

BNAC Celebrates New Headquarters at Grand Opening

77 Goodell Street Suite 440 and 450 Buffalo, NY

On October 5th Buffalo Neuroimaging Analysis Center celebrated the opening of its new headquarters located at the University at Buffalo's Downtown Gateway Building at 77 Goodell Street. Attendees toured the new space which includes several open areas where researchers can easily collaborate. They met the staff and learned about their work.

Director Robert Zivadinov welcomed industry partners, Department of Neurology and other university leaders, Buffalo Neuroimaging alumni, and friends. He acknowledged the center's staff and its leadership team directors Michael Dwyer (Neuroinformatics), Ferdinand Schweser (Sequence Development), Niels Bergsland (Integration), Dejan Jakimovski (Clinical Research), Suyog Pol (Preclinical), and Alex Bartnik (Information Technology). Zivadinov also announced the appointment of Michael Dwyer as the center's first Deputy Director.

Neurology Department Chair, Gil Wolfe, Advisory Council Chairman, Larry Montani, and community leader, Pam Jacobs, provided perspectives and reflections about the center's work over the past twenty three years in the advancement of multiple sclerosis research. Cutting the ribbon with the help of Ashley Tranquille, one of Buffalo Neuroimaging's newest staff members, they ushered in a new era of research, innovation, and partnerships with colleagues and industry leaders around the world while building on the vision of the late Dr. Larry Jacobs. The applause, bright smiles, and congratulatory exchanges exemplified great optimism about the research that will be conducted in the center's new home.

Said Dr. Zivadinov, "BNAC is deeply grateful for the support we have received from our community and partners. We want to thank everyone who joined us to celebrate our Grand Opening. This event is more than a mere inauguration – it is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and vision of every individual associated with BNAC. As we continue our pioneering neuroimaging research in diseases like multiple sclerosis, stroke, Parkinson's disease, to name a few, BNAC promises to remain at the forefront of cutting-edge advancements."



Dr. Zivadinov presenting his welcome speech.



Gil Wolfe applauds the Center's work.



Larry Montani, Pam Jacobs, Robert Zivadinov, and Ashley Tranquille

Advisory Council Fall 2023 Meeting

Buffalo Neuroimaging's Advisory Council met on Thursday, October 5 at the research center's new headquarters. Attending in-person were Larry Montani, Chair, Penny Pennington, Patricia Picco, Katherine "KC" Sacca, and Craig Walters. Other council members Lisa Emrich, Phillip Holt, Tracie Jacquemin, Christine Reilly, Carol Schumacher, Marc Stecker, Mitchell Sturgeon joined the meeting remotely.

A highlight of the meeting was a demonstration by Drs. Dwyer, Jakimovski and Zivadinov of the center's new portable imaging system by Hyperfine. This technology allows neuroimaging to be done at the bedside and uses artificial intelligence to enhance the images for research and clinical purposes. These scans will be an integral part of the center's newest avenue of MS research.



Left to right: Dr. Michael Dwyer, Dr. Robert Zivadinov, Craiiag Walters, Patty Picco, Linda Safran, Katherine "KC" Sacca, Penny Pennington, and Larry Montani.



Michael Dwyer explaining the Hyperfine MRI.