

IN SEARCH OF LOST TIME 5

CHALLENGING FOCAL CORTICAL DYSPLASIAS & AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES with epilepsy

 Rome, Italy

Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th,

 December 2024

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Monday, December 16th

Welcome and introduction to the Workshop
13:45 - 14:00 *Federico Vigevano, Nicola Specchio and Alexis Arzimanoglou*
Autoimmune diseases and Epilepsy

Session #1
14:00 - 16:00 **From acute symptomatic-seizures to Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy**
Chairs: *Eugen Trinka - Rainer Surges*

14:00 - 14:30 Autoimmune Encephalitis update
Josep Dalmau (Spain)

14:30 - 14:50 Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy (AEAE)
Tobias Baumgartner (Germany)

14:50 - 15:10 Autoimmune encephalitis with epilepsy in paediatric patients
Tais Armangue (Spain)

15:10 - 15:30 Rasmussen Encephalitis
Tiziana Granata (Italy)

15:30 - 16:00 General discussion

16:00 - 16:30 *Break*

Session #2
16:30 - 18:00 **Diagnostics and prognostic biomarkers in Autoimmune Encephalitis**
Chairs: *Maša Malenica – Stephane Auvin*

16:30 - 16:50 EEG and seizure semiology in Autoimmune Encephalitis
Andrea Stabile (Italy)

16:50 - 17:10 Imaging (MRI / FDG-PET) for diagnosis and prognosis in Autoimmune Encephalitis
Nathalie Boddaert (Paris)

17:10 - 17:30 From the lab to the clinic
Julika Pitsch (Germany)

17:30 - 18:00 General discussion

18:00 - 19:00 **Networking meetings**

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Session #3
08:30 - 10:00 **Treating Autoimmune Encephalitis and AEAEs**
Chairs: *Reetta Kalviainen (Finland) – Francesca Bisulli (Italy)*

08:30 - 08:50 Current state of immunomodulatory treatments and anti-seizure medication in Autoimmune Encephalitis
Alberto Vogrig (Italy)

08:50 - 09:10 Treatment of NORSE/FIRES
Rima Nabbout (France)

09:10 - 09:30 Neuromodulation and epilepsy surgery in patients with Autoimmune Encephalitis
Mar Carreno (Spain)

09:30 - 09:45 Ketogenic diet in patients with Autoimmune encephalitis
Valentina de Giorgis (Italy)

09:45 - 10:00 *General discussion*

10:00 - 10:30 *Break*

Challenging the Focal Cortical Dysplasias
Session #4
10:30 - 12:10 **FCDs and Presurgical evaluation**
Chairs: *Rodrigo Rocamora (Barcelona, Spain) and Guido Rubboli (Denmark)*

10:30 - 10:50 How to classify the FCDs
Katia Kobow (Germany)

10:50 - 11:10 How to improve FCDs imaging
Petr Marusic (Czech Republic) and Sophie Adler (UK)

11:10 - 11:30 Genetics of FCDs: germline, somatic, or both?
Stephanie Baulac (France)

11:30 - 11:50 MRI-negative but suspected FCD; what about a brain biopsy?
Kees Braun (The Netherlands)

11:50 - 12:10 General discussion

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Session #5

12:10 - 13:15 **Patient engagement in research and Advocated**
Chairs: *TBC*

13:00 - 13:15 General discussion

13:15 - 14:15 **Lunch Break**

Session #6

14:15 - 16:00 **FCDs and Surgical treatment**
Chairs: *Carmen Barba (Italy) and Petia Dimova (Bulgaria)*

14:15 - 14:35 If you see a Focal Cortical Dysplasia: just cut it out?
Helen Cross (UK)

14:35 - 14:55 What to expect from “minimally invasive” techniques
Martin Tisdall (UK)

14:55 - 15:15 SEEG in FCDs: when and how to consider red flags
Laura Tassi (Italy)

15:15 - 15:35 The use of ECoG; does it add and how?
Maeike Zijlmans (The Netherlands)

15:35 - 16:00 General discussion

16:00 - 16:15 Short Break

Session #7

16:15 - 18:00 **Advanced Therapeutic Medicinal Products and Pharma**
Chairs: *Nicola Specchio – Alexis Arzimanoglou*

18:00 - 19:00 **Networking meeting**

Wednesday, December 18th

Session #8

08:30 - 10:30 **FCDs: Outcomes and looking into the future**
Chairs: *Georgia Ramantani (Zürich) and Alexis Arzimanoglou (Spain)*

08:30 - 08:50 Update about surgical outcomes and determinants
Luca de Palma (Italy)

08:50 - 09:10 Neuromodulation for focal epilepsy
Philippe Ryvlin (Switzerland)

09:10 - 09:30 Gene therapy approaches for focal epilepsies
Gabriele Lignani (UK)

09:30 - 09:50 When surgery fails or is not possible: targeted medication?
Rikke Möller and Elena Gardela (Denmark)

09:50 - 10:15 What do we need to advance the field and improve outcomes.
Ingmar Blümcke (Germany)

10:15 - 10:30 General discussion

10:30 - 11:00 **Break**

Session #9

11:00 - 13:00 **Fostering the future: presentations from young clinicians and researchers**
Chairs: *Ronit Pressler (UK), Lieven Lagae (Belgium)*

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CME / ECM

The Course has not been accredited for CME Programme

Certificate of attendance

The certificate of attendance will be delivered at the end of the Workshop

Web site

<https://rareepilepsyworkshops.net>

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