Psychiatric MRI MRS Mini-Symposium **NEUROGENESIS** Hope or Hype?

"For decades, it was believed that the adult mammalian brain could not generate new neurons, but during the 1990s, that concept changed. Evidence of the birth of new neurons in adult mammals, including humans, raised expectations for improved treatment for patients with central nervous system injury or illness. But this enthusiasm has been tempered since then, as more recent studies indicate that excess adult neurogenesis can be as detrimental as a deficit. In some cases, the clinical relevance of increasing neurogenesis may need to be reconsidered."

- Scharfman HE, Hen R *Science* **315**: 336-338 (2007)

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Programme

1. Introduction

19:30-19:45

Chair: Stefan Posse, Ph.D. University of New Mexico School of Medicine

2. Neurogenesis: What is it, what is
the hype about, and is it even desirable?
Suzanna Becker, Ph.D.
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

3. <u>Preclinical studies of the role of adult</u> 20:10-20:35 neurogenesis in affective disorders

Robert Schloesser, Ph.D. NIMH, Bethesda, MD

4. Stem cell tracking by imaging

Jeff Bulte, Ph.D.

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Baltimore, MD

5. MRS of neuronal progenitor cells as 21:00-21:25 potential *in vivo* markers of neurogenesis*

Mirjana Maletic-Savatic, M.D., Ph.D. SUNY, Stony Brook, NY

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