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# *In Search of Lost Time 5*

## **CHALLENGING FOCAL CORTICAL DYSPLASIAS & AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES WITH EPILEPSY**

**Rome, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACT  
FOR PARTICIPANTS < 40**  
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# Timetable

December 16 <sup>th</sup> Monday		December 17 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday		December 18 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	
		08:30	<b>Session #3</b> Treating Autoimmune Encephalitis and AEAEs	08:30	<b>Session #8</b> FCDs: Outcomes and looking into the future
08:30	<i>EpiCARE Members Executive Committee Meeting Starhotels Michelangelo</i>	10:00	<i>Break</i>	10:30	<i>Break</i>
		10:30	<b>Session #4</b> FCDs and Presurgical evaluation	11:00	<b>Session #9</b> Fostering the future: presentations from young clinicians and researchers
13:45	Welcome and introduction of the Workshop	12:10	<b>Session #5</b> Patient engagement in research and Advocated	13:00	Closing remarks
14:00	<b>Session #1</b> From acute symptomatic-seizures to Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy	13:15	<i>Lunch</i>	13:15	<i>Farewell lunch</i>
16:00	<i>Break</i>	14:15	<b>Session #6</b> FCDs and Surgical treatment		
16:30	<b>Session #2</b> Diagnostics and prognostic biomarkers in Autoimmune Encephalitis	16:00	<i>Break</i>		
18:00	<i>Networking meetings</i>	16:15	<b>Session #7</b> Epileptic seizures in brain disorders - 3		
20:30	<i>Welcome Reception for registered participants only</i>	18:30	<i>Networking meetings</i>		

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Tiziana Granata - Italy  
Reetta Kälviäinen - Finland  
Katja Kobow - Germany  
Matthias Koepp - London  
Lieven Lagae - Belgium  
Gabriele Lignani - Italy  
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## Registration fees

EpiCARE Members Senior & Junior  
**€ 146,40** (including VAT 22%)

Non EpiCARE Members Senior  
**€ 207,40** (including VAT 22%)

Non EpiCARE Members Junior  
(under 40 years old)  
**€ 170,80** (including VAT 22%)

EpiCARE ePAG (Patient Advocate)  
**€ 122,00** (including VAT 22%)

Companies Staff  
**€ 366,00** (including VAT 22%)

Fee includes:

- ▷ Admission to scientific sessions
- ▷ Lunches and coffee breaks
- ▷ Welcome Reception on December 16<sup>th</sup>
- ▷ Certificate of attendance

## CME = ECM

The Course has not been accredited for CME Programme

## Certificate of attendance

The certificate of attendance will be delivered at the end of the Workshop

## Badge

Participants are kindly requested to wear their badge at all times and in all areas of the meeting venue

## Welcome Reception

December 16<sup>th</sup> at 20:30

*Details will follow*

## Organizing Secretariat



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Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

13:45 - 14:00 **Welcome and introduction to the Workshop**  
*Alexis Arzimanoglou - Nicola Specchio - Federico Vigevano*

## **Autoimmune diseases and Epilepsy**

### **Session #1**

**14:00 - 16:00 From acute symptomatic-seizures to Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy**

Chairs: *Eugen Trinkla - TBC*

14:00 - 14:30 **Autoimmune Encephalitis update**  
*TBC*

14:30 - 14:50 **Autoimmune Encephalitis Associated Epilepsy (AEAE)**  
*Tobias Baumgartner*

14:50 - 15:10 **Autoimmune encephalitis with epilepsy in paediatric patients**  
*Tais Armangue*

15:10 - 15:30 **Rasmussen Encephalitis**  
*Tiziana Granata*

15:30 - 16:00 **General discussion**

16:00 - 16:30 Break

### **Session #2**

**16:30 - 18:00 Diagnostics and prognostic biomarkers in Autoimmune Encephalitis**

Chairs: *Stephane Auvin - Maša Malenica*

16:30 - 16:50 **EEG and seizure semiology in Autoimmune Encephalitis**  
*Andrea Stabile*

16:50 - 17:10 **Imaging (MRI / FDG-PET) for diagnosis and prognosis in Autoimmune Encephalitis**  
*Matthias Koepp*

