Dr Stephen Zammit  President
Malta Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine Association

Welcome Address
Malta will be hosting the 12th Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine from the 9th till the 12th November 2017. It is the first time that Malta will be hosting an international Rehabilitation Congress and we are very excited and looking forward to it.

Throughout the last few years our National Association, the Malta Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Association (MPRMA), has worked hard to push the specialty on a higher level and has managed to convince our policy makers to give the specialty its deserved place in the clinical pathway.

We are really looking forward for a greater presence of many Mediterranean countries and those bordering, with special emphasis on those not regularly present in such congresses.

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Congress
PROGRAMME

Thursday, 9 November 2017
13:00 Registrations
15:00 ‘EMRSS Siracusa’ - Prof. Cirillo
16:00 ‘Cochrane Rehab Review’ - Dr. Gimigliano & Dr. Grubisic
17:00 ‘Robotics: Use and their Future’
    - Dott. Rocco Salvatore Calabrò
18:00 Opening Ceremony
    ‘Economic Advantages of Rehabilitation’
    - Prof Anthony B. Ward
18:30 Entertainment and Reception

Friday, 10 November 2017
08:00 Registrations
09:00 ‘Rehabilitating rehabilitation – harnessing innovation successfully!’ - Prof. Ian Curran
09:30 ‘Latest updates on Amputee Rehab’ - Dr. Iuly Treger
10:00 ‘Enabling Technology and employment outcomes for disabled persons’ - Ms. Victoria Gauci
10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 Workshop 1 (Hall 3) ‘Peripheral nerve lesions: role of electrodagnosis and neuroimaging’ - Prof. Ilker Yagci
11:00 Oral Presentations:
    • Neuro Degenerative Disorders (Hall 1)
    • Musculoskeletal (Hall 2)
13:00 Lunch - Poster Presentations
14:30 ‘Neurologic Speech Disorders: Technological advances in diagnosis & assessment’ - Prof. Jordan Green
15:00 ‘Outcome measures in Rehabilitation’
    - Prof. Franco Franchignoni
15:30 Oral Presentations: • to be announced
15:30 Poster Presentations
20:00 Networking Official Dinner

Saturday, 11 November 2017
08:00 Registrations
09:00 ‘PRM- What it is and what it isn’t’ - Prof. Luigi Tesio
09:30 ‘Neuromodulation update in clinical use’
    - Prof. Felipe Fregni
10:00 ‘Rating of Heterotropic Classification in the hip’
    - Prof. George I. Vasileiadis
10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 Workshop 2 (Hall 3) ‘Management of chronic pain syndromes & neuropathic pain’ - Dr. Gulseren Akyuz
11:00 Oral Presentations:
    • Neuro Degenerative Disorders (Hall 1)
    • Musculoskeletal (Hall 2)
13:00 Lunch - Poster Presentations
14:30 ‘Clinical Trials update in Brain Injury: what we learnt and the next steps’ - Prof. Ross Zafonte
15:00 ‘Lower limb robotic assisted gait rehabilitation: Current evidence and future perspectives’ - Dott. Rocco S. Calabrò
15:30 Oral Presentations:
    • Innovative Technology (Hall 1)
    • Brain Trauma and Spinal Cord Injuries (Hall 2)
15:30 Poster Presentations
20:00 Networking Official Dinner

Sunday, 12 November 2017
09:00 ‘Rehabilitation approach to cardiac comorbidity in rheumatic disease’ - Prof. Ilker Yagci
09:30 ‘The role of the PRM physician in Breast Cancer’
    - Dr. Raquel Valero
10:00 ‘Old & new challenges in doctor-patient communication; Delivery of non-positive news to patients’
    - Prof. Dott. Giuseppina Frazzica
10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 Workshop 3 (Hall 3) ‘Ultrasound in clinical practice of the nervous system’ - Prof. Levent Özçakar
11:00 Oral Presentations:
    • Sports Injury
    • Cardio Pulmonary Rehab
13:00 Closing Ceremony

Programme as at July 2017. For an updated time-table, visit Congress website

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Note: workshops are free but only the first 20 registrations will be accepted for each workshop.
The following Keynote speakers will be participating in the Congress:

**Dott. Rocco Salvatore Calabrò**
PhD in Neuropsychiatric Sciences; a Masters in Bioethic and Sexuology and in Psychosexology. He is a Neurologist at Department of Neurosciences, University of Messina.

**Dott. Cesare Giuseppe Cerri**
Board certified in Neurology at the University of Milan; Pediatrics at the University of Genoa and Medical Statistics and Biometrics at the University of Milan.

**Prof. Ian Curran**
Professor, Assistant Director of Education and Professional Standards at the General Medical Council United Kingdom.

**Prof. Franco Franchignoni**
Professor in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Has Specialised in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation by the European Board of PM&R, ‘Senior Fellow’ of the UEMS PRM Board and ‘Life Fellow’.

**Dott. Pina R. Frazzica**
Presently responsible for internal and external communication, including scientific publications within the National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (NIHMP), Italy.

**Prof. Felipe Fregni**
Director, Laboratory of Neuromodulation, SRH. Associate Professor at Harvard University.

**Ms Vickie Gauci**
Occupational Therapist with Master's in neurorehabilitation from Brunel University, London. She is an assistant lecturer with the Department of Disability Studies, Faculty for Social Wellbeing, at the University of Malta.

**Prof. Jordan Green**
Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Director of the Speech and Feeding Disorders Lab, Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions.

**Prof. Levent Özçakar**
Professor at Hacettepe University Medical School, Ankara, Turkey. His main areas of interest are: Musculoskeletal ultrasonography, scientific publishing and thoracic outlet syndrome.

**Prof. Luigi Tesio**
MD, Professor of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in Milan. He was trained in neurophysiology, biomechanics, and bio-engineering. Director of the Department of Neurehabilitation Sciences at the Istituto Auxologico Italiano.

**Dr. Iuly Treger**
Holds various degrees in physical medicine and rehabilitation and Health Systems Management. Council Member of the National Council for Rehabilitation, Ministry of Health; Deputy Director, Reuth Medical Rehabilitation Center and Head of Rehabilitation Department at the Soroka Medical Center, Beer Sheva.

**Dr. George I. Vasileiadis**
Physiatrist with experience in Greece (Attikon University Hospital) and in the USA (Rochester- Mayo Clinic). A researcher in heterotopic ossification. Presently Chef de Clinique at 'Hopital du Valais, Switzerland.

**Prof. Anthony B. Ward**
Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at Staffordshire University and Director of the North Staffordshire Rehabilitation Centre (NSRC) at the Haywood Hospital in Stoke on Trent.

**Prof. Ilker Yagci**
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist with expertise in rheumatology, electrophysiology, musculoskeletal ultrasound, cardiac rehabilitation.

**Prof. Ross Zafonte**
Earle P. and Ida S. Charlton Professor and Chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School.

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Registrations
Registration fee covers all congress material including conference bag, final programme and abstract book; certificate of participation; opening ceremony; coffee breaks, lunch breaks and social evening with dinner. The Networking Official Dinner held on Saturday, 11 November 2017 is optional and can be booked separately.

Registration Fees
Early Bird - received by 31st July 2017
2nd Call - received by 30th September 2017
Final Call and on-site registration

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Oral and Poster Presentations
In order to present a poster or an oral presentation, one must register for the Congress and submit an abstract for evaluation by the scientific committee.

For regular updates refer to the Congress website

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