



Introductory remarks

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DISCOURSE

IN PSYCHOSIS

ACTIVITIES

The local organization of the event was supported by the European Union (ERC, "PROMENADE", project number: 101045733). * Travel grants were supported by the Fondation François Bourgeois (Montreal), Otsuka-Lundbeck Canada, and Mobile-Brain (Brazil).

DISCOURSE TRAVEL AWARDS

We have provided 20 Awards for the second continuous year preferentially for Early Career Researchers, Trainees, Newcomers to the group and those from the Global South

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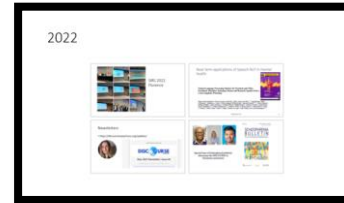
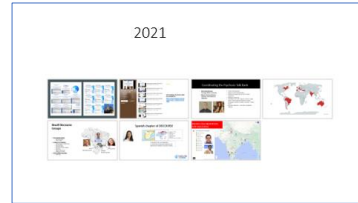


DISCOURSE

Diverse International Scientific Consortium for Research in Thought, Language and Communication in Psychosis (DISCOURSE) focusses on the multiple dimensions of language as an object of study in psychosis.

- Bring speech, thought, language & communication researchers in the field together
- Bring language 'back to the core' of psychosis research

Evolution of the DISCOURSE consortium



2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

- An idea emerges with cold emails sent before Christmas!

- Steering committee
- 'DISCOURSE' named
- Position statement drafted
- Website was created
- Twitter launched

- Webinar series began
- Speechbank efforts begin

- SIRS get-together
- Leiden Meeting
- Newsletters began
- Special issue in Sz Bltn

- Toronto Satellite Meeting
- DAC, PPC, ESC & governance drafted
- Workgroups established



Thought and Language Disorder Consortium at the SIRS 2020 Annual Congress

Thought and language disorder (TLD) is a core feature of the phenomenology of psychosis that relates to functional outcome at various stages of the illness. While the lack of experimental models and reliable characterization of the varied aspects of TLD has limited progress in the past decades, we now see an expanding diversity in the methods of inquiry and a resurgence of interest in this field. We are a group of researchers from multiple related disciplines, proposing a consortium that enables us to share knowledge, techniques, data, as well as aid in cross-pollination of ideas in the study of TLD.

The main objective of this consortium is to develop global multicenter collaborations in the study of thought and language disorder in a transdiagnostic manner across various psychotic disorders. In addition to geographical integration in the study of TLD, we anticipate that the consortium will be able to provide a platform for cross-pollination across the diverse methods of inquiry used in the field. We also anticipate connecting early-career and more experienced participants to aid in capacity building for continued work in this important area of phenomenology in psychosis.

Our **first meeting at SIRS (Florence - April 4 to 8, 2020)** will be focussed on identifying key current issues, discussing early priorities for multicenter efforts, exploring nested activities/working groups based on consortium membership and seeking a multidisciplinary steering committee.

A list of participants expressing an interest to be a part of this consortium is attached here na spreadsheet: [ICTLD Participant List](#). The availability of each participant to attend the SIRS 2020

2020

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steering
group 2020



- <https://discourseinpsychosis.org/>
- [@discourseinpsy](https://twitter.com/discourseinpsy)



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Brazil-Discourse Groups

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 - Mariano Ribeiro
- Unifesp (Ary Gadelha):
 - Anarata Mayumi Yukiya Pereira
 - Isadora Pacheco
 - Júlio Paulo Abílio
 - Bernardo Sato Siroi Magalães
 - Maria Diniz
 - Gabriela Koga Torrig
 - Silvia Regina dos Santos
- UFPR (Rafael Massuda):
 - Sarah Sales

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 ✓ Conducted at Psychiatry Department of Marqués de Valdecilla University Hospital

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Psycholinguistics of Psychosis

