

## 2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL PORTO CONGRESS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

25-26 January 2013

Porto - Ordem dos Médicos

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013 - 9h00 – 17h00

9h00

**Welcome address**

Maria José Sá, Dept. of Neurology, Centro Hospitalar São João, Porto, Health Sciences Faculty, University Fernando Pessoa, Porto

9h15 – 11h15

**Session 1 – MS and Neuroimmunology**

**Chairpersons:** *to be defined*

**The cytokines network in MS relapses and the impact of high dose intravenous methylprednisolone**

Christian Sindic, Dept. of Neurology, Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc, Brussels, Belgium

**Autoimmunity and MS**

Thomas Berger, Multiple Sclerosis Clinic, Clinical Dept. of Neurology, Innsbruck Medical University, Austria

**Update in body fluid markers**

Gavin Giovannoni, Blizard Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London, UK

11h15 – 12h00

Coffee Break | Exhibition Hall | Poster view

12h00 – 13h00

**Conference “Evidence for Disease Heterogeneity in MS: Update on Controversy”**

**Chairperson:**

Maria José Sá, Dept. of Neurology, Centro Hospitalar São João, Porto, Health Sciences Faculty, University Fernando Pessoa, Porto

Claudia Lucchinetti, Dept. of Neurology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, USA

13h00 – 14h30

Lunch

14h30 – 15h00

**Conference "Tiles of a city: streets and monuments of Oporto"**

**Chairperson:**

Salvato Trigo, Dean of the University Fernando Pessoa

Sérgio Lira, Human and Social Sciences Faculty, University Fernando Pessoa, Porto

15h00 – 17h00

**Session 2 – Cognition in Multiple Sclerosis**

**Chairpersons:** *to be defined*

**Assessment of cognition in MS**

Stephen Rao, Neurological Institute Cleveland Clinic, USA

**Cognitive Dysfunction in MS: problems and solutions**

Maria Pia Amato, Dept. of Neurology University of Florence, Italy

### **Cortical lesions and atrophy in MS**

Paolo Gallo, The Multiple Sclerosis Centre of Veneto Region, Dept of Neurosciences, University Hospital, Padova, Veneto, Italy

17h00 – 17h30 Coffee Break | Exhibition Hall | Poster view

17h30 – 19h00 Short-Courses (90')  
- MS and Autoimmune diseases  
- MS escalating therapy  
- MS Team – focus in MS nurses

20h00 Gala Dinner

### **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013 - 9h00 – 17h00**

9h00 – 10h30 **Session 3 – Centred-patient Therapy**  
**Chairpersons:** *to be defined*

#### **Treatment “a la carte”: reality or fiction?**

Oscar Fernandez, Hospital Regional Universitario Carlos Haya, Malaga, Spain

#### **Overview of rehabilitation approaches**

Jurg Kesselring, Dept. of Neurology and Neurorehabilitation, Rehabilitation Centre, Valens, Switzerland

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee Break | Exhibition Hall | Poster view

11h00 – 12h00 **Conference “2012 Hot Topics in MS”**  
**Chairperson:** *to be defined*

Otto Hommes, European Charcot Foundation Molenhoek, Netherlands

### **Joint Meeting with Multiple Sclerosis Study Group of Portuguese Society of Neurology**

#### **“Grupo de Estudos de Esclerose Múltipla (GEEM)”**

12h00 **Welcome address**  
Joaquim Pinheiro, Dept. of Neurology, Centro Hospitalar Vila Nova Gaia/Espinho

12h15–13h30 **Session 4 – Ten minutes vignettes of approved disease-modifying drugs**  
**Chairpersons:** *to be defined*

Avonex®	(Biogen Idec)
Betaferon®	(Bayer Healthcare)
Copaxone®	(Teva)
Gylenia®	(Novartis Pharma)
Rebif®	(Merck Serono)
Tysabri®	(Biogen Idec)

13h30 – 14h30 Lunch

14h30 – 15h30 **Poster session**  
**Chairpersons:** *to be defined*

15h30 – 17h00 **Oral presentations**  
**Chairpersons:** *to be defined*

17h00 – 17h30      Coffee Break | Exhibition Hall

17h30                City Tour

20h00                Dinner