



# INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY "MEDITERRANEAN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS"

PALAZZO STERI (Sala Magna) - PALERMO (ITALY) 22 - 23 - 24 June 2023

## SCHOOL OF SPECIALIZATION IN CHILD NEUROPSYCHIATRY

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2.00 PM - OPENING OF THE CONGRESS - REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS  
3.00 PM - GREETINGS FROM THE AUTHORITIES

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The commemoration ceremony on the first anniversary of the death of Prof. Alessandro Zuddas  
Cerimonia di commemorazione nel primo anniversario della morte del Prof. Alessandro Zuddas

3:00 PM - FIRST SESSION

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### Magistral Readings

**Functional Tourette-like behaviour and social media**  
Comportamento funzionale tipo Tourette e social media  
**Prof. Renata Rizzo**  
University of Catania, Italy  
**The clinical and genetic landscape of the developmental and epileptic encephalopathies**  
Il panorama clinico e genetico delle encefalopatie epilettiche e dello sviluppo  
**Prof. Maurizio Elia**  
Oasi Research Institute-IRCCS, Troina (EN), Italy  
**Depression in children and adolescents: Approaches to prevention and treatment.**  
Il disturbo depressivo nell'età dello sviluppo: approccio alla prevenzione e al trattamento.  
**Prof. Benedetto Vitiello**  
**Glut1 deficiency: clinical prognosis and therapy**  
Glut 1 deficiency: clinica prognosi e terapia  
**Prof. Pierangelo Veggiotti**  
University of Milan, Italy

DISCUSSION - END OF FIRST SESSION  
4:30 PM COFFEE BREAK  
5:30 PM - SECOND SESSION

### Magistral Readings

Chair: Prof. Marco Carotenuto  
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**The use of digital therapeutics in neurodevelopmental disorders**  
Impiego dei digital therapeutics nei Disturbi del Neurosviluppo  
**Prof. Lucia Margari, Dott. Alessandra Gabellone, Dott. Lucia Marzulli**  
University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy  
**The role of the immune system in autism spectrum disorders**  
Ruolo del sistema immunitario nei disturbi dello spettro autistico  
**Prof. Stefano Sotgiu**  
University of Sassari, Italy  
**Prematurity and neurodevelopmental Disorders**  
Prematurità e Disturbi del neurosviluppo  
**Prof. Elisa Fazzi**  
University of Brescia, Italy  
**Sensory disturbances and autism**  
Disturbi sensoriali e autismo  
**Prof. Luigi Mazzone**  
University of Rome, Italy

DISCUSSION - END OF SECOND SESSION  
FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023  
8:00 AM FIRST SESSION

Chair: Prof. Filippo Calamoneri  
Child Neuropsychiatry University of Messina, Italy

**Early intervention in severe autism. The exchange and Development therapy (EDT)**  
Intervento precoce nel disturbo dello spettro autistico grave. Terapia dello scambio e dello sviluppo (EDT).  
**Prof. Frédérique Bonnet-Brilhaut**  
CHRU, Université François Rabelais, Tours, France

**Neurobiological Markers in Autism Spectrum Disorders**  
Markers neurobiologici nei disturbi dello spettro autistico  
**Prof. Gabriele Tripi**  
University of Palermo, Italy

**Sensory processing in autism and intervention strategies**  
Elaborazione sensoriale nell'autismo e strategie di intervento  
**Dott. Vanessa Lo Presti**  
University of Palermo, Italy

**Scale of Sensory-Psychomotor Particularities in Autism (EPSA): a new clinical tool to help in the functional diagnosis in neurodevelopmental disorders**  
Scale of Sensory-Psychomotor Particularities in Autism (EPSA): un nuovo strumento clinico per aiutare nella diagnosi funzionale nei disturbi del neurosviluppo  
**Dott. Cindy Le Menn**  
CHRU, Tours, France

**Brain neuromodulation in the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders**  
Neuromodulazione cerebrale nel trattamento dei disturbi dello spettro autistico  
**Prof. Rosa Marotta**  
University "Magna Graecia" of Catanzaro, Italy

**Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Emotional Dysregulation**  
Disturbi del neurosviluppo e Disregolazione emotiva  
**Prof. Maria Giuseppina Petruzzelli**  
University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy

DISCUSSION - END OF FIRST SESSION  
11:00 AM - COFFEE BREAK  
11:30 AM - SECOND SESSION

Chair: Prof. Giannennaro Coppola  
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**Twins: genetic and neurodevelopmental aspects**  
Gemelli: aspetti genetici e neuroevolutivi  
**Prof. Giovanni Corsello**  
University of Palermo, Italy  
**Neurodevelopmental genetic drivers of the human 22q11.2 region**  
Driver genetici dello sviluppo neurologico della regione umana 22q11.2  
**Dott. Davide Vecchio**  
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**New candidate genes in epileptic encephalopathy: a whole exome sequencing study**  
Encefalopatie epilettiche: sequenziamento esomico e nuovi geni candidati  
**Dott. Luigi Vetri**  
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**Neonatal epileptic seizures: clinical scenarios**

