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# **SESSION 180 - More Than Just a "Motor": Recent Surprises From the Frontal Cortex - Christian** L. Ebbesen

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

Motor and premotor cortices are crucial for motor control. While classic primate studies have emphasized a role for motor cortices in movement generation, recent rodent studies implicate motor cortical neurons in sensory integration, behavioral strategizing, working memory, and decision making — underrated higher-order functions of the motor cortex that deserve better attention and study. This minisymposium will review recent findings, which highlight that the motor cortex is much more than just a "motor."

## **Session Type**

Minisymposium

## **Learning Objective 1:**

In addition to motor control, motor cortices play a major role in sensory integration, behavioral strategizing, working memory and decision making.

## **Learning Objective 2:**

Rodents are well suited for the study higher-order functions of motor cortices with genetic and molecular tools currently unavailable in primates.

#### Learning Objective 3:

In contrast to sharply delineated motor structures in primates, rodent cortical boundaries appear more blurry and cortical areas overlap more.

### 9 Presentations

180 - Chair 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM O Add to Itinerary C. L. Ebbesen; Skirball Inst. of Biomol. Med., New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY. 1:30 PM - 1:35 PM 180.01 -O Add to Itinerary Introduction 180.02 - The role of 1:35 PM - 1:55 PM O Add to Itinerary rat frontal orienting fields in decision commitment C. D. Kopec; Princeton Neuroscience Institute, Princeton

> University, Princeton, NJ.

1:55 PM - 2:15 PM	180.03 - Whisker movement suppression and socio-sensory signals in vibrissa motor cortex <b>C. L. Ebbesen</b> ; Skirball Inst. of Biomol. Med., New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY.	• Add to Itinerary
2:15 PM - 2:35 PM	180.04 - Neural substrates of action timing decisions <b>M. Murakami</b> ; Champalimaud Research, University of Yamanashi, Chuoshi, JAPAN.	• Add to Itinerary
2:35 PM - 2:55 PM	180.05 - Nominally non-responsive frontal cortical cells encode behavioral variables via ensemble consensus-building <b>M. Insanally</b> ; New York University, NY, NY.	• Add to Itinerary
2:55 PM - 3:15 PM	180.06 - <i>In vivo</i> spiking dynamics and encoding of forelimb movements in rat M1/M2 <b>A. Saiki</b> ; Neurobiology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.	O Add to Itinerary
3:15 PM - 3:35 PM	180.07 - Spatio- temporal receptive fields in the rodent frontal orienting field <b>J. C. Erlich</b> ; Institute of Brain and Cognitive Science, NYU Shanghai, Shanghai, CHINA.	• Add to Itinerary
3:35 PM - 4:00 PM	180.08 - Closing Remarks	O Add to Itinerary

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