

# 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

13:45 - 14:00	Welcome and introduction to the Workshop <i>Alexis Arzimanoglou, Federico Vigevano, Nicola Specchio</i> <b>Autoimmune diseases and Epilepsy</b>
14:00 - 16:00	<b>Session #1</b> <b>From acute symptomatic-seizures to Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy</b> Chairs: <i>Eugen Trinka - Federico Vigevano</i>
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
16:30 - 18:00	<b>Session #2</b> <b>Diagnostics and prognostic biomarkers in Autoimmune Encephalitis</b> Chairs: <i>Stephane Auvin - Maša Malenica</i>
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

08:30 - 10:00	<b>Session #3</b> <b>Treating Autoimmune Encephalitis and AEAEs</b> Chairs: <i>Francesca Bisulli - Reetta Kalviainen</i>
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
10:30 - 12:10	<b>Challenging the Focal Cortical Dysplasias</b> <b>Session #4</b> <b>FCDs and Presurgical evaluation</b> Chairs: <i>Rodrigo Rocamora - Guido Rubboli</i>
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 - 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

### Session #7

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

16:40 - 17:05 New Paradigms for ancient diseases  
*John Paul Leach - Angelini Pharma*

17:05 - 17:30 Long-term treatment with stiripentol: learnings from real-world practise  
*Elena Cardenal Muñoz - Biocodex*

17:30 - 17:55 What have we learned about fenfluramine from the long-term outcomes in children and adults with Dravet and Lennox-Gastaut syndromes?  
*Brian Moseley - UCB Pharma*

17:55 - 18:20 Aketualner, a novel, potent Kv7 potassium channel opener in development for epilepsy and major depressive disorder  
*Constanza Luzon Rosenblut - Xenon*

18:20 - 18:45 Radiprodil in children with GRIN-related neurodevelopmental disorder: preliminary multicenter study results  
*Pierandrea Muglia - Grin Therapeutics*

18:45 - 19:10 Global contemporary outcomes in drug resistant epilepsy. The power of real world data: the core-VNS registry  
*Paolo Roncon - Livanova*

## Wednesday, December 18th

### Session #8

**8:30 - 10:30 FCDs: Outcomes and looking into the future**  
Chairs: *Alexis Arzimanoglou - Giorgia Ramantani*

8:30 - 8:50 Update about surgical outcomes and determinants  
*Luca de Palma*

8:50 - 9:10 Focal Cortical Dysplasia in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex  
*Katarzyna Kotulska-Jóźwiak*

9:10 - 9:30	Gene therapy approaches for focal epilepsies <i>Gabriele Lignani</i>
9:30 - 9:50	When surgery fails or is not possible: targeted medication? <i>Elena Gardella - Rikke Steensbjerre Møller</i>
9:50 - 10:15	What do we need to advance the field and improve outcomes <i>Ingmar Blümcke</i>
10:15 - 10:30	General discussion
<b>10:30 - 11:20</b>	<b>Session #9</b> <b>Advanced Therapeutic Medicinal Products and Pharma - Part II</b> Chairs: <i>Carmen Barba - Petia Dimova</i>
10:30 - 10:55	Overview and latest updates on BHV7000 <i>Vivian Suarez - Biohaven</i>
10:55 - 11:20	Zorevunersen Program Overview <i>Ryan Arnold / Brian Werneburg - Stoke Therapeutics</i>
11:20 - 11:30	Break
<b>11:30 - 13:42</b>	<b>Session #10</b> <b>Fostering the future: presentations from young clinicians and researchers</b> Chairs: <i>Lieven Lagae - Ronit Pressler</i>
11:30 - 11:42	Multifocal paraneoplastic encephalitis associated with anti-GABAB and anti-Hu antibodies manifesting with status epilepticus and epilepsia partialis continua: expanding the clinical-radiological spectrum <i>Veronica Viola</i>
11:42 - 11:54	EPICARE-Survey on the management of neonatal seizures <i>Laia Nou Fontanet</i>

11:54 - 12:06	Genetic testing, another important tool in presurgical evaluation of focal epilepsies in childhood <i>Giulia Barcia</i>
12:06 - 12:18	LITTler- Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy for lesions of eloquent regions <i>Mikolaj Pielas</i>
12:18 - 12:30	Treatment of GABAA receptor-related epilepsies: caregiver survey <i>Chiara Bagliani</i>
12:30 - 12:42	Temporal Lobe Ganglioglioma in a 9-Year-Old Patient with Anti-CASPR2 Antibodies <i>Maciej Kasprzycki</i>
12:42 - 12:54	New-Onset Refractory Status Epilepticus secondary to autoimmune encephalitis: risk and predisposing factors of autoimmune encephalitis-associated epilepsy <i>Simona Lattanzi</i>
12:54 - 13:06	KCNT1-related epilepsy: what we learn from literature <i>Matilde Gras</i>
13:06 - 13:18	Polymicrogyria and MOG antibodies in a pediatric patient with new-onset seizures <i>Anna Fetta</i>
13:18 - 13:30	Expanding the genotype-phenotype spectrum of KCNA2-related disorders <i>Chiara Ferrazzoli</i>
13:30 - 13:42	Seizures and autoimmune encephalitis: a case series <i>Giannicola Carozzo</i>
13:42 - 14:00	Closing remarks
14:00	Farewell lunch

## Registration here

### 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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