MONDAY 22 May 2023
Palazzo Chiaramonte Steri

8.30 - 9.00
Registration.

9.00 - 9.15
Welcoming remarks
Magnifico Rettore of Palermo University,
Professor Massimo Midiri;
Head of BIND Dept,
Professor Giuseppe Ferraro;
Sir Professor Robin M Murray and
Professor Daniele La Barbera

9.15 - 11.00
Chair: Sir Professor Robin Murray
Present and future of the treatment of Affective disorders.
Professor Allan Young

10.45 - 11.15 Break

11.15 - 12.30
Chair: Dr Marta Di Forti
Psychedelics: drug of abuse, medication, or both?
Dr James Rucker

12.30 - 13.45 Lunch

13.45 - 14.30
Chair: Sir Professor Robin Murray
Dopamine and Synaptic pruning: what happens when it goes wrong.
Professor Oliver Howes

14.30 - 15.00 Break

15.00 - 15.45
Chair: Sir Professor Robin Murray
Advances in the treatment of Psychotic Disorders.
Professor Oliver Howes

15.45 - 16.15
Chair: Dr Marta Di Forti
Depression and pharmacological treatment in young people
Professor Argyris Stringaris
Psychiatry Trainees’ track

16.15 - 17.30
Poster session

18.30 – 20.00
Social aperitif at an Historical venue.

TUESDAY 23 May 2023
Section of Psychiatry

9.15 - 10.00
Chair: Dr Marta Di Forti
Transdiagnostic emotion dysregulation in young people.
Professor Argyris Stringaris
Psychiatry Trainees’ track

10.00 - 11.00
Chair: Dr Marta Di Forti
Should we change the way we prescribe antipsychotics?
Sir Professor Robin Murray and
Professor David Taylor

11.00 - 11.30 Break

11.30 - 12.30
Chair: Dr Diego Quattrone
Neuropsychiatry: current controversies/issues.
Professor Tony David

12.30 - 13.45 Lunch

13.45 - 14.45
Chair: Dr Diego Quattrone
Psychotic disorders and schizophrenia: From risk factors to treatment.
Sir Professor Robin Murray

14.45 - 15.15 Break

15.15 - 16.30
Workshops

A) Dr Diego Quattrone
The high and low of running a Psychiatric Intensive Care (PICu)

B) Dr Marta Di Forti and
Professor Adam Griddle
How to set up a new clinical service: the example of the CCP, Cannabis Clinic for patients with psychosis

17.00
Historical walk; «Real Casa De’ Matti, 1929»

WEDNESDAY 24 May 2023
Palazzo Comitini

9.30 - 10.15
Chair: Dr Marta Di Forti
What have we learnt from Psychiatric genetics so far.
Dr Isabelle Austin-Zimmerman

Chair: Dr Marta Di Forti
Streaming only: “meet the experts” ZOOM session with Sir Professor Robin Murray and
Professor Eric Chen

10.15 - 11.15
Chair: Dr Marta Di Forti
Is insight in the brain?
Professor Tony David

Followed by
The Thinking Mind Podcast with Alex and Rebecca on: “Observing yourself: A Conversation about Insight”.
Panel discussants: Professor Tony David, Professor Eric Chen and Professor Anton Grech

11.15 - 11.45 Break

11.45 - 12.45
Chair: Dr Laura Ferraro
Optimising symptomatic and functional outcome in psychosis. Are these objectives in conflict?
Professor Eric Chen

12.45 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.45
Chair: Professor Graham Murray
Psychiatry and the Media.
Professor Anton Grech
Psychiatry Trainees’ track

14.45 - 15.15 Break

15.15 - 16.30
Workshops

A) Professor Graham Murray
Does brain structure and function causally determine mental disorder?

B) Professor Eric Chen
Impacts and unmet needs in early intervention for psychotic disorders.

THURSDAY 25 May 2023
Palazzo Comitini

9.00 - 10.00
Chair: Professor Erika La Cascia
How mendelian randomisation can help causal insights in psychiatry.
Professor Graham Murray

10.00 - 10.40
Chair: Dr Marta Di Forti
What have we learnt about gender dysphoria: the Palermo transgender outpatient service.
Professor Erika La Cascia and
Dr Laura Ferraro

10.40 - 11.15
First-person accounts

11.15 - 11.45 Break

11.45 - 12.30
Chair: Dr Diego Quattrone
In search of gender: a brief literature overview on Gender Dysphoria.
Professor Daniele La Barbera and
Dr Giuseppe Maniaci

The end.

Scientific Committee

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