ANF
Adriatic Neurology Forum 2018
May 23rd – 26th
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-26th, 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 platform presentations.

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 the 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 Adriatic sea 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 23\textsuperscript{rd} May

19:00  RADAR THEATER
Opening Address
Emilio Romani - Major of Monopoli

20:00  Welcome to Participants
Silvio Bašić, Ranko Raičević
Luigi Maria Specchio, Nicola Specchio, Federico Vigevano

20:30  Welcome Reception

Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} May

\textbf{Epilepsy}

09:00 – 10:15  \textbf{Epilepsy classification and seizure semiology}
Chairs: Silvio Bašić
Meir Bialer
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  \textbf{Video Session on seizure semiology}
Chairs: Athanasios Covannis
Paolo Tinuper
Focal Seizures in children
Athanasios Covannis

Focal seizures in adults
Stefano Meletti

Generalized seizures in children
Nebojša Jović

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**

14:30 - 15:30  
**Symposium**  
*BioMarin Biologics*

**Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (CLN2): Optimizing diagnosis and treatment**
- Overview of CLN2 disease  
  *Igor Prpic*
- Diagnosis and treatment  
  *Nicola Specchio*
- Living with CLN2  
  *Bojana Mirosvljevic*

15:30 - 17:30  
**Updates in Epilepsy treatment**  
Chairs: *Silvio Bašić*  
*Ettore Beghi*

Choice of AEDs based on seizures type  
*Angela La Neve*

**Alternative Treatments:**
- The role of cannabinoids  
  *Nicola Pietrafusa*
- Neurostimulation: update on VNS  
  *Željka Petelin Gadže*

Gender differences and specificities in epilepsy treatment  
*Davor Sporiš*

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

17:30 - 18:00  
**Coffee Break**
Young Neurology Forum 1
Epilepsy

Chairs: Giovanni Boero
Aleksandar J. Ristić

How we could improve the early diagnosis of neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis: 2 centers experience in a cohort of 25 children
Ruzica Kravljanc

Cerebral palsy in patients with history of West Syndrome. Can MRI findings predict the prognosis?
Eszter Nagy

ZX008 (Fenfluramine) in Dravet Syndrome: results of a Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial
Nicola Pietrafusa

Antiepileptic drug treatment in elderly patients with epilepsy
Ivana Šušak Sporiš

Seizure assessment in the emergency department
Ivana Marković

Surgical treatment of post-traumatic drug-resistant epilepsy
Tijana Djukic
Friday 25th May

Neurodegenerative diseases and movement disorders

Tauopathies

08:30 - 10:00  **Chairs:** Giancarlo Logroscino
               Igor Petrović

Clinical spectrum and epidemiology
Giancarlo Logroscino

Neuropathology
Giorgio Giaccone

Imaging in tauopathies
Giovanni Rizzo

Alzheimer’s disease, 100 + years later and beyond amyloid
Stefano Sensi

10:00 - 10:30  **Coffee break**

10:30 - 10:50  Video presentation of cases with progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal syndrome
               Igor Petrović

10:50 - 11:10  Steroid-responsive autoimmune encephalopathy associated with autoimmune thyroiditis (SREAT) presenting with myoclonus-dystonia syndrome
               Petra Bago Rožanković

11:10 - 11:30  Sleep disorders in neurological diseases
               Barbara Barun

Huntington Chorea and ALS

11:30 - 13:00  **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 Elifani*

Clinical spectrum of ALS genetics in Serbia  
*Zorica Stević*

The registry tool in Huntington and ALS  
*Rosanna Tortelli*

13:00 - 14:00  
**Lunch**

**Neurodegenerative diseases across the Adriatic Sea**

14:00 - 15:30  
**Chairs: Ljiljana Radulovic  
Elka Stefanova**

**Dementia: state of the art**

- Genetics in Early Onset Dementia (EOD) - report from Belgrade Memory clinic  
  *Elka Stefanova*

- Montenegro  
  *Mirjana Cukic*

- Albania and status of the Adriatic extension of SLAP-DEM  
  *Jera Kruja*

- Puglia  
  *Rosa Capozzo*

- Malnutrition in neurodegenerative diseases  
  *Svetlana Tomic*

15:30 – 16:00  
**Coffee Break**

**Workshop on Transition in Epilepsy**

16:00 - 17:00  
**Chairs: Silvio Basić  
Emilija Cvetkovska**

**Why Epilepsy need a transition program?**  
*Bosanka Jocic-Jakubi*

**How can Transition/Transfer be facilitated (available models of transition)?**  
*Aleksandar J. Ristić*
17:00 - 18:40  Young Neurology Forum 2
Dementia – Movement disorders and Epilepsy

Chairs: Marina de Tommaso
Svetlana Tomic

EEG findings in GM3 deficiency
Daniela D’Agnano

Unexplained epilepsy and intellectual disability: role of copy number variation
Tommaso Martino

