

Scientific Program

Saturday July 10th, 2010

- 10.30-11.15 Registration
- 11.15-11.30 Opening remarks
Filippo Drago (Catania)
- 11.30-12.30 **Opening lecture** (introduced by Filippo Drago)
Depression in schizophrenia: new perspectives for the treatment
Stuart Montgomery (London)
- 12.30-13.00 Welcome reception
- Parco degli Aragonesi Hotel - Viale Kennedy, 2 (Catania)
- Psychotic disorders: epidemiology and genetics**
Moderator: Alessandro Rossi (L'Aquila)
- 16.00-17.00 Psychotic disorders: epidemiology and risk factors
Mauro Carta (Cagliari)
- 17.00-18.00 The genetics of bipolar spectrum disorders
Alessandro Serretti (Rome)
- 18.00-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.30 Genetics of schizophrenia: new insights from new approaches
Massimo Gennarelli (Brescia)
- 19.30-19.40 Questionnaire

Sunday July 11th, 2010

- Neurobiology of schizophrenia (I)**
Moderator: Marco Riva (Milan)
- 10.00-11.00 Overview on animal models of schizophrenia
Filippo Drago (Catania)
- 11.00-12.00 Neural basis of psychosis-related behaviour in the infection model of schizophrenia
Joram Feldon (Zürich)
- 12.00-13.00 Cholinergic system in schizophrenia
Giancarlo Pepeu (Florence)
- 13.00-13.30 Discussion
- Schizophrenia: from diagnosis to long-term treatment**
Moderator: Claudio Mencacci (Milan)
- 16.00-17.00 Factors affecting long-term outcome in schizophrenia
Alessandro Rossi (L'Aquila)
- 17.00-18.00 Treatments affecting long-term outcomes in schizophrenia
Roberto Cavallaro (Milan)
- 18.00-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.30 **Special Lecture**
Neurodegeneration in Schizophrenia: implications for the treatment
Hilleke Hulshoff Pol (Utrecht)
- 19.30-19.40 Questionnaire

Monday July 12th, 2010

- Neurobiology of schizophrenia (2)**
Moderator: Giorgio Racagni (Milan)
- 10.00-11.00 Glutamatergic system in the pathogenesis of schizophrenia
Marco Riva (Milan)
- 11.00-12.00 Metabotropic glutamate receptors as new therapeutic targets for the treatment of schizophrenia
Ferdinando Nicoletti (Catania)
- 12.00-12.30 Discussion
- 12.30-13.30 **Sponsored lecture** by Janssen-Cilag
Long-acting formulations of antipsychotics can boost treatment adherence rates. Is it true?
Luca Pani (Milan)
- Cognitive function in schizophrenia: new insights**
Moderator: Giovanni Biggio (Cagliari)
- 16.00-17.00 Cognitive dysfunctions as endophenotypes of schizophrenia: neurobiological correlates
Silvana Galderisi (Naples)
- 17.00-18.00 Cognitive impairment and long-term outcome in schizophrenia
Eugenio Aguglia (Catania)
- 18.00-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.30 **Special Lecture**
Cognitive effects of antipsychotic drugs
Michael Davidson (Tel Aviv)
- 19.30-19.40 Questionnaire

Tuesday July 13rd, 2010

- Drug discovery in schizophrenia**
Moderator: Maria Angela Sortino (Catania)
- 10.00-11.00 Searching for new pharmacological targets in schizophrenia
Andrea De Bartolomeis (Naples)
- 11.00-12.00 New approaches for antipsychotic drug development
Luca Pani (Milan)
- 12.00-12.30 Discussion
- Pharmacological treatment of schizophrenia**
Moderator: Mauro Mauri (Pisa)
- 16.00-17.00 Second-generation versus first-generation antipsychotic drugs for schizophrenia: which evidence?
Edoardo Spina (Messina)
- 17.00-18.00 Neuroimaging and response to treatment with antipsychotics in schizophrenia
Alessandro Bertolino (Bari)
- 18.00-18.30 Discussion

- 18.30-19.30 **Special Lecture**
Subjective well-being and quality of life under antipsychotic treatment
Dieter Naber (Hamburg)
- 19.30-19.40 Questionnaire

Wednesday July 14th, 2010

- Safety of antipsychotics: from pre-clinical evidence to regulatory restrictions**
Moderator: Dieter Naber (hamburg)
- 10.00-11.00 Cardiovascular risks of antipsychotic treatment
Milou-Daniel Drici (Nice)
- 11.00-12.00 Antipsychotic drugs and the risk of cerebrovascular events: which evidence?
Emilio Sacchetti (Brescia)
- 12.00-12.30 Discussion
- Bipolar disorder: from diagnosis to long-term treatment**
Moderator: Edoardo Spina (Messina)
- 16.00-17.00 Bipolar depression: diagnostic guidelines and treatment options
Mauro Mauri (Pisa)
- 17.00-18.00 Mixed states: clinical subtyping and implications for the treatment
Athanasios Koukopoulos (Rome)
- 18.00-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.30 **Special lecture**
Treating mania and managing long-term treatment of bipolar disorder
Siegfried Kasper (Austria)
- 19.30-19.40 Questionnaire

Thursday July 15th, 2010

- Bipolar disorder: neurobiology and neuropharmacology**
Moderator: Salvatore Salomone (Catania)
- 10.00-11.00 Neurobiological trait abnormalities in bipolar disorder
Sophia Frangou (London)
- 11.00-12.00 Molecular mechanisms underlying mood stabilizers efficacy: lessons from lithium
Robert Belmaker (Beersheba)
- 12.00-12.30 Discussion
- Psychosis in neurological disorders: from diagnosis to treatment**
Moderator: Giovanni Gambassi (Rome)
- 16.00-17.00 Psychotic disorders in epilepsy: etiology, clinical features, and therapeutic implications
Riccardo Torta (Turin)