17:10 - 17:30 **From the lab to the clinic**  
*Julika Pitsch*

17:30 - 18:00 **General discussion**

18:00 - 19:00 **Networking meetings**

20:30 **Welcome Reception**

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Session #3**

#### **08:30 - 10:00 Treating Autoimmune Encephalitis and AEAEs**

Chairs: *Francesca Bisulli - Reetta Kalviainen*

08:30 - 08:50 **Current state of immunomodulatory treatments and anti-seizure medication in Autoimmune Encephalitis**  
*Alberto Vogrig*

08:50 - 09:10 **Treatment of NORSE/FIRES**  
*Rima Nabbout*

09:10 - 09:30 **Neuromodulation and epilepsy surgery in patients with Autoimmune Encephalitis**  
*Mar Carreño*

09:30 - 09:45 **Ketogenic diet in patients with Autoimmune encephalitis**  
*Valentina De Giorgis*

09:45 - 10:00 **General discussion**

10:00 - 10:30 Break

### **Challenging the Focal Cortical Dysplasias**

#### **Session #4**

#### **10:30 - 12:10 FCDs and Presurgical evaluation**

Chairs: *Rodrigo Rocamora - Guido Rubboli*

10:30 - 10:50 **How to classify the FCDs**  
*Katja Kobow*

10:50 - 11:10 **How to improve FCDs imaging**  
*Sophie Adler - Petr Marusic*

11:10 - 11:30 **Genetics of FCDs: germline, somatic, or both?**  
*Sara Baldassari*

11:30 - 11:50 **MRI-negative but suspected FCD; what about a brain biopsy?**  
*Kees Braun*

