imaging biomarkers, and biomarkers derived from high throughput molecular sequencing. Additional sessions will focus on the role of biomarkers in detection and diagnosis, treatment selection, biomarkers of impending neurological crises, and biomarkers for recovery and prognostication. The keynote speakers include Ramon Diaz-Arrastia, one of the principal investigators of the Track-TBI study and an internationally recognized investigator traumatic brain injury.

Scientific Committee:

Robert D. Stevens, MD—Johns Hopkins University

Jan Claassen, MD, PhD—Columbia University

Christos Lazaridis, MD—University of Chicago

Tarek Sharshar, MD, PhD—Université Paris Descartes

Jose I. Suarez, MD—Johns Hopkins University

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ABOUT NICIS-America

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“Neurologic Biomarkers in Critical Care: Physiology, Treatment and Recovery”

NICIS-America is a two-day scientific conference and networking event that brings together clinicians and scientists who share a common goal to translate discoveries in the neurosciences into effective patient-centered treatments. NICIS-America builds on a highly successful symposium held annually in Paris since 2010 (www.nicis.fr). Speakers include leading investigators in critical care medicine, neurology and neuroscience. The conference is designed for an interdisciplinary group of physicians, basic scientists, entrepreneurs, engineers, data scientists, and clinical trialists. Attendees in past years included include medical and surgical intensivists, neurointensivists, neurologists, anesthesiologists, neuroradiologists, physiatrists, psychiatrists, and neuropsychologists.

Why Attend

Participants in the conference will have the opportunity to engage with world class investigators to discuss the science and practical applications of neurologic biomarkers in critical illness, neurologic injury and recovery. They will learn about the different types of neurologic biomarkers of relevance in critical care medicine, neurocritical care and cerebrovascular neurology, and how these biomarkers are derived and validated. Most importantly, they will discover how biomarker research is having a direct impact on clinical care via greater precision in diagnosis, treatment selection, and outcome prediction.



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PRELIMINARY TOPICS & PROGRAM (FRIDAY MARCH 8)

Scientific Foundations, Methodologic Innovation

07:30-08:00	Registration and Breakfast
08:00-08:05	Welcome and Introduction of keynote speaker
08:05-08:35	Keynote 1:

Session 1 - Physiological biomarkers

08:35-09:05	High frequency EEG oscillations in epileptogenesis <i>Paul Vespa, UCLA</i>
09:05-09:35	Pathophysiology and impact of cortical spreading depolarization <i>Jed A. Hartings, University of Cincinnati</i>
09:35-10:05	Measuring autoregulation in the human brain <i>Kenneth Brady, Northwestern University</i>

10:05-10:25 Break

Session 2 - Cellular biomarkers

10:25-10:55	The blood-brain barrier in acute neurological disorders <i>Martin Lauritzen, University of Copenhagen</i>
10:55-11:25	Microglial activation in acute brain injury <i>Sujatha Kannan, Johns Hopkins University</i>
11:25-11:55	Vascular glycocalyx in the brain <i>Jose Suarez, Johns Hopkins University</i>
11:55-12:25	Exosomes in neurological disease <i>Kenneth W Witwer, Johns Hopkins University</i>

12:25-13:25 Lunch

Session 3 - Imaging biomarkers

13:25-13:55	Computational neuroimaging <i>Michael Miller, Johns Hopkins University</i>
13:55-14:25	Advanced mapping to probe the unconscious brain <i>Melanie Boly, University of Wisconsin Madison</i>
14:25-14:55	Molecular imaging in brain disorders <i>Jennifer Coughlin, Johns Hopkins University</i>

14:55-15:15 Break

Session 4 - Multi-omics biomarkers

15:15-15:45	
15:45-16:15	Genetics of stroke risk and outcome <i>Jonathan Rosand, MGH/Harvard</i>
16:15-16:45	What we can learn from proteomic signatures in traumatic brain injury <i>Denes Agoston, Uniformed Services University</i>



PRELIMINARY TOPICS & PROGRAM (FRIDAY MARCH 8)

Neurologic Biomarkers in Intensive Care

07:30-08:00 Registration and Breakfast
08:00-08:05 Introduction of keynote
08:05-08:35 Keynote 2: Defining endophenotypes in traumatic brain injury
Ramon Diaz Arrastia, University of Pennsylvania

Session 5 - Biomarkers for Detection and Diagnosis

08:35-09:05
09:05-09:35 Significance of ictal-interictal-injury continuum abnormalities in critically ill patients
M. Brandon Westover, MGH/Harvard
09:35-10:05 Advanced imaging in acute ischemic stroke
Richard Leigh, NIH/NINDS
10:05-10:35 Next generation sequencing in meningoencephalitis
Carlos Pardo, Johns Hopkins University

