You are cordially invited to join us for the 29th Annual Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust Symposium

May 8-9, 2024

The 29th Annual KSCHIRT Symposium will be held In-person at:

The University of Louisville Shelby Campus • Founders Union Building 450 North Whittington Parkway • Louisville, Kentucky 40222 • The Symposium is Free to Attend • Registration is Required by: Friday, April 19, 2024.

In-person Attendee Registration includes Breakfast and Lunch (for both days), and a Reception immediately following the program on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Attendees presenting a poster will need to submit their abstract to Mrs. Christine Armstrong at: christine.armstrong@louisville.edu
Submit your Abstract before: Friday, April 19, 2024.
Please Include Separately:

• Contact Person and their Title
• Organization
• Department
• Address
• Phone Number
• Email Address

ABSTRACT FORMAT

MS Word • Arial 11 pt. • 250 Words Maximum
Posters are limited to 4’ x 6’ (or smaller) and Require Symposium Registration.
Posters will be presented from 8:00AM, May 8 until 1:00PM May 9, 2024.

Hotel Accommodations Available for Out-of-town Attendees at:
Hampton Inn Louisville East/Hurstbourne
1150 Forest Bridge Road
Louisville, KY 40223
502-426-1822
Symposium Single Rate:
$129.00/night, plus tax.

Reservations can be MADE HERE
The deadline for hotel reservations at the Symposium Rate is April 17, 2024.

Special Thanks to the University of Louisville Planning Committee
Charles H. Hubscher Symposium Chair • Andrea L. Behrman • Michal Hetman • Dena R. Howland
David S.K. Magnuson • Alexander Ovechkin • Jeffrey C. Petruska • Beatrice Ugiliweneza • Ms. Natalie Rogers
Keynote Address

*Linda J. Nobel-Haeusslein, PhD* – University of Texas Austin

**Session One: Plasticity along the neuraxis**

*Francisco Alvarez, PhD* – Emory University  
*Monica Perez, PhD* – Northwestern University  
*Angelo Lepore, PhD* – Thomas Jefferson University  
*Ariel Levine, MD, PhD* – National Institutes of Health NINDS

**Session Two: Autonomic Plasticity**

*Andrei Krassioukov, MD* – University of British Columbia, ICORD  
*Jill Wecht, EdD* – Icahn School of Medicine Mount Sinai

**Session Three: Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center Alumni**

*Jason Talbott, MD, PhD* – University of California San Francisco  
*Jill Ward, PhD* – Emory University

**Poster Data Blitz**

This session will feature presentations from select posters.

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**29th KSCHIRT Symposium - Thursday, May 9, 2024**

**Session Four: Emerging Topics: Bluegrass Trainee Neuroscientists**

This session will feature presentations from University of Louisville KSCIRC, and University of Kentucky SCoBIRC trainees

**Session Five: Mental Health SCIR – Addiction/Depression**

*Mark Peterson, PhD, MD, FACSM* – University of Michigan  
*Gyongyi Szabo, PhD* – University of Massachusetts

**Session Six: Sports Performance**

*Christopher West, PhD* – University of British Columbia ICORD  
*Jean-Marc Mac-Thiong, MD* – University of Montreal

**Session Seven: Developmental Impact: Perinatal SCI and Pediatric Spinal Cord Imaging**

*Seth Smith, PhD* – Vanderbilt University  
*Ronaldo Ichiyama, PhD* – University of Leeds