Speaker: Prof. Gina Kuperberg, Bennett Sibel Professor of Cognitive Science at Tufts University & Dept. of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Discussant: Prof. Deb Tirone, Professor, Director of the Multilingual Language Laboratory, Department of Psychology, McGill University, Canada
Event date & time: December 17th, 2021
New York: 9AM to 11AM
London, UK: 2PM to 4PM
Paris: 3PM to 5PM



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Neuroimaging in Formal Thought Disorder

Speaker: Prof. Tilo Kircher, Professor of Psychiatry and Chair, Dept. Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, UMR, Marburg, Germany
Discussant: Dr. Lena Palaniyappan, Roberts Research Institute, Western University, Canada
Event date & time: November 19th, 2021
New York: 9AM to 11AM
Rio de Janeiro: 11AM to 1PM
London, UK: 2PM to 4PM
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Speaker: Prof. Cheryl Corcoran, Director, Psychosis Risk Program School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY
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Data Banking for Language in Psychosis

Speaker: Prof. Brian MacWhinney, Professor of Psychology and Languages at Carnegie Mellon University, NY
Discussant: Prof. Iris Sommer, Departments of Neuroscience of University Medical Center Groningen, Netherlands
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The nature of fragmentation in schizophrenia

Speaker: Prof. Peter Liddle, Professor of Psychiatry Health Sciences University of Nottingham
Discussant: Dr. Peter McKenna, FIDMAG German Foundation, Barcelona, Spain
Event date & time: August 27th, 2021
New York: 9AM to 11AM
London, UK: 2PM to 4PM
Paris: 3PM to 5PM

**DISCOURSE
Seminar Series 2022**

Thursday October 20th
5-7pm ET . 10pm-12am BST . 8-10am AEDT (next day)

Topic: Temporal measurement of speech (EEG & fMRI)

Speakers: Drs Megan Boudewyn & Philip Sumner

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**DISCOURSE
Seminar Series 2022**

Friday September 30th
8-10am ET . 1-3pm BST . 10pm-12am AEST

Topic: Grammar and cognition

Speakers: Dr Wolfram Hinzen and Mr Claudio Palominos
Discussant: Dr Sunny Tang

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Friday Aug 26th
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Friday June 24th
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Topic: Automated linguistics

Speakers: Dr Eric Tan & Dr Alban Voppel

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Friday June 3rd
9am-11am EST . 2pm-4pm BST . 11pm-1am AEST

Topic: Developmental perspectives

Speakers: Dr Natália Mota & Prof Valentina Bambini

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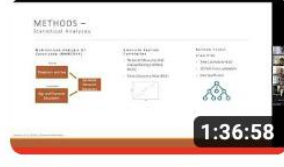