10:35-10:55 Break

Session 6 - Biomarkers for Treatment Selection

10:55-11:25
11:25-11:55 Multimodality monitoring (BOOST trial)
Lori Shutter, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
11:55-12:25 Individualized blood pressure management in TBI (COGITATE trial)
Ari Ercole, University of Cambridge
12:25-12:55

12:55-13:55 Lunch

Session 7 - Biomarkers of Neurological Crisis

13:55-14:25 Critical transitions and applications in critical neurological disorders
Christian Meisel, Harvard University
14:25-14:55 Predicting delirium with neurophysiology and neuroimaging
Arjen Slooter, UMC Utrecht
14:55-15:25 Delayed cerebral ischemia in aneurysmal SAH
Sherry Chou, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
15:25-15:55 Neurologic worsening in intracerebral hemorrhage
Wendy Ziai, Johns Hopkins University

15:55-16:15 Break

Session 8 - Biomarkers for Recovery Prediction

16:15-16:45 Neural plasticity and recovery after brain trauma
Neil Harris, UCLA
16:45-17:15 Cognitive and functional recovery after hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy
Robert D. Stevens, Johns Hopkins University
17:15-17:45 Recovery from subarachnoid hemorrhage
Jan Claassen, Columbia University

Closing Remarks



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Main Sponsorship Options

Platinum Sponsorship (Limited to 1 companies)

15.000 - USD

- Opportunity of Sponsoring one Symposium.
- Free of charge exhibition space. (12 sqm)
- Sponsor's name
- 4 complimentary exhibitor badges and 3 complimentary delegate registration
- Acknowledgement with the Sponsor's name on the Sponsors & Exhibitors Board during the Conference and also in the Final Program or on the Mobile Application

Gold Sponsorship (Limited to 2 companies)

10.000 - USD

- Opportunity of Sponsoring one Symposium.
- Free of charge exhibition space. (8 sqm)
- Sponsor's name
- 3 complimentary exhibitor badges and 2 complimentary delegate registration
- Acknowledgement with the Sponsor's name on the Sponsors & Exhibitors Board during the Conference and also in the Final Program or on the Mobile Application

Silver Sponsorship (Limited to 3 companies)

7.500 - USD

- Free of charge exhibition space. (6 sqm)
- Sponsor's name
- 2 complimentary exhibitor badges and 1 complimentary delegate registration
- Acknowledgement with the Sponsor's name on the Sponsors & Exhibitors Board during the Conference and also in the Final Program or on the Mobile Application



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Comparison Chart

	Platinum Sponsor	Gold Sponsor	Silver Sponsor
Limited to	1 companies	2 companies	3 companies
Symposium Sponsorship	✓	✓	✓
Complimentary booth area	12 sqm	8 sqm	6 sqm
Conference Envelope Insert	2	2	1
Company name on Conference Website and Final Program or Mobile App.	✓	✓	✓
Highlighting Sponsorship Name in E-Newsletters	✓	✓	✓
Promotion of the Sponsor with special E-Newsletters	2 E-Newsletters	1 E-Newsletter	1 E-Newsletter
Complimentary Exhibitor Registration	4	4	2
Complimentary Delegate Registration	4	2	1
Placing Roll-Ups in the Venue	2 Roll-Up	1 Roll-Up	1 Roll-Up
Name on the Sponsors Board	✓	✓	✓
Sponsorship Fee	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500



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Scientific Opportunities

Educational Grant

on demand

Grants of any amount, for the overall program will be appreciated and important to the success of the event. Letter of agreement must be signed with CME accredited provider.

E-Items

Conference Mobile Application

5,000- USD

The Conference App engages attendees with personalized planning tools and real-time event updates. The App transforms smartphones, tablets and laptops into a tool for active meeting participation, making it easy for participants to access meeting information they need and to connect with speakers and colleagues. The App includes the scientific program, abstracts, speaker info, participant lists, rating/voting system for sessions/speakers and a personalized scheduler.

Conference App sponsorship includes:

- Supporter acknowledgement on the splash/pop-up screen of the app: "Supported in part by: companyname" (product logo not permitted)
- Signage on site with App QR code and "Supported in part by: company name" (product logo not permitted)
- 2 "push notifications" are included in the sponsorship package
 - Priority listing in the list of conference exhibitors
- Support will be acknowledged in the Sponsorship and Exhibition section of the program,



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Promotional Opportunities

Satellite Sponsorship

5,000- USD

The program, the timing and the topic are subject to the approval of the Conference Scientific Committee. Includes hall rental, standard audio/visual equipment, display table.

