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Workshop

# Auditory Efferents: *Closing the Loop(s)*

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Program

# Monday, 04. November 2024

## **Session 1: Setting the stage**

- 09:30 – 09:45      **Introduction to Workshop: Motivation for bringing this group together**  
*Laurel Carney, University of Rochester (Rochester NY, USA)*
- 09:45 – 10:30      **Olivocochlear efferents across vertebrate evolution: Major changes**  
*Christine Köppl, Carl von Ossietzky Universität (Oldenburg, DE)*
- 10:30 – 11:15      **Role of olivocochlear efferents in hearing across the lifespan: Insights from mouse models**  
*Amanda Lauer, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD, USA)*
- 11:15 – 11:45      *KAFFEPAUSE / COFFEE BREAK*
- 11:45 – 12:30      **Does the medial olivocochlear efferent reflex really help hearing in noise?**  
*Enrique Lopez-Poveda, University of Salamanca (Salamanca, ES)*
- 12:30 – 13:15      **The efferent system and noise-induced hearing loss**  
*Ana Belén Elgoyan, University of Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, Argentina)*
- 13:15 – 14:30      *MITTAGESSEN / LUNCH*

## **Session 2: Cochlear efferent circuitry and physiology**

- 14:30 – 15:15      **Efferent synaptic mechanisms in the inner ear**  
*Sonja Pyott, University Medical Center Groningen (Groningen, NL)*
- 15:15 – 16:00      **Cellular mechanisms mediating lateral efferent modulation of auditory nerve fiber activity**  
*Elizabeth Glowatzki, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD, USA)*
- 16:00 – 16:30      *KAFFEPAUSE / COFFEE BREAK*
- 16:30 – 17:15      **LOC Flexibility**  
*Lisa Goodrich, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA, USA)*
- 17:15 ff              **Discussion Round - Summary of Day 1: What important questions did we identify?**
- 18:30 – 20:00      *ABENDESSEN / DINNER*

Tuesday, 05. November 2024

**Session 3: Brainstem efferent circuitry, physiology and function**

- 09:30 – 10:15      **Central auditory pathways and the efferent system**  
*Brett Schofield, Northeast Ohio Medical University (Rootstown, OH, USA)*
- 10:15 – 11:00      **Cochlear efferent neurons and their local circuitry**  
*Lawrence Trussell, Oregon Health Science University (Portland, OR, USA)*
- 11:00 – 11:30      *KAFFEPAUSE / COFFEE BREAK*
- 11:30 – 12:15      **Inhibitory circuits in the medial olivocochlear system**  
*Catherine Weisz, NIH-NIDCD (Bethesda, MD, USA)*
- 12:15 – 13:00      *POSTER SESSION*
- 13:00 – 14:30      *MITTAGESSEN / LUNCH*

**Session 4: Systems-level physiology and perception**

- 14:30 – 15:15      **Systems-level efferent physiology**  
*Paul Delano, Universidad de Chile (Santiago, Chile)*
- 15:15 – 16:00      **TBN**
- 16:00 – 16:30      *KAFFEPAUSE / COFFEE BREAK*

**Session 5: Human physiology and perception**

- 16:30 – 17:15      **Assessment of the medial olivocochlear reflex using electrocochleography in humans 8**  
*Skyler Jennings, University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT, USA)*
- 17:15 ff              **Discussion Round - Summary of Day 2: What important questions did we identify?**
- 18:30 – 20:00      *ABENDESSEN / DINNER*

## Wednesday, 06. November 2024

- 10:00 – 10:30      **Rapid evaluation of medial olivocochlear and middle ear muscle efferent reflex dynamics**  
*Shawn Goodman, University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA, USA)*
- 10:30 – 11:00      **Psychoacoustic measures of efferent function (with some modeling)**  
*Elizabeth Strickland, Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN, USA)*
- 11:00 – 11:30      *KAFFEEPAUSE / COFFEE BREAK*

### **Session 6: Incorporating efferents into auditory models**

- 11:30 – 12:15      **Efferent effects in the Meddis model of the auditory periphery**  
*Tim Jürgens, Technische Hochschule Lübeck (Lübeck, DE)*
- 12:15 – 13:00      **A subcortical model with MOC efferents**  
*Laurel Carney, University of Rochester (Rochester NY, USA)*
- 13:00 – 14:30      *MITTAGESSEN*
- 14:30 – 15:15      **Wrap-Up - What are key aspects that should be included in models?**  
*Go Ashida, Carl von Ossietzky Universität (Oldenburg, DE)*
- 15:15 ff              **Summary of workshop: What is next for the Study Group?**