

Rehabilitation: Evolution in Practice





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## **Welcome Address**

Malta will be hosting the 12th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine from the 9th till the 12th November 2017. It is the first time that Malta will be hosting an international Rehabilitation Congress and we are very excited and looking forward to it.

Throughout the last few years our National Association, the Malta Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Association (MPRMA), has worked hard to push the specialty on a higher level and has managed to convince our policy makers to give the specialty its deserved place in the clinical pathway.

We are really looking forward for a greater presence of many Mediterranean countries and those bordering, with special emphasis on those not regularly present in such congresses.

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# Congress PROGRAMME

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### Thursday, 9 November 2017

- 13:00 Registrations
- 15:00 'EMRSS Siracusa' Prof. Cirillo
- 16:00 'Cochrane Rehab Review' Dr. Gimigliano & Dr. Grubisic
- 17:00 'Robotics: Use and their Future'
  - Dott. Rocco Salvatore Calabrò
- 18:00 Opening Ceremony
  - 'Economic Advantages of Rehabilitation'
  - Prof Anthony B. Ward
- 18:30 Entertainment and Reception

# Friday, 10 November 2017

- 08:00 Registrations
- 09:00 'Rehabilitating rehabilitation harnessing innovation successfully!' Prof. Ian Curran
- 09:30 'Latest updates on Amputee Rehab' Dr. Iuly Treger
- 10:00 'Enabling Technology and employment outcomes for disabled persons' Ms. Victoria Gauci
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:45 Workshop 1 (Hall 3) 'Peripheral nerve lesions: role of electrodiagnosis and neuroimaging' Prof. Ilker Yagci
- 11:00 Oral Presentations: Stroke (Hall 1)
  - ◆ Amputees (Hall 2)
- 13:00 Lunch Poster Presentations
- 14:30 'Clinical Trials update in Brain Injury: what we learnt and the next steps' Prof. Ross Zafonte
- 15:00 'Lower limb robotic assisted gait rehabilitation: Current evidence and future perspectives' Dott. Rocco S. Calabrò
- 15:30 Oral Presentations: ◆ Innovative Technology (Hall 1) ◆ Brain Trauma and Spinal Cord Injuries (Hall 2)
- 15:30 Poster Presentations
- 19:00 Mediterranean Night

#### Saturday, 11 November 2017

- 08:00 Registrations
- 09:00 'PRM- What it is and what it isn't' Prof. Luigi Tesio
- 09:30 'Neuromodulation update in clinical use'
  - Prof. Felipe Fregni
- 10:00 'Rating of Heterotropic Classification in the hip'
   Prof. George I. Vasileiadis
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:45 Workshop 2 (Hall 3) 'Management of chronic pain syndromes & neuropathic pain' Dr. Gulseren Akyuz
- 11:00 Oral Presentations:
  - Neuro Degenerative Disorders (Hall 1)
  - Musculoskeletal (Hall 2)
- 13:00 Lunch Poster Presentations
- 14:30 'Neurologic Speech Disorders: Technological advances in diagnosis & assessment' Prof. Jordan Green
- 15:00 'Outcome measures in Rehabilitation'
   Prof. Franco Franchignoni
- 15:30 Oral Presentations: ◆ to be announced
- 15:30 Poster Presentations
- 20:00 Networking Official Dinner

#### Sunday, 12 November 2017

- 09:00 'Rehabilitaion approach to cardiac comorbidity in rheumatic disease' Prof. Ilker Yagci
- 09:30 'The role of the PRM physician in Breast Cancer'
   Dr. Raquel Valero
- 10:00 'Old & new challenges in doctor-patient communication;
  Delivery of non-positive news to patients'
   Prof. Dott. Giuseppina Frazzica
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:45 Workshop 3 (Hall 3) 'Ultrasound in clinical practice of the nervous system' Prof. Levent Özçakar
- 11:00 Oral Presentations: Sports Injury
  - Cardio Pulmonary Rehab
- 13:00 Closing Ceremony

# The following Keynote speakers will be participating in the Congress:

#### **Dott. Rocco Salvatore Calabrò**

PhD in Neuropsychiatric Sciences; a Masters in Bioethic and Sexuology and in Psychosexology. He is a Neurologist at Department of Neurosciences, University of Messina.