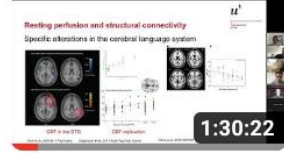
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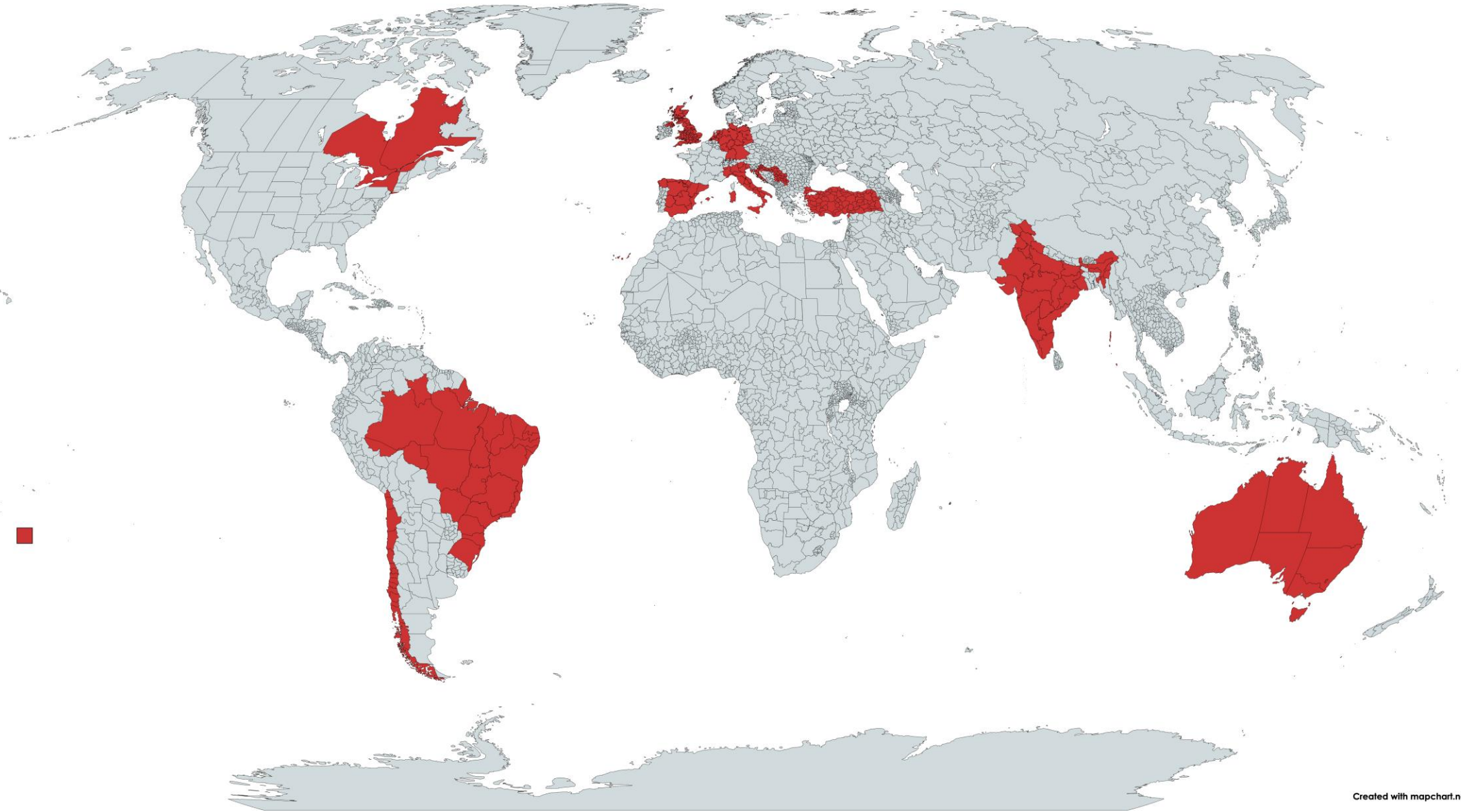