- Permission to use the phrase: "Symposium Sponsor of the NICIS AMERICA"
- Announcement of the Symposium to the Conference participants with an electronic newsletter
- Sponsor's banners to be placed within the session hall.
- Inclusion of the sponsor's symposium invitation cards/programs in the Conference bags (the invitation cards/programsto be provided by the Sponsor)
- Satellite symposium program and symposium speakers' abstracts to be included in the Final Program or on the MobileApplication
- Support will be acknowledged in the Sponsorship and Exhibition section of the program, on the event website,with signage during the event, and also in the Final Program or on the Mobile Application.
- A 100-words company profile to be published in the Final Program or on the Mobile Application.

*Speakers will be invited by the Sponsor and their registration fees, accommodation and travel costs will be covered by the Sponsor.

Speakers' Ready Room

3,000- USD

Facilities will be available at the venue for speakers and abstract presenters to check their presentations.

- The sponsor's name appear on the signage for this room
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Advertisement Opportunities

Final E-Program

Final E-Program will be available to all participants to access the scientific program and other conference information easily and conveniently. The advertising company (companies) will benefit from the below opportunities.

- Support will be acknowledged in the Sponsorship and Exhibition section of the program, on the event website, with signage during the event, and also in the Final Program or on the Mobile Application.

Final Program Book Back Cover (Limited To 1 Company)	2,000- USD
Final Program Book Inside Page	1,000- USD
Final Program Book Bookmark (Limited To 1 Company)	1,500- USD

Please note that it is the Exhibitor's / Supporter's responsibility to comply with the local authority's regulations, and IFMPA (International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations) www.ifpma.org Code of Practice on the Promotion of Medicines.

Accreditation

Texas Heart Institute is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians Material.

Credit Designation

Texas Heart Institute designates this live activity for a maximum of 15 AMA PRA Category 1 CreditsTM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate With the extent of their participation in the activity.



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EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

All spaces will be allocated based on the reservations received, on a "first come, first served" basis. The Exhibition Floor Plan will be posted online. All spaces will be allocated based on the bookings received, on a "first come, first served basis".

STAND RENTAL WITH SHELL SCHEME

The rental fee of the standard booth area : (Minimum 6sqm is required)

Before Feb. 1, 2019	350 USD (Early Bird) / per sqm
After Feb 1, 2019	450 USD (Late) / per sqm

This includes:

- 2 Exhibitors' badges
- Cleaning of public areas and gangways
- Access to lunch, coffee break and Welcome Reception for exhibitor badge holders.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

When you exhibit your company will receive the following additional benefits:

- Company name on Exhibition signage during Meeting

All the services and extras will be available to order in the Exhibitors' Technical Manual.

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

All exhibitors are required to be registered and will receive a badge displaying the exhibitors name. Two exhibitor badges will be given for the first 6 sqm booked and one additional for each 6 sqm after. Any additional exhibitors will be charged an exhibitor registration fee of \$ 100.

Exhibitor registrations allow access to the exhibition area only and shall be used solely by company staff only. An exhibitor registration form will be included in the Exhibitor's Technical Manual.

EXHIBITORS' TECHNICAL MANUAL

An Exhibitors' Technical Manual outlining all technical aspects of exhibiting will be circulated 45 days prior to the Meeting. It will include the following:

- Technical details about the Venue
- Final exhibition details and information
- Contractor details
- Services available to exhibitors and order forms

EXHIBITION TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Terms and Conditions of exhibiting are included in this Prospectus. Please note that signing of the EXHIBITION BOOKING FORM indicates acceptance of these Terms and Conditions. The Exhibition Booking Form will be held as a valid liable contract, by which both parties will be bound. Further details will be included in the Exhibition Technical Manual.

EXHIBITORS

Once an Exhibition Booking Form is received a confirmation of exhibition will be mailed to you with an accompanying invoice.

SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Terms and Conditions of Sponsor & Exhibitors are included on page 19.



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CONTRACT TERMS & CONDITIONS

Clause 1: Participant (Exhibitor or Sponsor Company) is required to send the signed application form and make the related payment to KENES GROUP (Organizing Secretariat) in order to be an exhibitor or sponsor in the mentioned organization. Following this process, KENES GROUP will send an official document to the participant company that is confirming the sponsorship or stand rental.

Clause 2: The application form will be signed by the Participant and KENES GROUP. The validity of the application form depends on the agreement between all parties on all conditions required in this document.

Clause 3: Participant's liability starts with the signage of the application form. By declining to attend the exhibition, Participant will not be released of their liabilities.

Clause 4: KENES GROUP will prepare the exhibition area as the stand areas have been marked, any additional requirements have been provided. The stand area to be rented to the Participant, will be signed on the exhibition floorplan, the stand number, size and payment conditions will be indicated in the application form. In the case Participant requires a shell scheme package (with an additional cost), the company name will be written by KENES GROUP with a type size that can be read easily by the participants.

Clause 5: Participant is obliged to get the approval of KENES GROUP for the design of their special stand project. KENES GROUP is authorized to check the project in detail and make necessary arrangements in order to provide the convenience of the project.