Correlation between Aβ₁-₄₂ in CSF and brain: when to use pet with tracers for β-amyloid
Elena Carapelle

Neonatal hyperekplexia
Vlasta Djuranovic

ALS and pregnancy - our experience
Mirea Hančević

Multiple dissection of cervical arteries – case series
Marija Milicevic

Proteinuria, ischemic stroke and carotid atherosclerosis
Marija Grunauer

Autonomic dysfunctions in the initial motor stage of Parkinson's disease: a 3-year longitudinal study
Iva Stankovic

Screening for C9ORF72 expansion mutation in Serbian patients with early onset dementia
Gorana Mandić - Stojmenovic

Risk factors for potential drug-drug interactions which include psychiatric drugs in stroke patients
Dejan Aleksic
Saturday 26th May

Multiple Sclerosis

08:45 - 09:00  Introduction
  Maria Trojano

09:00 - 10:30  Update in MS etiology and pathogenesis
  Chairs: Lucia Margari
  Maria Trojano
  The natural history: is it changed in the past 20 years?
  Šarlota Mesaroš
  Do MS in children present with the same evolution?
  Massimiliano Valeriani
  Mechanisms of neuroinflammation: biomarkers
  Diego Centonze

10:30 - 11:00  Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30  Update in MS diagnosis and progression
  Chairs: Carlo Avolio
  Letizia Leocani
  The role of MRI in new MS diagnostic criteria
  Maria Assunta Rocca
  Diagnostic and differential diagnostic “dilemma”
  Ana Jandrijević Tomasć
  Measurement of progression of disease
  Carlo Pozzilli
  Evaluation of myelin damage and repair: electrophysiological outcomes
  Letizia Leocani

12:30 - 13:30  Lunch
13:30 - 15:30  
**Updates in Multiple Sclerosis treatment**

**Chairs:** Jelena Drulović  
*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 and clinical trials in Pediatric MS  
  *Marta Simone*

- Cognitive impairment: current approaches to management  
  *Pietro Iaffaldano*

15:30 - 16:30  
**Keynote Lecture**

**Chair:** Nicola Specchio

- The Italian MS Registry: Effectiveness of MS treatment  
  *Maria Trojano*

16:30 - 17:00  
**Coffee Break**

17:00 - 18:00  
**Young Neurology Forum 3**  
**Multiple Sclerosis**

**Chairs:** Mario Habek  
*Marta Simone*

- Successful treatment of paraneoplastic longitudinally extensive transverse myelitis (LETM): a 16-month clinical-spinal MRI follow-up  
  *Jovana Ivanovic*

- Natural history of NMO spectrum disorder: a Serbian cohort study  
  *Vanja Martinovic*
Unusual presentation of anti-MOG demyelinating disease of central nervous system
Vincenzo Felica

A case of radiologically isolated syndrome suggestive of demyelinating disease in Klippel Trenaunay Syndrome
Eugenio Distaso

Polyneuropathy as initial symptom of microscopic polyangiitis
Sven Županić

Differential Diagnosis of MS
Miljenka Jelena Jurasic

20:00 Transfer to the Masseria Torrepietra

20:30 Lecture
Cultural, social and economical barriers to medication adherence in neurology: the case of epilepsy
Fabrizio Monti

Closing Remarks

21:00 Farewell dinner
Forum Venue
Teatro Auditorium Radar - Via Magenta, 71 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 Brindisi, both just 45 minutes away.
Dates
Wednesday 23rd – Saturday 26th

Official Language
The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Climate
May is one of the best times of year to visit Puglia, a stunning coastal region in the most southeastern corner of Italy. Occupying the so-called "boot of Italy's heel", this region lies on both the Adriatic Sea and Ionian Sea coasts and has beautiful inland hills and farmlands.
Average of temperature during your stay 17°/23

Currency
All rates are expressed in Euro.

Certificate of attendance
A certificate will be delivered to every participant at the end of the Forum. Please apply at the Secretariat Desk.

Secretariat
The Secretariat will be open at the following times:
Wed, May 23rd - 13:00 - 20:30
Thu, May 24th - 08:30 - 19:00
Fri, May 25th - 08:30 - 18:40
Sat, May 26th - 08:15 - 18:00

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Welcome Reception (for registrants only)
Will take place on Wednesday 23rd at 20:00 on the terrace of RADAR Theater (conference site)

Farewell Dinner (for registrants only)
Will take place on Saturday 26th at "Masseria Torrepietra" transportation from / to Monopoli will be provided. Information will be available at Congress Secretariat

Coffee Breaks and Lunches (for registrants only)
Complimentary coffees and lunches are included in the registration fee and will be provided at the Conference site

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• Welcome reception on May 23rd
• Congress dinner on May 26th
• Certificate of attendance

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