IAAN
International Association of Applied Neuroscience

IAAN 2027 CONFERENCE
9–11 September 2027 | Vibe Hotel Melbourne

Theme: **Relational Neuroscience — Connecting Scientific Discoveries with Practical Application**

The IAAN Board welcomes you to the 2027 Conference, 9–11 September at Vibe Hotel in Melbourne's CBD.

Psychologists, psychotherapists, educators, medical staff, students and other professionals will exchange knowledge and explore practical neuroscience applications in their fields.

Invitation to IAAN members and colleagues

The IAAN Conference Committee invites proposals for 60-minute presentations.

Key dates

Abstract and workshop submissions close **Friday 12 February 2027.**

The IAAN Conference Committee will review all abstracts for scientific rigour, research basis, practical value and engaging presentation style, and email applicants the outcome.

Submissions must reflect the conference theme: "**Relational Neuroscience — Connecting Scientific Discoveries with Practical Application"**

Follow the submission guidelines on the following pages.

If you receive no response, you must contact office@iaan.com.au to advise that your application may not have been received.

Successful workshop presenters

Successful presenters receive complimentary two-day conference registration in appreciation of their contribution. For the 9 September pre-conference day, register at the early-bird rate before the deadline.

Abstract Submission Guidelines - 60-minute presentation

Email abstracts as MS Word documents to office@iaan.com.au

- Summarise your presentation in up to 200 words, excluding the title, authors and learning objectives.
- State the presentation's goals, objectives and learning outcomes, and how they will be achieved.

Abstracts must also include:

- Your full name, preferred title (e.g. Dr) and current email address(es).
- A biography of up to 100 words per presenter, if applicable.
- Your current qualifications, abbreviated without full stops (e.g. BSc).
- A high-quality, high-resolution headshot, preferably smiling.
- Name all other project contributors. Define abbreviations and concepts at first use. Present original work; previously submitted data may be included if some aspects are unique.

Any current patients included in presentations should be fully de-identified.

IAAN will own the abstract's copyright and may publish it in written or electronic form in the Conference Program, on the conference website or in related conference publications.

Before submitting, ensure:

- All authors know their names will appear on the abstract and related publications, and agree to its submission and presentation.
- All authors have resolved copyright issues before submission.

Presentation Guidelines

- Include substantial interaction that promotes active learning through discussion, activities and/or small-group activities.
- Content must be grounded in current neuroscience research.
- Provide practical resources, such as how-to guides and vignettes.
- Presentations run for 60 minutes.
- Avoid political or provocative statements that could offend audience members.
- Outline the proposed format, activities, timing and each presenter's role. Maximum: three presenters.

At the Conference

- Register at the conference desk on arrival.
- Check your presentation with IT support beforehand, preferably the day before.
- Email a PDF of your PowerPoint slides to office@iaan.com.au and indicate whether audience distribution is permitted: YES / NO.
- Arrive well before your presentation to familiarise yourself with the room and PowerPoint advance control.

- A PC laptop will be provided in the session room.
- Presentations, including questions, are limited to 60 minutes. The moderator will end each on time.

Presentation Tips

- Rehearse and finish on time out of respect for others. Timecards will signal 10- and 5-minutes remaining, or IT will provide a visible clock. Structure your talk clearly—for example: background, research question, methods, results, discussion or conclusions, limitations and future research.
- Consider your audience: they may understand foundational concepts, disorders, pathology and related approaches, but not specialised multivariable methods.
- Use tables sparingly; those copied from Word or PDFs may look crowded and be hard to read in PowerPoint.
- Use 16:9 slides and **keep the bottom-right corner clear for the picture-in-picture display** for virtual viewers.
- Keep slides simple: avoid crowding figures with text, use clear images and explain each visual.
- Use at least 24-point text for readability at the back of the room.
- Acknowledge questions and respond thoughtfully.

Thank you,
IAAN Conference Committee