



# ANF

Adriatic Neurology Forum  
2018

**MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

Monopoli (Puglia, Italy)



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

on behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Adriatic Neurologic Forum in Monopoli, Italy between May 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 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 posters and will include superb scientific material that will be carefully selected by the Scientific Program Committee.

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 your 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 seas in May 2018.

We thank you for your participation and look forward to seeing you in Monopoli.

Yours sincerely,

**Nicola Specchio**

**Federico Vigeveno**



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## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

- 17:30      **Opening address**  
*Silvio Basic, Luigi Maria Specchio,  
Nicola Specchio, Federico Vigevano*
- 18:00      Lecture  
*(tba)*
- 19:00      Welcome reception

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### Epilepsy

- 09:00 – 10:15    **Epilepsy classification and seizure semiology**  
  
**Chairs: Meir Bialer - Oriano Mecarelli**  
  
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    **Video Session on Seizure semiology**  
  
**Chairs: Athanasios Covanis - Paolo Tinuper**  
  
Focal Seizures in children  
*Nicola Pietrafusa*  
  
Focal seizures in adults  
*Stefano Meletti*  
  
Generalized seizures in children  
*Nebojsa Jovic*  
  
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 and Poster session**

14:30 – 16:30 **Updates in Epilepsy treatment**

**Chairs: Ettore Beghi - Alla Guekht**

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

Alternative medications:

- the role of cannabinoids  
*Monica Lodi*

- Neurostimulation  
VNS implantation  
*Željka Petelin Gadže*

New management strategies in the treatment of Status Epilepticus  
*Eugen Trinko*

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

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

17:00 – 18:00 **Symposium - Neurostimulation**  
*Renar Primec Zvonka*

18:00 – 19:00 **Young neurology Forum 1**

**Chairs: Giovanni Boero - Aleksandar Ristic**

# Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

## Neurodegenerative diseases and Movement disorders

### Tauopathies

08:30 - 11:00    **Chairs: Vladimir S.Costik**  
**Giancarlo Logroscino**

Clinical spectrum and epidemiology  
*Giancarlo Logroscino*

The Neuropathology  
*(tba)*

The imaging in tauopathies  
*(tba)*

Neuropsychology in tauopathies  
*(tba)*

The laboratory diagnostic in tauopathies  
*(tba)*

Genetic omics and tauopathies  
*(tba)*

11:00 - 11:30    Poster Session and coffee break

### Huntington Chorea and ALS

11:30 - 13:30    **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 Epifani*

The Huntington disease in Puglia  
*(tba)*

The registry tool in Huntington and ALS  
*Rosanna Tortelli*

13:30 - 14:30    Lunch and Poster session

14:30 - 15:45 **Symposium - Lipofuscinosis**  
(tba)

## **The neurodegenerative diseases across the Adriatic Sea**

15:45 - 17:45 **Chairs: Giancarlo Logroscino - (tba)**

Dementia in Serbia  
*Elka Stefanova*

Dementia in Montenegro  
*Mirjana Cukic*

Dementia in Albania  
*Jera Kruia*

Status of The Adriatic extension of  
SLAP-DEM: the Albanian Register  
*Ilir Alimehmeti*

Dementia in Puglia  
*Rosa Capozzo*

17:45 - 18:00 **Coffee Break**

18:00 - 19:00 **Young neurology Forum 2**

**Chairs: Marina De Tommaso**  
**Osman Sinanovic**



# Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May

## Multiple sclerosis

08:45 - 09:00 Introduction  
*Maria Trojano*

09:00 - 10:45 **Update in MS etiology and pathogenesis**

**Chairs: L. Margari - Maria Trojano**

The natural history: is it changed in the past 20 years?  
(*tba*)

Do MS in children present with the same evolution?  
*Massimiliano Valeriani*

Genes and environment in MS  
(*tba*)

Mechanisms of Neuroinflammation: biomarkers.  
*Diego Centonze*

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45 **Update in MS diagnosis and progression**

**Chairs: Carlo Pozzilli - J. Djelivovic-Vranic**

The role of MRI in the new MS diagnostic criteria in MS  
*Mara Rocca*

Diagnostic and differential diagnostic dilemmas in MS  
*Vanja Basic-Kes*

Measurement of progression of disease  
(*tba*)

Evaluation of myelin damage and repair: electrophysiological outcomes  
(*tba*)

Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy-a parallel of MS in peripheral nervous system?  
*Ervina Bilic*



12:45 - 13:30 **Poster session**

13:30 - 14:30 **Lunch**

**Updates in Multiple Sclerosis treatment**

14:30 - 16:00 **Chairs: I. Lazibat - Marta Simone**

MS new treatments and updates  
on established treatments  
*Mario Habek*

Defining what is working: choosing when  
and how to escalate  
*J. Drulovic*

Therapeutic advances and failures  
in progressive MS  
*Damiano Paolicelli*

Therapeutic advances in pediatric MS  
*Marta Simone*

Cognitive impairment: current approaches  
to management  
*Pietro Iaffaldano*

16:00- 16:45 **Keynote lecture**  
**Chairs: Nicola Specchio - (tba)**

The Italian MS Registry:  
Effectiveness of MS Treatment  
*Maria Trojano*

16:45 - 17:15 **Coffee Break**

17:15 - 18:15 **Symposium**  
*(tba)*

18:15 - 19:15 **Young neurology Forum 3**  
**Chairs: Marta Simone - (tba)**

# Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May

## Epilepsy

### Workshop on Transition in Epilepsy

09:30 – 11:00 **Chairs: S. Basic - (tba)**

Why Epilepsy need a transition program?  
*Davor Sporis*

How Can Transition/Transfer Be  
Facilitated (available models of transition)?  
*(tba)*

Challenges of caring of adults with  
undiagnosed childhood-onset seizures  
*(Francesca Bisulli)*

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:15 **Chairs: Vlada Bascaveric - (tba)**

Discontinuation of AEDs  
*Emilija Cvetkovska*

Patient-Specific Detection of Cerebral  
Blood Flow Alterations as Assessed by  
Arterial Spin Labeling and correlation  
with standard and High density EEG in  
Drug-Resistant Epileptic Patients  
*Paolo Manganotti*

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

12:15 **Closing remarks**

## Venue

Teatro Auditorium Radar - 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 Monopoli 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. Its 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## How to reach Monopoli

The Organizing Committee will provide scheduled transfers either from Bari and Brindisi airports on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May

## Registration fees

### up March 31<sup>st</sup>

Delegates	€ 380,00 (+22% VAT = € 463,60)
Young attendees*	€ 260,00 (+22% VAT = € 317,20)
Accompanying persons	€ 120,00 (+22% VAT = € 146,40)

### from April 1<sup>st</sup> and on site

Delegates	€ 440,00 (+22% VAT = € 536,80)
Young attendees*	€ 260,00 (+22% VAT = € 317,20)
Accompanying persons	€ 120,00 (+22% VAT = € 146,40)

\*(under 35 years at the date of the Forum)

## Registration fees include:

### Participants

- Scientific Sessions
- Coffee breaks and working lunches as in the program
- Welcome reception on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Congress dinner on May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Certificate of attendance

### Accompanying persons

- Welcome reception on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Congress dinner on May 26<sup>th</sup>

(Accompanying persons are not allowed to join coffee breaks and lunches)

## General Information

### Deadlines March 31<sup>st</sup>

- Abstract submission
- Bird registration

For abstract submission, registration to the Forum, hotel reservations, please visit the Forum web-site: [www.ptsroma.it/anf2018](http://www.ptsroma.it/anf2018)

For further information do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Secretariat

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