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Bucharest
5-6 October 2015



Agenda

▪ Day 1- 5 October 2015

International and regional NeuroAIDS

08:00-08:30 Registration Novotel

08:30-08:40 Welcoming remarks- Dr. Cristiana Oprea, Dr. Mike Youle

Session 1 Neurocognitive evaluation from clinical studies to "real-world" assessment

Chairs: Prof. Ron Ellis, Dr. Mike Youle

08:40-09:05 NIMH Global and Domestic NeuroAIDS Programs Dr. Jeymohan Joseph- NIMH, USA

09:05-09:30 Neurocognitive testing Dr. Thomas Marcotte -HNRC San Diego, USA

09:30-09:40 The Romanian Pediatric Cohort 25 years Dr. Mariana Mardarescu- INBI "Matei Bals", Bucharest, Romania

09:40-10:05 Romanian National Neurocognitive Screening Program: Dr. Sorin Petrea & Psy. Odette Chirila- INBI "Matei Bals", Bucharest, Romania

10:05-10:30 Prevalence of NCI in Netherlands Dr. Judith Schouten - Amsterdam Netherlands

10:30-10:45 Discussion

10:45- 11:15 *Coffee break*

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Session 2 **Impact of ageing on the brain**

Chairs: **Dr. Jeymohan Joseph, Dr. Thomas Marcotte**

- 11:15-11:40 Surveillance of children perinatally exposed to HIV. Interim results from The National Registry of pregnant women infected with HIV and of perinatally exposed children - Dr. Mariana Mardarescu, INBI “Matei Bals” Bucharest, Romania
- 11:40-12:05 Accelerated ageing in young adults infected with HIV since childhood? - Dr. Ruxandra Burlacu, Paris, France
- 12:05-12:30 Ageing and the HIV patient brain - a clinical perspective - Dr. Mike Youle, London UK
- 12:30-12:55 HIV brain infection and Alzheimer’s disease: what is common, what is different? Prof. Bogdan Popescu, “Colentina” Hospital, Bucharest, Romania

12:55 - 14:30 Lunch

Session 3 **Short interventions (10 min+ 5 min discussion) from local investigators on NeuroAIDS/ comorbidities topic**

Chairs: **Dr. Luminita Ene, Psy. Odette Chirila**

- 14:30-14:45 Incidence of and risk factors for HIV-associated cognitive-motor complex in HIV/AIDS patients: Belgrade Cohort- Prof. Gordana Dragovic, Belgrade, Serbia



- 14:45-15:00 Neuropsychological assessment in HIV/AIDS and its challenges in Galati County -
Dr. Manuela Arbune- Galati Romania
- 15:00-15:15 Assessment of everyday functioning in young adults infected with HIV since childhood
Psy. Anca Luca - “Victor Babes” Hospital Bucharest, Romania

Session 4 Clinical cases session -part 1 (case reports 10 min + 5 min discussion)

Chairs: Prof. Ronald Ellis, Dr. Cristiana Oprea

- 15:15-15:30 Dr. Anna Piddubna- Kiev, Ukraine
- 15:30- 15:45 Dr. Alina Cibea - INBI “Matei Bals”, Bucharest, Romania
- 15:45-16:00 Dr. Sime Zekan- Croatia
- 16:00-16: 15 Dr. Valeriu Gheorghita- INBI “Matei Bals”, Bucharest, Romania
- 16:15-16:30 *Coffee break*

Session 5 Clinical cases session -part 2 (case reports 10 min + 5 min discussion)

Chairs: Dr. Paola Cinque, Prof. Bogdan Popescu

- 16:45-17:00 Dr. Kristaly Franciska-Margit - Tg. Mures, Romania
- 17:00-17:15 Dr. Elif Tükenmez- Turkey
- 17:15-17:30 Dr. Irina Ianache- “Victor Babes” Hospital Bucharest, Romania



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19:00-21:00 Dinner Novotel



Day 2 – 6 October 2015

Neurocognitive impairment related to HIV and comorbidities

Session 6 Clinical cases session –part 3 (case reports 10 min + 5 min discussion)

Chairs: Dr. Arjan Harxhi, Dr. Mike Youle

08:30-08:45 Dr. Nina Sincu- Tg. Mures, Romania

08:45-09:00 Dr. Ioana Cociasu, “Colentina” Hospital Bucharest, Romania

09:00-09:15 Dr. Ewa Pietraszkiewicz Poland

09:15-09:30 Dr. Luci Rotar- Timisoara, Romania

09:30-10:15 *Coffee break*

Session 7 HIV is not lonely in the brain

Chairs: Prof. Simona Ruta, Dr. Ignacio Pérez Valero

10:15-10:40 PML old and new- Dr. Paola Cinque, Milan, Italy

10:40-11:05 CNS IRIS – the evil side of cART? Dr. Ruxandra Moroti & Dr. Adriana Hristea Bucharest
INBI “Matei Bals”, Bals, Bucharest, Romania

11:05-11:30 Opportunistic infections in the era of cART- still a problem in resource-limited settings
Dr. Cristiana Oprea- “Victor Babes” Hospital Bucharest, Romania

11:30-12:00 Challenges to HIV eradication in the brain- Prof. Ronald Ellis- HNRC, USA



12:00-12:25 Latent Toxoplasma infection is associated with neurocognitive impairment in young adults with chronic HIV infection from Romania Dr. Luminita Ene- “Victor Babes” Hospital Bucharest, Romania

12:25-14:00 Lunch

Session 8 Virology & brain pathology session

Chairs: Prof. Prof. Andrej Horban, Dr. Judith Schouten

14:00- 14: 25 The cellular miRNA 29A expression as a potential marker for neurocognitive impairment in HIV infected patients Prof. Simona Ruta- IVN Bucharest, Romania

14:25: 14:50 CSF HIV Escape: Myth or Reality Dr. Ignacio Pérez Valero – Madrid Spain

14:50-15:15 HIV superinfection in IDU’s - Dr. Simona Paraschiv INBI “Matei Bals”, Romania

15:15-15:40 Brain vascular disease in the HAART era - Prof. Cristian Achim-HNRC San Diego, USA

15:40-16:10 Coffee break

Session 9 Drug-abuse related brain damage in HIV-infected patients

16:10-16:55 Panel discussion Moderator: Mike Youle: Dr. Cristiana Oprea VBH

Dr. Cristina Hudita Sf. Stelian Bucharest, Romania, Dr. Nora Turjanski Royal Free, UK,
Dr. Thomas Marcotte US



Special intervention:

16:55-17:30 A patient perspective on neurocognitive impairment Robin JUSTRI & Cristina Romania

17:30-18:00 Closing remarks- Dr. Luminita Ene, Prof. Cristian Achim

“Dan Duiculescu Award for the Best Clinical case presentation”