

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	Alexis Arzimanoglou, <i>Federico Vigeveno</i> , <i>Nicola Specchio</i> Autoimmune diseases and Epilepsy
	Session #1 From acute symptomatic-seizures to Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy Chairs: <i>Eugen Trinka</i> - <i>Federico Vigeveno</i>
14:00 - 16:00	
14:00 - 14:30	Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy (AEAE) <i>Tobias Baumgartner</i>
14:30 - 15:00	Autoimmune encephalitis with epilepsy in paediatric patients <i>Tais Armangue</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Rasmussen Encephalitis <i>Tiziana Granata</i>
15:30 - 16:00	General discussion
16:00 - 16:30	Break
	Session #2 Diagnostics and prognostic biomarkers in Autoimmune Encephalitis Chairs: <i>Stephane Auvin</i> - <i>Maša Malenica</i>
16:30 - 18:00	
16:30 - 16:50	EEG and seizure semiology in Autoimmune Encephalitis <i>Andrea Stabile</i>
16:50 - 17:10	Imaging (MRI / FDG-PET) for diagnosis and prognosis in Autoimmune Encephalitis <i>Matthias Koepp</i>
17:10 - 17:30	From the lab to the clinic <i>Julika Pitsch</i>
17:30 - 18:00	General discussion
18:00 - 19:00	Networking meetings

Tuesday, December 17th

	Session #3 Treating Autoimmune Encephalitis and AEAEs Chairs: <i>Francesca Bisulli</i> - <i>Reetta Kalviainen</i>
08:30 - 10:00	
08:30 - 08:50	Current state of immunomodulatory treatments and anti-seizure medication in Autoimmune Encephalitis <i>Alberto Vogrig</i>
08:50 - 09:10	Treatment of NORSE/FIRES <i>Rima Nabhout</i>
09:10 - 09:30	Neuromodulation and epilepsy surgery in patients with Autoimmune Encephalitis <i>Mar Carreño</i>
09:30 - 09:45	Ketogenic diet in patients with Autoimmune encephalitis <i>Valentina de Giorgis</i>
09:45 - 10:00	General discussion
10:00 - 10:30	Break
	Challenging the Focal Cortical Dysplasias Session #4 FCDs and Presurgical evaluation Chairs: <i>Rodrigo Rocamora</i> - <i>Guido Rubboli</i>
10:30 - 12:10	
10:30 - 10:50	How to classify the FCDs <i>Katia Kobow</i>
10:50 - 11:10	How to improve FCDs imaging <i>Sophie Adler</i> - <i>Petr Marusic</i>
11:10 - 11:30	Genetics of FCDs: germline, somatic, or both? <i>Sara Baldassari</i>
11:30 - 11:50	MRI-negative but suspected FCD; what about a brain biopsy? <i>Kees Braun</i>
11:50 - 12:10	General discussion

Tuesday, December 17th

Session #5

12:10 - 13:15 **Patient engagement in research and Advocated**
Chairs: *Alexis Arzimanoglou - Francesca Darra*

12:10 - 12:15 Introduction
Alexis Arzimanoglou

12:15 - 12:25 Patient-led collaborative research network
Malgorzata Kosla

12:25 - 12:35 Patient involvement in country regulatory process
Irene Bibic

12:15 - 12:45 Impact of lack of quality of life data in rare epilepsies
Carol-Anne Partridge

12:45 - 13:00 How can Alliance for complex and rare epilepsies support research
Isabella Brambilla - Sandra Silvia Arrieta

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 - Petia Dimova*

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 Neuromodulation for focal epilepsy
Andreas Schulze-Bonhage

16:00 - 16:15 General discussion

Wednesday, December 18th

Session #7

16:40 - 19:10 **Advanced Therapeutic Medicinal Products and Pharma**
Chairs: *Nicola Specchio - Alexis Arzimanoglou*

19:10 - 19:30 **Networking meeting**

Session #8

08:30 - 10:30 **FCDs: Outcomes and looking into the future**
Chairs: *Alexis Arzimanoglou - Giorgia Ramantani*

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

08:50 - 09:10 Focal Cortical Dysplasia in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex
Katarzyna Kotulska-Jóźwiak

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?
Elena Gardella - Rikke Steensbjerre Møller

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: *Lieven Lagae - Ronit Pressler*

13:00 - 13:15 Closing remarks

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

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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

Welcome Reception

December 16th at 20:30

Workshop venue

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