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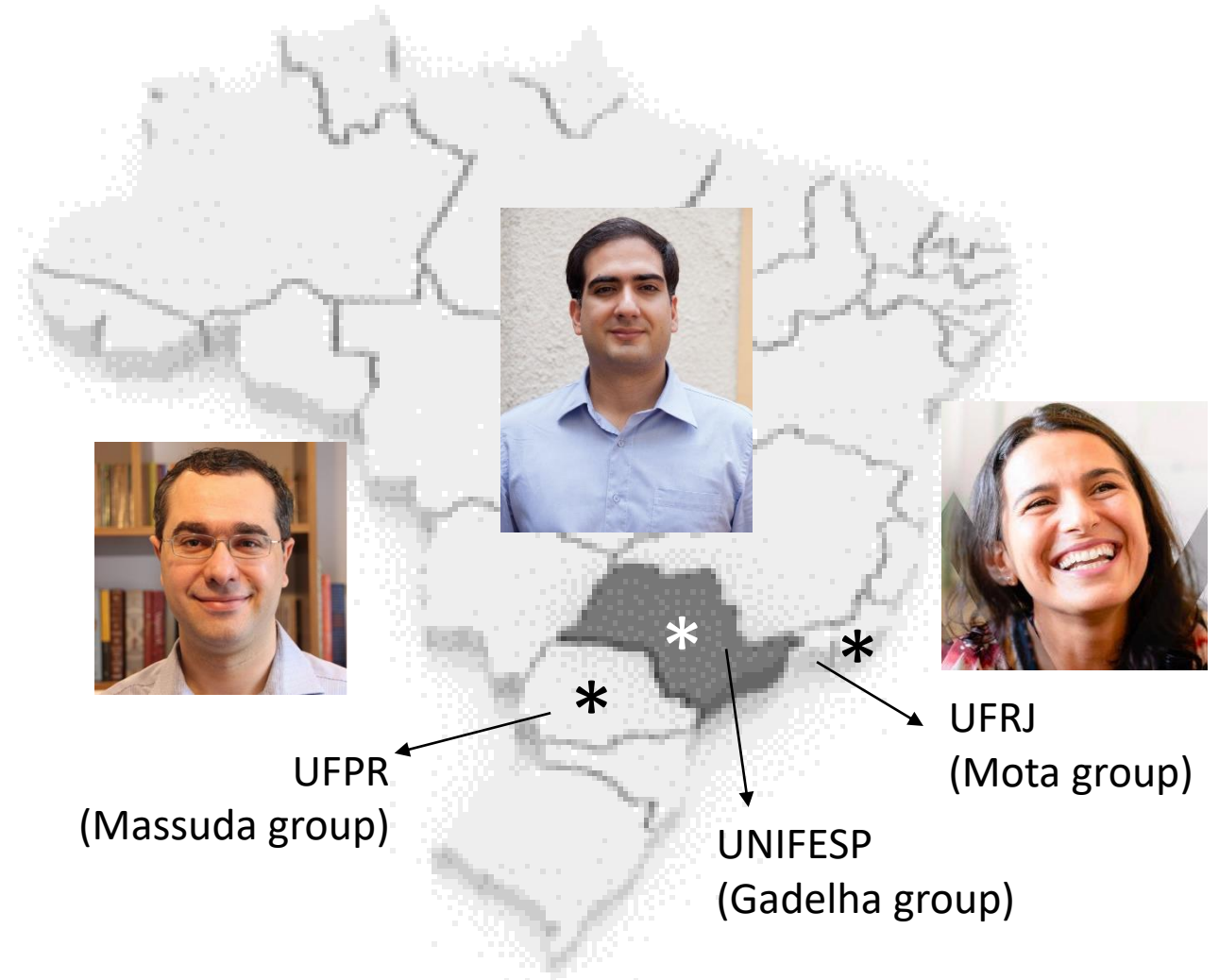