Crisi epilettiche neonatali: Scenari clinici  
**Prof. Francesco Pisani**  
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**Antiepileptic drugs and cognition: how to preserve cognition in pediatric patients**  
Farmaci antiepilettici e cognizione: come preservare la cognizione nel paziente pediatrico  
**Prof. Francesco Felicia Operto**  
University of Salerno, Italy

DISCUSSION - END OF SECOND SESSION  
1:00 PM - LUNCH BREAK  
3:00 PM - THIRD SESSION - MISCELLANEA

Chair: Professor Angelo Vecchio  
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**Novel proteomics biomarkers in neurodevelopmental disorders**  
Nuovi biomarcatori proteomici nei disturbi dello sviluppo neurologico  
**Petri Kursula**  
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University of Oulu, Finland  
**Actual and potential cognitive development: a qualitative neurorehabilitative approach**  
Sviluppo cognitivo attuale e potenziale: un approccio neuroriabilitativo qualitativo.  
**Prof. Daniela Smirni**  
University of Palermo, Italy  
**The specific learning disorders: neuropsychological profiles and comorbidities**  
Il disturbo specifico dell'apprendimento: profili neuropsicologici e comorbidità  
**Prof. Eva Germanò**  
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**Childhood inflammatory brain diseases and psychiatric symptoms**  
Malattie infiammatorie del cervello e sintomi psichiatrici dell'infanzia  
**Prof. Antonella Gagliano**  
University "Magna Graecia" of Catanzaro, Italy  
**Adolescent suicidality during and after the acute COVID pandemic.**  
Il fenomeno della suicidalità tra gli adolescenti nel periodo COVID pandemico e post pandemico.  
**Dott. Chiara Davico**  
University of Turin, Italy  
**Changes in psychiatric emergencies in children and adolescents before and after COVID-19 pandemic.**  
Epidemiological study on a pediatric hospital in Palermo (Italy)  
Cambiamenti nelle emergenze psichiatriche nei bambini e negli adolescenti prima e dopo la pandemia di COVID-19. Studio epidemiologico su un ospedale pediatrico di Palermo (Italia)  
**Dott. Giuseppe Quatrosi**  
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DISCUSSION - END OF FIRST SESSION  
5:00 PM COFFEE BREAK  
5:30 PM - SECOND SESSION

Chair: Dott. Francesco Vitrano  
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**Sleep in neurodevelopmental disorders**  
Il sonno nei disturbi del neurosviluppo  
**Prof. Marco Carotenuto**  
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**The neuro-hormonal control of food behavior**  
Controllo neuro-ormonale del comportamento alimentare  
**Prof. Giovanni Messina**  
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**A report on Idiopathic Rolandic Epilepsy Syndromes: the hidden disability ?**  
Un report sulle sindromi da epilessia idiopatica rolandica: la disabilità celata?  
**Dott. Salvatore La Cascio**  
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**Pediatric migraine and parasympathetic system: what relationship?**  
Emicrania pediatrica e sistema parasimpatico: quale relazione?  
**Vincenzo Raieli**  
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DISCUSSION - END OF SECOND SESSION  
SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023  
8:00 AM FIRST SESSION

Chair: Prof. Gabriel Tripi, University of Palermo, Italy

**Transgender and gender nonconforming people. The different contexts of intervention and research.**  
Le persone transgender e gender nonconforming. I differenti contesti dell'intervento e della ricerca  
**Prof. Paolo Valerio**  
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**Management of puberty in transgender adolescents: benefits and concerns**  
**Prof.ssa Alessandra D. Fisher**  
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**Hormonal treatment in adolescents with gender dysphoria: the state of the art**  
Trattamento ormonale negli adolescenti con disforia di genere: lo stato dell'arte  
**Dott. Stefano Radellini**  
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**Gender variance and gender incongruence in children and adolescents: psychological features.**  
**Prof.ssa Jiska Ristori**  
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**"The construction of gender identity in developmental age: the role of fitness and sports activity"**  
"La costruzione dell'identità di genere in età evolutiva: il ruolo del fitness e dell'attività sportiva"  
**Dott.ssa Alba Gentile**  
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**Building good practices to Prevent and Respond to Violence against the transgender community in Higher Education Institutions**  
Costruire buone pratiche per prevenire e rispondere alla violenza contro la comunità transgender nei contesti universitari  
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