11:50 - 12:10 **General discussion**

**12:10 - 13:15**      **Session #5**  
**Patient engagement in research and Advocated**

Chairs: *TBC*

**Building cure road map**  
*Kosla Malgorzata*

**Patients involved in the research**  
*Isabella Brambilla*

**Patient involvement in country regulatory process**  
*Irene Bibic*

**Collaboration in research**  
*Carol-Anne Partridge*

**Helping Young association in PAO involvement**  
*TBC*

**13:00 - 13:15**      **General Discussion**

**13:15 - 14:15**      Lunch break

**14:15 - 16:00**      **Session #6**  
**FCDs and Surgical treatment**

Chairs: *Carmen Barba - Petia Dimova*

**14:15 - 14:35**      **If you see a Focal Cortical Dysplasia: just cut it out?**  
*Helen Cross*

**14:35 - 14:55**      **What to expect from “minimally invasive” techniques**  
*Martin Tisdall*

**14:55 - 15:15**      **SEEG in FCDs: when and how to consider red flags**  
*Laura Tassi*

**15:15 - 15:35**      **The use of ECoG; does it add and how?**  
*Maeike Zijlmans*

**15:35 - 16:00**      **General discussion**

**16:00 - 16:15**      Break

**16:15 - 18:30**      **Session #7**  
**Advanced Therapeutic Medicinal Products and Pharma**

Chairs: *Nicola Specchio - Alexis Arzimanoglou*

**18:30 - 19:30**      **Networking meetings**



Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**Session #8**

**08:30 - 10:30**      **FCDs: Outcomes and looking into the future**

Chairs: *Alexis Arzimanoglou - Giorgia Ramantani*

**08:30 - 08:50**      **Update about surgical outcomes and determinants**

*Luca de Palma*

**08:50 - 09:10**      **Neuromodulation for focal epilepsy**

*TBC*

**09:10 - 09:30**      **Gene therapy approaches for focal epilepsies**

*Gabriele Lignani*

**09:30 - 09:50**      **When surgery fails or is not possible: targeted medication?**

*Elena Gardella - Rikke Steensbjerre Møller*

**09:50 - 10:15**      **What do we need to advance the field and improve outcomes**

*Ingmar Blümcke*

**10:15 - 10:30**      **General Discussion**

**10:30 - 11:00**      Break

**Session #9**

**11:00 - 13:00**      **Fostering the future: presentations from young clinicians and researchers**

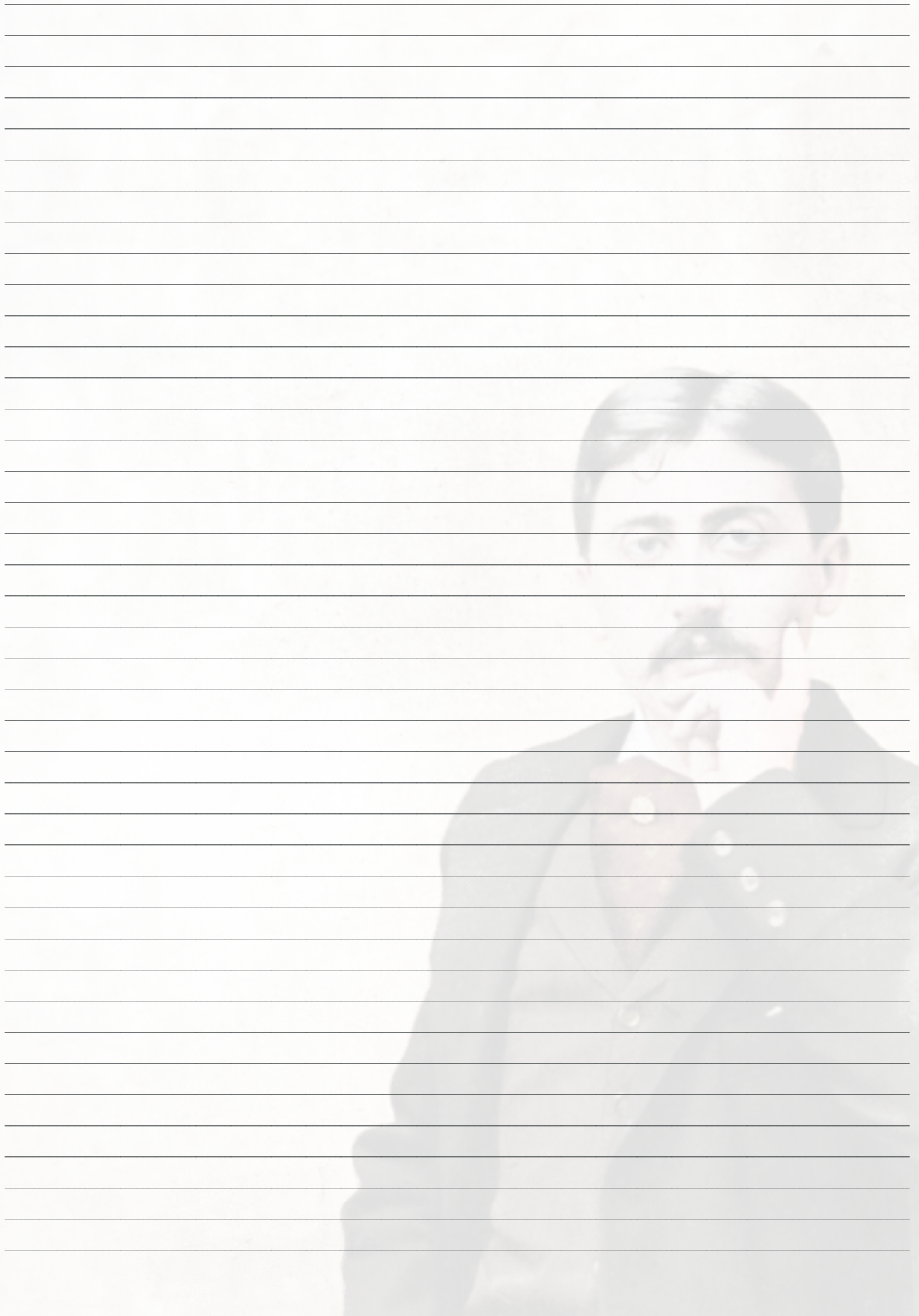
Chairs: *Lieven Lagae - Ronit Pressler*

**13:00 - 13:15**      Closing remarks

**13:15 - 14:15**      Lunch



# Notes



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