ANF

Adriatic Neurology Forum 2018

May 23rd – 27th

Monopoli (Puglia, Italy)

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

on behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 7th Adriatic Neurologic Forum in Monopoli, Italy between May 23rd-27th, 2018.
This annual meeting will be held for the first time in Italy on the Adriatic sea.
The ANF 2018 has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of the latest research developments in adult and child neurology, primarily in the areas of pharmacological treatment and diagnostic tools. Many distinguished neurologists and scientists will join the faculty and will take part in this Forum. Papers will be presented in the form of plenary sessions, symposia and posters and will include superb scientific material that will be carefully selected by the Scientific Program Committee.

You can participate in very active discussions and cutting edge lectures by the top scientists and neurologists as well as hear all the advances of scientific and clinical neurology.

We hope that you will enjoy the Forum and that your interaction with your colleagues from many different countries will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas and will be personally rewarding.
We also hope and trust that you will enjoy your visit to the very beautiful Italian Adriatc seas in May 2018.

We thank you for your participation and look forward to seeing you in Monopoli.
Yours sincerely,

Nicola Specchio ***Federico Vigevano***

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Wednesday 23rd May

18:00 **Opening address**
Silvio Basic, Luigi Maria Specchio, Nicola Specchio, Federico Vigevano

18:30 Lecture
(tba)

19:30 Welcome reception

Thursday 24th May

Epilepsy

09:00 – 10:15 **Epilepsy classification and seizure semiology**

Chairs: *Meir Bialer - Oriano Mecarelli*

Seizures, syndromes and classification
Federico Vigevano

The evolution of the classification: how to deal with difficult patients?
Matthew Walker

How to apply the new classification with epidemiologic studies
Ettore Beghi

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:00 **Video Session on seizure semiology**

Chairs: *Athanasios Covanis - Paolo Tinuper*

Focal Seizures in children
Nicola Pietrafusa

Focal seizures in adults
Stefano Meletti

Generalized seizures in children
Nebojsa Jovic

Generalized seizures in adults
Dragoslav Sokic

12:00 – 13:00 **Keynote Lecture**

Chair: ***Luigi Maria Specchio***

Antiepileptic drugs on pipeline: do they will change the drug resistance?
Meir Bialer

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch and Poster session

14:30 – 16:30 **Updates in Epilepsy treatment**

Chairs: ***Ettore Beghi - Alla Guekht***

Choice of AEDs based on seizures type
Angela La Neve

Alternative Treatments:

- The role of cannabinoids
  Monica Lodi

- Neurostimulation: update on VNS
  Željka Petelin Gadže

New management strategies in the treatment of Status Epilepticus
Eugen Trinka

Role of genetic diagnosis in the precision (personalized) treatment in epilepsy
Dana Craiu

16:30 -17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 **Symposium - Neurostimulation**
Rener Primec Zvonka

18:00 – 19:00 **Young neurology Forum 1**

Chairs: ***Giovanni Boero - Aleksandar Ristic***

Friday 25th May

Neurodegenerative diseases and movement disorders

Tauopathies

08:30 - 11:00 **Chairs:** ***Giancarlo Logroscino - (tba)***

Clinical spectrum and epidemiology
Giancarlo Logroscino

The Neuropathology
(tba)

The imaging in tauopathies
(tba)

Neuropsychology in tauopathies
Stefano Cappa

Laboratory diagnostic in tauopathies
(tba)

Genetic omics and taupathies
(tba)

11:00 - 11:30 Poster Session and coffee break

Huntington Chorea and ALS

11:30 - 13:15 **Chairs:** ***Luigi Maria Specchio***
Svetlana Tomic

Clinical Diagnosis in Huntington disease
Marina de Tommaso

Genetics in Huntington disease
Franco Taroni

Neuropsychology in Huntington disease
Francesca Epifani

The registry tool in Huntington and ALS
Rosanna Tortelli

13:15 - 14:15 Lunch and Poster session

14:15 - 15:30 **Symposium - Ceroidlipofuscinosis**
(tba)

Neurodegenerative diseases across the Adriatic Sea

15:30 - 17:30 **Chairs:** ***Giancarlo Logroscino***
Ljiljana Radulovic

Dementia: state of the art

- Serbia
  Elka Stefanova
- Montenegro
  Mirjana Cukic
- Albania
  Jera Kruia
- Puglia
  Rosa Capozzo

Status of the Adriatic extension of SLAP-DEM: the Albanian Register
Ilir Alimehmeti

17:30 – 17:45 Coffee Break

17:45 - 18:30 **Young neurology Forum 2**

Chairs: ***Marina De Tommaso***
Osman Sinanovic

Saturday 26th May

Multiple sclerosis

08:45 - 09:00 Introduction
Maria Trojano

09:00 - 10:45 **Update in MS etiology and pathogenesis**

Chairs: ***Lucia Margari - Maria Trojano***

The natural history: is it changed in the past 20 years?
(tba)

Do MS in children present with the same evolution?
Massimiliano Valeriani

Genes and environment in MS
(tba)

Mechanisms of Neuroinflammation: biomarkers
Diego Centonze

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45 **Update in MS diagnosis and progression**

Chairs: ***Carlo Pozzilli***
Jasminka Djelivovic-Vranic

The role of MRI in new MS diagnostic criteria
Mara Rocca

Diagnostic and differential diagnostic "dilemmas"
Vanja Basic-Kes

Measurement of progression of disease
~~*(tba)*~~—Carlo Pozzilli

Evaluation of myelin damage and repair: electrophysiological outcomes
Letizia Leocani

Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy. A parallel of MS in peripheral nervous system?
Ervina Bilić

12:45 - 13:30 **Poster session**

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

Updates in Multiple Sclerosis treatment

14:30 - 16:00 **Chairs: *Ines Lazibat - Isabella Laura Simone***

New treatments and updates
on established treatments
Mario Habek

Defining what is working: choosing when
and how to escalate
Jelena Drulović

Therapeutic advances and failures
in progressive MS
Damiano Paolicelli

Therapeutic advances in pediatric MS
Marta Simone

Cognitive impairment: current approaches
to management
Pietro Iaffaldano

16:00- 16:45 **Keynote Lecture**
Chair: *Nicola Specchio*

The Italian MS Registry:
Effectiveness of MS treatment
Maria Trojano

16:45 - 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 - 18:15 **Symposium**
(tba)

18:15 – 19:15 **Young neurology Forum 3**

Chairs: *Ervina Bilić - Marta Simone*

Sunday 27th May

Epilepsy

Workshop on Transition in Epilepsy

09:30 – 11:00 **Chairs: *Silvio Basić - (tba)***

Why Epilepsy need a transition program?
Bosanka Jocic-Jakubi

How can Transition/Transfer be facilitated (available models of transition)?
(tba)

Challenges of caring of adults with undiagnosed childhood-onset seizures
Francesca Bisulli

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15 **Chairs: *Vlada Bascaveric - (tba)***

Discontinuation of AEDs
Emilija Cvetkovska

Patient-Specific Detection of Cerebral Blood Flow Alterations as Assessed by Arterial Spin Labeling and correlation with standard and High density EEG in Drug-Resistant Epileptic Patients
Paolo Manganotti

Cultural, social and economical barriers to medication adherence in neurology: the case of epilepsy
Fabrizio Monti

12:15 **Closing remarks**

Venue

Teatro Auditorium Radar - Monopoli

Few words about Monopoli

Monopoli is unique in that, unlike many of the other coastal towns in this area that are laid-back beach resorts, it is a bustling city with a commercial center. The new town sprawls out along the coast, but Monpoli retains its charming historic center and fishing tradition.

Founded by the Greeks, taken over by the Romans and beset by various invaders, Monopoli was a thriving port town under the Byzantines and Normans. In the 1400s it was annexed by the Republic of Venice, and enjoyed a centuries-long affluence that put it in league with other maritime powers like Amalfi, Genoa and Venice. It's position in Puglia between the seas, made it strategic and prosperous.

Like so many towns on the Adriatic, Monopoli's history has been thoroughly influenced by its east-facing position and its fortified sea-front walls and castle tell many a story.

The Porto Vecchio still harbors fishing boats as it has done for hundreds of years.The Old Town is dominated by its still-solid castle, built in 1552. Castello Carlo V was erected by the Spanish rulers of the time as a stronghold on the sea. The octagonal fortress was isolated when it was built, then the town crowded in around it. The other distinctly visible monument is the cathedral and its towering belfry that rises high above the town. The Baroque-Romanesque church was built in 1693 and has frescoes depicting the four gospel-writing apostles. The decorative, light-filled interior is capped by a delicate-looking dome. The false-front protective wall was added to the right of the church to buffer the winds that descended on the facade.

The cathedral is dedicated to the Madonna della Madia, who arrived here by sea on December 15th, 1117, according to legend, on a raft bearing 31 wooden beams for the roof supports of the basilica. The event is recreated annually during the patron saint's celebrations.

Just south of town is the abbey-castle of Santo Stefano, built in 1086 and placed on a point as a coastal defensive post. In the 13th century the Knights of Malta took it over and turned it into an abbey and hospital as a stop-over point for pilgrims and crusaders along the route to and from the Holy Land.

The area is beautiful, with clear blue seas and miles of olives, orchards and almonds spreading out across the countryside just inland. Monopoli is near polignano a Mare, Ostuni and Alberobello, and is equidistant from Bari and Brinidisi, both just 45 minutes away.

How to reach Monopoli

The Organizing Committee will provide scheduled transfers either from Bari and Brindisi airports on 23rd and 27th May

Registration fees

up March 31st

Delegates	€ 380,00	(+22% VAT = € 463,60)
Young attendees*	€ 260,00	(+22% VAT = € 317,20)
Accompanying persons	€ 120,00	(+22% VAT = € 146,40)

from April 1st and on site

Delegates	€ 440,00	(+22% VAT = € 536,80)
Young attendees*	€ 260,00	(+22% VAT = € 317,20)
Accompanying persons	€ 120,00	(+22% VAT = € 146,40)

*(under 35 years at the date of the Forum)

Registration fees include:

Participants

- Scientific Sessions
- Coffee breaks and working lunches as in the program
- Welcome reception on May 23rd
- Congress dinner on May 26th
- Certificate of attendance

Accompanying persons

- Welcome reception on May 23rd
- Congress dinner on May 26th

(Accompanying persons are not allowed to join coffee breaks and lunches)

General Information

Deadlines March 31st

- Abstract submission
- Bird registration

For abstract submission, registration to the Forum, hotel reservations, please visit the Forum web-site: www.ptsroma.it/anf2018

For further information do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Secretariat

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