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In Search of Lost Time 5

CHALLENGING FOCAL CORTICAL DYSPLASIAS & AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES WITH EPILEPSY

Rome, Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th December 2024

**CALL FOR ABSTRACT
FOR PARTICIPANTS < 40**
Please visit <https://www.rareepilepsyworkshops.net>



Timetable

December 16 th Monday		December 17 th Tuesday		December 18 th Wednesday	
		08:30	Session #3 Treating Autoimmune Encephalitis and AEAEs	08:30	Session #8 FCDs: Outcomes and looking into the future
08:30	<i>EpiCARE Members Executive Committee Meeting Starhotels Michelangelo</i>	10:00	<i>Break</i>	10:30	<i>Break</i>
		10:30	Session #4 FCDs and Presurgical evaluation	11:00	Session #9 Fostering the future: presentations from young clinicians and researchers
13:45	Welcome and introduction of the Workshop	12:10	Session #5 Patient engagement in research and Advocated	13:00	Closing remarks
14:00	Session #1 From acute symptomatic-seizures to Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy	13:15	<i>Lunch</i>	13:15	<i>Farewell lunch</i>
16:00	<i>Break</i>	14:15	Session #6 FCDs and Surgical treatment		
16:30	Session #2 Diagnostics and prognostic biomarkers in Autoimmune Encephalitis	16:00	<i>Break</i>		
18:00	<i>Networking meetings</i>	16:15	Session #7 Advanced Therapeutic Medicinal Products and Pharma		
20:30	<i>Welcome Reception for registered participants only</i>	18:45	<i>Networking meetings</i>		

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Registration fees

EpiCARE Members Senior & Junior
€ 146,40 (including VAT 22%)

Non EpiCARE Members Senior
€ 207,40 (including VAT 22%)

Non EpiCARE Members Junior
(under 40 years old)
€ 170,80 (including VAT 22%)

EpiCARE ePAG (Patient Advocate)
€ 122,00 (including VAT 22%)

Companies Staff
€ 366,00 (including VAT 22%)

Fee includes:

- ▷ Admission to scientific sessions
- ▷ Lunches and coffee breaks
- ▷ Welcome Reception on December 16th
- ▷ Certificate of attendance

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

Badge

Participants are kindly requested to wear their badge at all times and in all areas of the meeting venue

Welcome Reception

December 16th at 20:30

Details will follow

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TO REGISTER**

Monday, December 16th

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

Autoimmune diseases and Epilepsy

Session #1

14:00 - 16:00 From acute symptomatic-seizures to Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy

Chairs: *Eugen Trinkla - TBC*

14:00 - 14:30 **Autoimmune Encephalitis update**
TBC

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

14:50 - 15:10 **Autoimmune encephalitis with epilepsy in paediatric patients**
Tais Armangue

15:10 - 15:30 **Rasmussen Encephalitis**
Tiziana Granata

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: *Stephane Auvin - Maša Malenica*

16:30 - 16:50 **EEG and seizure semiology in Autoimmune Encephalitis**
Andrea Stabile

16:50 - 17:10 **Imaging (MRI / FDG-PET) for diagnosis and prognosis in Autoimmune Encephalitis**
Matthias Koepp

17:10 - 17:30 **From the lab to the clinic**
Julika Pitsch

17:30 - 18:00 **General discussion**

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

20:30 **Welcome Reception**

Tuesday, December 17th

Session #3

08:30 - 10:00 Treating Autoimmune Encephalitis and AEAEs

Chairs: *Francesca Bisulli - Reetta Kalviainen*

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

08:50 - 09:10 **Treatment of NORSE/FIRES**
Rima Nabbout

09:10 - 09:30 **Neuromodulation and epilepsy surgery in patients with Autoimmune Encephalitis**
Mar Carreño

09:30 - 09:45 **Ketogenic diet in patients with Autoimmune encephalitis**
Valentina De Giorgis

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 - Guido Rubboli*

10:30 - 10:50 **How to classify the FCDs**
Katja Kobow

10:50 - 11:10 **How to improve FCDs imaging**
Sophie Adler - Petr Marusic

11:10 - 11:30 **Genetics of FCDs: germline, somatic, or both?**
Sara Baldassari

11:30 - 11:50 **MRI-negative but suspected FCD; what about a brain biopsy?**
Kees Braun

11:50 - 12:10 **General discussion**

12:10 - 13:15 **Session #5**
Patient engagement in research and advocacy

Chairs: *Francesca Darra - Nicola Specchio*

12:10 - 12:15 Introduction
Nicola Specchio

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

12:25 - 12:35 Patient involvement in country regulatory process
Irena Bibić

12:35 - 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

14:15 - 16:00 **Session #6**
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

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

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

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

15:35 - 16:00 General discussion

16:00 - 16:15 Break

16:15 - 18:45 **Session #7**
Advanced Therapeutic Medicinal Products and Pharma

Chairs: *Nicola Specchio - Alexis Arzimanoglou*

18:45 - 19:30 **Networking meetings**

Wednesday, December 18th

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 **Neuromodulation for focal epilepsy**

TBC

09:10 - 09:30 **Gene therapy approaches for focal epilepsies**

Gabriele Lignani

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

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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