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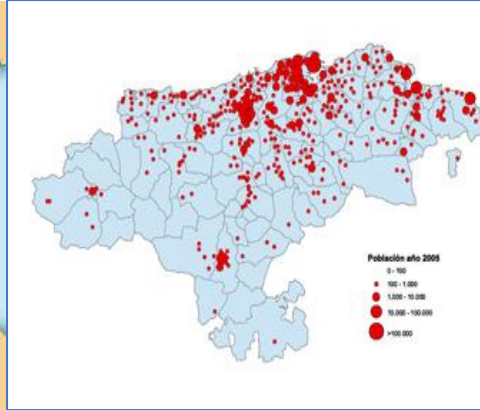


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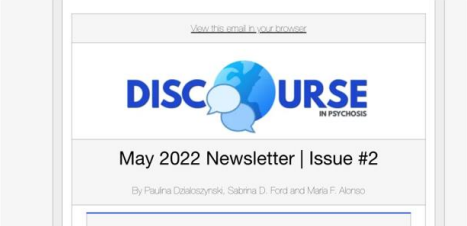
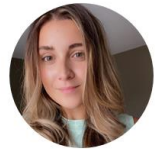
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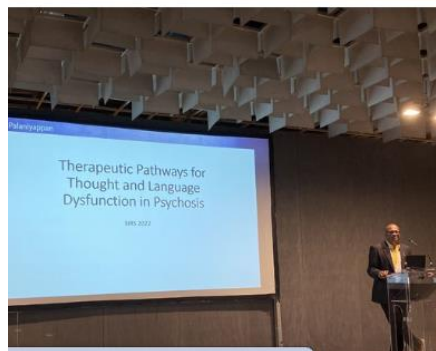
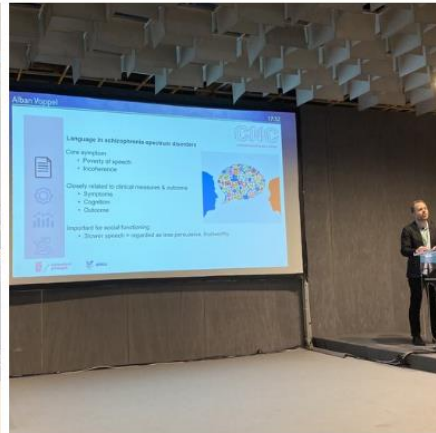
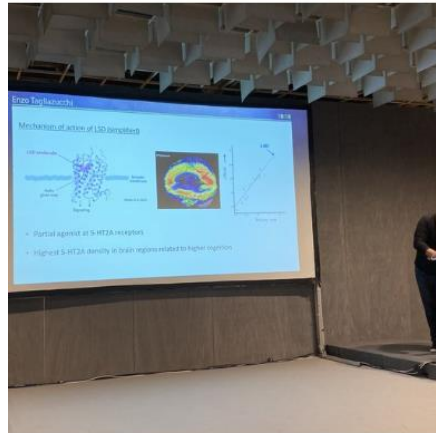
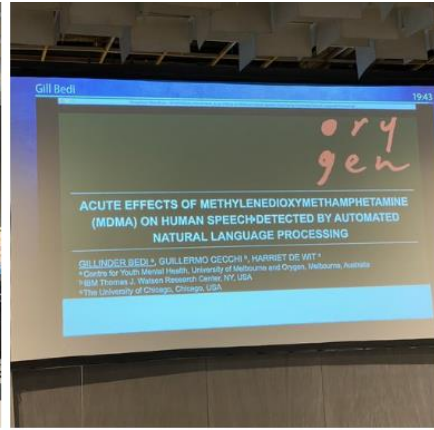
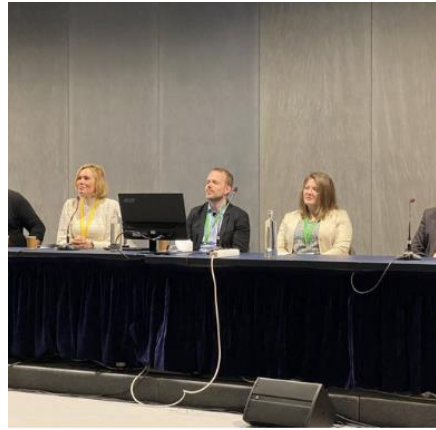
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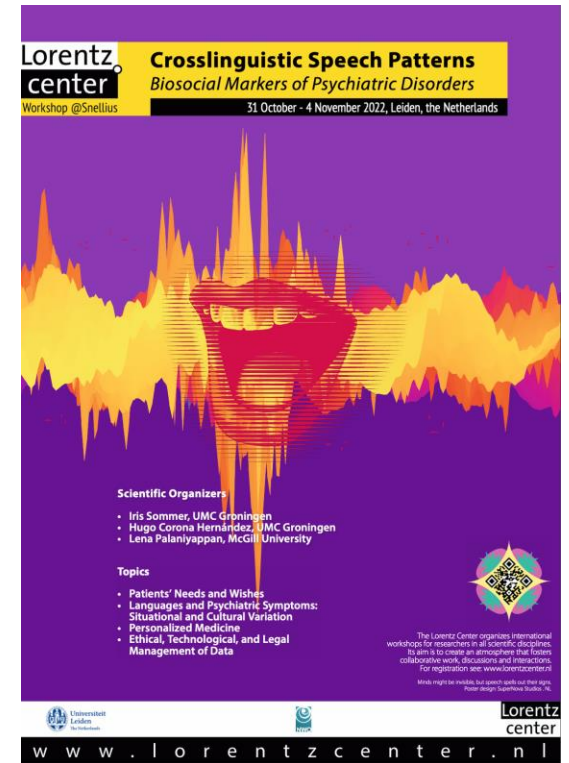