# **Dott. Cesare Giuseppe Cerri**

Board certified in Neurology at the University of Milan; Pediatrics at the University of Genoa and Medical Statistics and Biometrics at the University of Milan.

#### Prof. Ian Curran

Professor, Assistant Director of Education and Professional Standards at the General Medical Council United Kingdom.

## **Prof. Franco Franchignoni**

Professor in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Has Specialised in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation by the European Board of PM&R, 'Senior Fellow' of the UEMS PRM Board and 'Life Fellow'.

#### Dott. Pina R. Frazzica

Presently responsible for internal and external communication, including scientific publications within the National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (NIHMP), Italy.

# Prof. Felipe Fregni

Director, Laboratory of Neuromodulation, SRH. Associate Professor at Harvard University.

#### Ms Vickie Gauci

Occupational Therapist with Master's in neurorehabilitation from Brunel University, London. She is an assistant lecturer with the Department of Disability Studies, Faculty for Social Wellbeing, at the University of Malta.

#### **Prof. Jordan Green**

Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Director of the Speech and Feeding Disorders Lab, Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions.

#### Prof. Levent Özçakar

Professor at Hacettepe University Medical School, Ankara, Turkey. His main areas of interest are: Musculoskeletal ultrasonography, scientific publishing and thoracic outlet syndrome.

# **Prof. Luigi Tesio**

MD, Professor of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in Milan. He was trained in neurophysiology, biomechanics, and bio-engineering. Director of the Department of Neurorehabilitation Sciences at the Istituto Auxologico Italiano.

# **Dr. Iuly Treger**

Holds various degrees in physical medicine and rehabilitation and Health Systems Management. Council Member of the National Council for Rehabilitation, Ministry of Health; Deputy Director, Reuth Medical Rehabilitation Center and Head of Rehabilitation Department at the Soroka Medical Center, Beer Sheva.

# Dr. George I. Vasileiadis

Physiatrist with experience in Greece (Attikon University Hospital) and in the USA (Rochester- Mayo Clinic). A researcher in heterotopic ossification. Presently Chef de Clinique at 'Hopital du Valais, Switzerland.

# **Prof. Anthony B. Ward**

Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at Staffordshire University and Director of the North Staffordshire Rehabilitation Centre (NSRC) at the Haywood Hospital in Stoke on Trent.

# Prof. Ilker Yagci

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist with expertise in rheumatology, electrophysiology, musculoskeletal ultrasound, cardiac rehabilitation.

#### **Prof. Ross Zafonte**

Earle P. and Ida S. Charlton Professor and Chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School.

#### Registrations

Registration fee covers all congress material including conference bag, final programme and abstract book; certificate of participation; opening ceremony; coffee breaks, lunch breaks and social evening with dinner. The Networking Official Dinner held on Saturday, 11 November 2017 is optional and can be booked separately.

# **Registraton Fees**

Early Bird - received by 31st July 2017
2nd Call - received by 30th September 2017
Final Call and on-site registration

Early Bird		2nd Call	Final Call
Physicians			
MFPRM/MPRMA Members	€300	€375	€475
non-MFPRM Members	€325	€400	€500
Allied Health MPRMA Members Non-MPRMA Members	€150 €180	€225 €250	€325 €350
PRM Trainees (medical) Students Accompanying Persons	€150 €100 €150	€225 €175 €225	€325 €275 €325

#### **Oral and Poster Presentations**

In order to present a poster or an oral presentation, one must register for the Congress and submit an abstract for evaluation by the scientific committee.

For regular updates refer to the Congress website

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