Clause 6: KENES GROUP has the right to re-arrange the exhibition floorplan and change the stand places upon request of an exhibitor or due to any eligible reason. The maximum stand height will be announced in the exhibition technical manual.

Clause 7: The exhibition/sponsorship fees are calculated;

I. Stand space indicated on the exhibition and sponsorship booking form.

II. Sponsorship benefits mentioned under the related sponsorship title listed in this prospectus.

III. Providing the information office services

IV. Providing the general security and cleaning services of the exhibition area (participants are obliged to clean their stands)

V. Participants are responsible from the safety and insurance of their products within their stand areas.

Clause 8: The services which are not included in the exhibition/sponsorship fee and can be provided additionally due to Participant's additional order and payment are listed as below:

I. Additional exhibitor badge(s)

II. Phone and/or internet lines

III. Catering services

IV. Additional stand equipment including furniture, AV equipment, floral decoration, etc.

Clause 9: Participant has the interior design of the stand done on their own budget. Participant is liable to have a competent staff work at their stand who can give technical and commercial information to the participants within the exhibition opening hours.

Clause 10: Exhibition area will be open between the dates mentioned in the exhibition information section of this document.

Clause 11: Exhibition set-up hours has been mentioned between in the exhibition information section of this document. Participants are only being allowed to proceed the set-up of their stand only for decoration work in that timeframe. On the closing day of the exhibition all the stands should be dismantled and cleared out between the hours indicated in the exhibition information section of this document. KENES GROUP has the right to throw out the materials which are not taken out from the stand area within this dismantling time without any prior warning. Any damages and

expenses occurred has to be covered by the Participant.

Clause 12: Exhibition organized by KENES GROUP might completely or partly becomes impossible to be operated due to force majeure (circumstances that are not under the control of KENES GROUP, such as interventions of government or any other official authorities, war, strike, riot, coup d'état, quarantine, epidemic diseases, civil turmoil, natural disasters etc.). In the case of occurrence of any of the above mentioned reasons, KENES GROUP does not admit any liability. Clause 13: Participant that signs the acceptance form is obliged to correspond to the exhibition terms and conditions, as well as the exhibition timetable. Clause 14: CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellation requirements have to be sent to KENES GROUP in writing. For cancellations received until January 1, 2019, full payment less the bank charges will be refunded within 15 days after the exhibition dates. For cancellations received between January 1 and January 15, 2019, 50% of the payment will be charged as a penalty and the rest, less the bank charges will be refunded. The refunds will be made within 15 days after the event dates. For cancellations received on or after January 15, 2019, full payment will be charged and no refunds will be made. Clause 15: Any activities within the stand area such as distributing promotional materials, organizing a special activity for the participants, serving food & beverage, using any audio visual system, etc. should not disturb the exhibition in general, as well as the participants of the conference and exhibition. Clause 16: Participants are not allowed to make any promotion for their companies and/or products out of their rented stand area, or anywhere place which have not been indicated in the sponsorship benefits listed under the related sponsorship title. Clause 17: In the case the Participant causes any material damage in the event venue they are obliged to make restitution for the related damage. Clause 18: In the case the Participant exceeds their stand area size, they should dismantle their stand and set-up again with the correct size. Clause 19: The regulations of the event venue will apply for food & beverage services in the stand area. Therefore, Participant is required to inform KENES GROUP prior to the organization dates regarding the food & beverage services planned within the scope of their participation. Clause 20: ACCELERATION – INTEREST CONDITION; The payment plan is as it is indicated in the application form, and in the case of any delays in any of the payments due to any reasons, the full amount of the deferred payment will become due and has to be paid immediately. For the collection of the due amount, a default interest of %10 will be applied per month between the default date and the payment date. Clause 21: INTEGRITY OF THE AGREEMENT; this agreement includes all agreed correspondence between both parties and takes the place of all prior written or verbal correspondences. Any changes on this agreement has to be done in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of both parties. Clause 22: DIVISIBILITY OF THE AGREEMENT; Any court ruling about disallowance of any of the clauses of this agreement (no matter completely or partly) will not affect other clauses to be applied. Clause 23: TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT; Termination of the agreement does not affect the rights and liabilities of both parties arises from this agreement before the time of termination. In the case this agreement is terminated under the mentioned circumstances, KENES GROUP will not be under any liability to the Participant, and Participant accept and commits that they will not claim anything including a compensation for any losses or lack of profit. Clause 24: CONDITION OF PROOF; KENES GROUP's records will be considered valid in the case of any conflicts arises between both parties. Clause 25: CONDITION OF AUTHORIZATION; Istanbul Courts and Istanbul Enforcement Offices are authorized for the settlement of any conflicts arises from the implementation of this agreement. Clause 26: These agreement conditions are a part of the application form, and become effective by signing the application form. Clause 27: This agreement is consisting of 27 clauses.