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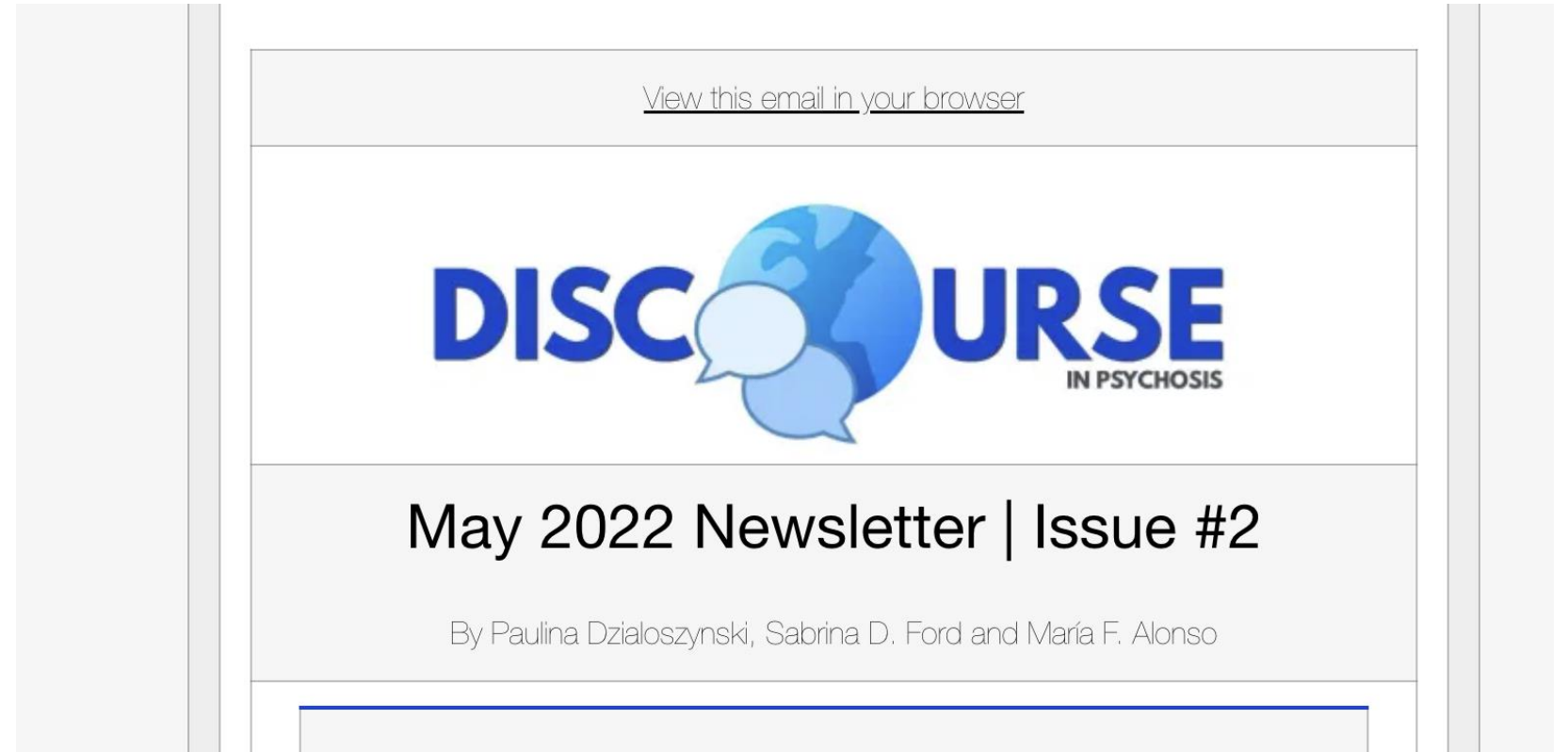
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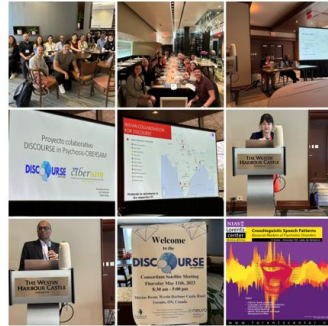
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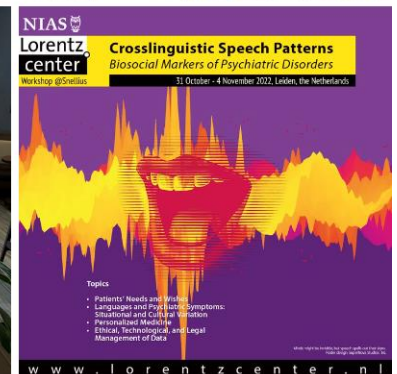
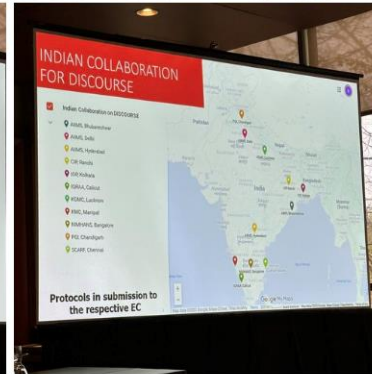
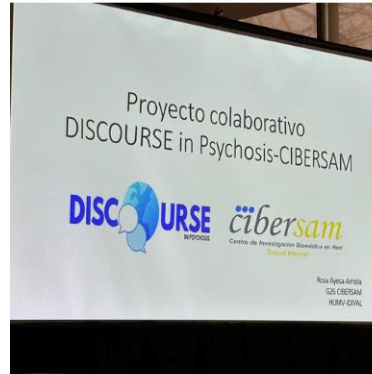
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Executive Steering Committee (ESC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ultimate decision-making body Makes decisions on all policy and scope changes affecting DISCOURSE in Psychosis Project Advocates within and external to the global sites The ESC shall meet at least four times annually, and as called by the Chair of the Committee Ensure resources are made available to implement decisions made by the body Identify and communicate potential conflicts in proposed policies between global member initiatives and this effort Membership is composed of 8 members (names listed below)
Program Planning Committee (PPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversees seminar series each year Predominantly represented by Early Career Researchers (<10 yrs. of first academic appointment) Provides strategic direction and support to the ESC Makes decisions on academic exchanges (e.g., workshops, in-person meetings) Liaises as required with ESC for program planning and updates Escalates issues for resolution to the ESC
Data Access Committee (DAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversees harmonized data collection using the DISCOURSE protocol Develops and implements the process of 'vetting' for data sharing and oversees across management Develops and implements plans to ensure appropriate data is ready when needed by the project Makes recommendations for improving the procedures, and practices that impact the program and/or project Includes a project manager who coordinates the data transfers and maintains the meta database and works with data archiving centers and oversees logistics of data sharing

