

Comprehensive Microneurography Course, Week 2: June 22-26 2026, Prato, Italy

Content: Somatosensory Nervous System

	Lectures		Practical		
Day	9:00-10:15	10:45-12:00	13:00-13:45	13:45-17:00	17:00-17:30
Mon 22	The scope and application of microneurography: afferents & efferents Vaughan Macefield	Experimental considerations Rochelle Ackerley Ethical considerations Jim Dunham	Overview of setup Vaughan Macefield	Practical sessions	Welcome Reception The Terrace 17:00-19:00
Tue 23	Recording from different nerves Rochelle Ackerley	Fundamental properties of axons Jordi Serra	Localisation of nerves using ultrasound Jim Dunham	Practical sessions	Open forum
Wed 24	C-fibre physiology & sensory properties Barbara Namer	A-beta cutaneous afferents & signal processing Rochelle Ackerley	C-fibre tracking in Qtrac Jordi Serra	Practical sessions	Open forum
Thu 25	Normative values for C-fibers Jordi Serra	C-fibre pathology Jordi Serra Microneurography in Long COVID Ana Ribeiro	C-fibre identification using SpikeSpy Jim Dunham	Practical sessions	Open forum
Fri 26	Other C-fibres Rochelle Ackerley Combination of microneurography with other techniques Rochelle Ackerley	Muscle spindles, Golgi tendon organs and joint receptors Vaughan Macefield	Spike analysis using Spike2 Simon Gray CED	Practical sessions	Farewell Drinks Giardino Buonamici*

Morning coffee 10:15-10:45 am / Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm / Afternoon tea 3:00-3:30 pm

The Welcome Reception on The Terrace, Monday June 22, includes complimentary food and drink

* Giardino Buonamici, affectionately termed "The Secret Garden," is a walled garden located in the grounds of the Banca Buonamici Palace at Via Bettino Ricasoli, Prato – a 5 minute walk from the Monash Prato Campus. It's a great place to relax and drink amongst friends, old and new. Drinks are purchased at your own expense.

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