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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to announce that the 1st Annual Meeting on Brain Aging and Dementia will take place, under the auspices of the Italian Psychogeriatrics Association (AIP), in Perugia, Italy, on September 17-19, 2003.

Undoubtedly, dementia represents a dramatic condition not only for the patient but also for its impact on society and for its epidemiological relevance due to the increasing age of the population in the developed countries.

In order to ameliorate the diagnosis and management of dementia and to give the most appropriate and competent answers to the multiple needs of the cognitively and functionally impaired patient, an update of the current knowledge in this field is urgently needed.

For this reason, during this three-day meeting, the state-of-the-art of all the main topics related to brain aging and dementia will be discussed: epidemiology, physiopathology, cognitive, emotional and behavioural disturbances, as well as clinical and instrumental evaluation and the most innovative therapeutical and management approaches.

Our outmost wish is also that this Annual Meeting will be an occasion for sharing ideas and experiences among the conference participants and the major world experts on the subject.

The 1st Annual Meeting on Brain Aging and Dementia is particularly targeted for physicians, psychologists, nurses and other health professionals working in Memory Clinics - including the over 400 Alzheimer Evaluation Units (UVA) of the Project Cronos of the Italian Ministry of Health - as well as for all of those people who are in contact with the elderly population in which cognitive decline and dementia are, and even more will be, most frequently observed.

The President
Umberto Senin

SEPTEMBER 17

17.30 Opening Ceremony

18.00 MAIN LECTURE
Local community and life of the elderly
G. De Rita (Roma)
Chairman: M. Trabucchi (Roma)

SEPTEMBER 18

9.00-10.00 MAIN LECTURE
Mild Cognitive Impairment: nosological aspects and therapeutic approaches
J. Touchon (Montpellier)
Chairman: C. Caltagirone (Roma)

10.00-12.00 I SESSION
The grey area between aging and dementia
Chairmen: F. Cattabeni (Milano) O. Zanetti (Brescia)

Biological markers in the preclinical phase of Alzheimer’s disease
P. Mecocci (Perugia)

Alzheimer disease and Alzheimer dementia: a possible distinction for overlapping entities
A. Padovani (Brescia)

Structural brain imaging in Mild Cognitive Impairment
J. Schott (London)

11.00-11.20 Coffee Break

The transition from Mild Cognitive Impairment to dementia: behavioural and anatomical data
G. Bottini (Milano)
The Italian MCI study:
diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease before dementia
R. Perri (Roma)

12.00-13.00 MAIN LECTURE
Nutritional risk factors for Alzheimer’s disease
B. Vellas (Toulouse)
Chairman: A. Cherubini (Perugia)

13.00-15.00 Lunch

POSTER SESSION
Chairpersons: D. Cucinotta (Bologna), M. Di Luca (Milano)
C. Pettenati (Milano)

15.00-17.00 II SESSION
RISK FACTORS OF DEMENTIA
Chairmen: N. Rizzuto (Verona) M. Musicco (Milano)

Is it possible to modify the genetic susceptibility for Alzheimer’s disease?
L. Fratiglioni (Stockholm)

Hereditary dementia: genotypes and phenotypes
S. Sorbi (Firenze)

Molecular aspects of AD pathogenesis: a study in human peripheral cells
M. Di Luca (Milano)

Simulation of the non amyloidogenic pathway as a therapeutic approach to Alzheimer’s disease
F. Farhenholz (Mainz)

17.00-17.20 Coffee Break

17.20-18.20 MAIN LECTURE
Treatment strategies in Alzheimer’s disease
B. Winblad (Stockholm)
Chairman: V. Bonavita (Napoli)

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9.00-10.00 MAIN LECTURE
Depression and dementia
G. S. Alexopoulos (New York)
Chairman: P. L. Scapicchio (Roma)

10.00-12.00 III SESSION
Clinical aspects and therapy of the psycho-behavioural disturbances in dementia
Chairmen: C. Munizza (Torino) G. A. Carlesimo (Roma)

Clinical aspects and pharmacological treatment of BPSD
R. Torta (Torino)

Changes of sleep-wake cycle in dementias
L. Murri (Pisa)

10.50-11.10 Coffee Break

Apathy in dementia
R. Rozzini (Brescia)

Eating behaviour in dementia
A. Bianchetti (Brescia)

12.00-13.00 MAIN LECTURE
Cronos project: the way forward
R. Raschetti (Roma)
Chairman: G. Crepaldi (Padova)

13.00-14.30 Lunch
Poster Exhibition
14.30-16.30 IV SESSION

**Vascular dementia and Alzheimer’s disease: difference and overlapping**
Chairmen: G.L. Lenzi (Roma) S. Govoni (Pavia)

*Epidemiologic issues in vascular dementia*
S. Maggi (Padova)

*Vascular influences in the pathogenesis of Alzheimer’s disease*
J.C. De La Torre (San Diego)

*Leukoraiosis, cognitive impairment and disability in the elderly*
D. Inzitari (Firenze)

15.30-15.50 Coffee Break

**Vascularity in dementia: the role of neuroimaging**
A. Beltramello (Verona)

**Vascular dementia and drug treatment**
D. Wilkinson (Southampton)

16.30-17.30 MAIN LECTURE

**Severe dementia: assessment and therapeutic perspectives**
F. Boller (Paris)
Chairman: A. Guaita (Milano)

17.30 Closing Remarks
U. Senin (Perugia)

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**General Information**

**DATE**

**VENUE**
Perugia - Palazzo Murena, Piazza dell’Università, 1.

Registration date and fees (VAT included)

| Before 15/07 | € 360,00 |
| After 15/07  | € 420,00 |
| Student before 15/07 | € 186,00 |
| Student after 15/07  | € 210,00 |
| On site         | € 420,00 |
| Gala dinner    | € 81,60 |

Registration fee includes: congress kit, coffee breaks, lunch, welcome cocktail, certificate of attendance.

**GALA DINNER**
Thursday, September 18 at 20.30.
All persons should reserve the gala dinner by July 15, 2003. Participation must be further confirmed on site September 17.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**
Abstracts on the meeting topics are invited. Please write and submit abstracts according to the guidelines available on the web page: www.gegcongressi.com
The deadline for submission is August 23, 2003.

**CME**
Credits have been requested to the Italian Ministry of Health.

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**
The official languages are Italian and English. Simultaneous translation will be available.