Data Access Committee



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2. Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Executive Steering Committee (ESC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultimate decision-making body. • Makes decisions on all policy and scope changes affecting DISCOURSE in Psychosis. • Project Advocate within and external to the global sites. • The ESC shall meet at least four times annually, and as called by the Chair of the Committee. • Ensure resources are made available to implement decisions made by this body. • Identify and communicate potential conflicts in proposed policies between global member initiatives and this effort. • Membership is comprised of 8 members (names listed below)

Role	Responsibility
Program Planning Committee (PPC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversees seminar series each year. • Predominantly represented by Early Career Researchers (<10 yrs. of first academic appointment) • Provides strategic direction and support to the ESC. • Makes decisions on academic exchanges (e.g., workshops, in-person meetings) • Liaises as required with ESC for program planning and updates. • Escalates issues for resolution to the ESC.

Role	Responsibility
Data Access Committee (DAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversees harmonized data collection using the DISCOURSE protocol. • Develops and implements the process of 'vetting' for data sharing and oversees access management. • Develops and implements plans to ensure appropriate data is ready when needed by the project. • Make recommendations for improving the procedures, and practices that impact the program and/or project. • Guides and mentors' staff to complete work accurately and timely • Includes a project manager who coordinates the data transfers and maintains the meta-database and works with data archiving centers and oversees logistics of data sharing. •

Data Access Committee



DATA ACCESS COMMITTEE	AFFILIATION
Brian Macwhinney	Carnegie Mellon University - USA
Maria Alonso Sanchez	University of Valparaíso - Chile
Mar Domínguez Orfila	Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona
Michael Mackinley	Western University - Canada
Betsy Schaefer	Western University - Canada

Funding success for consortium members

Directly leveraging the existence of our network and/or contributing data to the network

\$24,864,001.78

**= 24.86
Million USD
since 2021**



Who funds our operations?

We do not have a Network/Consortium grant yet



Website costs (servers, designers)

Personnel costs

+ an anonymous donor (patient family) from London, Ontario



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Translation costs, stationery

Objectives

- Alleviating thought, language and communication disturbances will make the lives of people and families with severe mental illnesses much better
- We need to ask the crucial questions, and do the best we can to answer them with a collective effort

Values



Collaboration > competition

Not just data or methods sharing

But also nurturing ideas and actions - i.e., letting others lead, co-lead and contribute



Effortful building of mutual trust

No shortcuts to successful collaboration



Learning strengths and opportunities

Transparent and inclusive actions are critical

Communication is important for 'in-sourcing' e.g., proposals registered with workgroups, sharing success stories (grants, new trainees); updates on data curation/deposition

Where do we go from here?

- As always, let us discuss!

Program Planning Committee - Plans

- 2-year terms – please let us know if you're interested!
- Planned structure:
 - Yearly satellite meetings in the spring.
 - Seminar series: monthly September – February





2024/2025 Upcoming Seminars



Speaker	Date	Time	Title
Dr. Achim	September 20, 2024	Friday 9:00-10:00 AM ET	Using the referential communication paradigm to study language production in schizophrenia during a joint task performed with an interaction partner
Dr. Bora	October 15, 2024	Tuesday 7:00-8:00AM ET / 2:00PM Istanbul	Specificity of thought, language and communication disturbances to schizophrenia-spectrum disorders: Comparison with bipolar and neurodevelopmental disorders with computational methods
Dr. Diederens	November 15, 2024	Friday 9:00-10:00AM ET/ 1:00PM London	Speech and psychosis risk
Dr. Liebenthal	December 6, 2024	Friday 9:00-10:00AM ET	Naturalistic approaches to assessing spoken language function and dysfunction
Dr. Nour	January 17, 2025	Friday 9:00-10:00AM ET/ 1:00PM London	Trajectories in semantic space and relationship to psychopathology
Dr. Spencer	February 18, 2025	Tuesday 7:00-8:00 AM ET/ 11:00AM London	TBD