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### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>

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| 08.30<br>09.00             | PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 09.00<br>09.30             | OPENING OF PROCEEDINGS AND INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS<br>Lucia Monaco, AriSLA President, Milan<br>Institutions', representatives                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 09.30<br>10.00             | LECTIO MAGISTRALIS<br>HUMAN IN VITRO MODELS OF NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASE: FROM<br>PATHOGENESIS TO TARGET DISCOVERY<br>Jeroen Pasterkamp, Utrecht (The Netherlands)                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10.00<br>10.45             | GENETIC IN ALS: NEW STRATEGIES FOR GENE IDENTIFICATION<br>Chair: Andrea Calvo, Turin<br>Discussion panel:<br>Sandra D'Alfonso, Novara - Nicola Ticozzi, Milan - Antonio Orlacchio, Perugia                                                                                                                           |
| 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee Break |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 11.15<br>12.45             | ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE IN ALS PATHOGENESIS AND STRATEGIC<br>DEVELOPMENTS<br>Chair: Lucie Bruijn, Basel (Switzerland)                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                            | PART 1: DIALOGUE BETWEEN NERVE AND MUSCLE<br>Discussion panel:<br>Giovanni Nardo, Milan - Tania Zaglia, Padua - Carmelo Milioto, Milan - Rosanna<br>Piccirillo, Milan<br><br>PART 2: IDENTIFICATION OF NEW PATHWAYS<br>Discussion panel:<br>Marta Fumagalli, Milan - Valeria Gerbino, Rome - Riccarda Granata, Turin |
| 12.45 - 14.00 Lunch        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 14.00<br>15.30             | POSTER SESSION - 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 15.30<br>16.30             | FOCUS ON TDP-43 AND RNA METABOLISM<br>Chair: Antonia Ratti, Milan<br>Discussion panel:<br>Valentina Bonetto, Milan - Emanuele Buratti, Trieste - Serena Carra, Modena<br>Alessandro Rosa, Rome                                                                                                                       |
| 16.30<br>17.30             | HOW TO FIND BIOMARKERS IN ALS?<br>Chair: Stefania Corti, Milan<br>Discussion panel:<br>Manuela Basso, Trento - Eleonora Dalla Bella, Milan - Nilo Riva, Milan - Laura Calabresi,<br>Milan - Marcello Manfredi, Novara                                                                                                |
| 17.30<br>19.00             | POSTER SESSION - 2 + SPRITZ TIME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 09.00<br>09.30             | LECTIO MAGISTRALIS<br>PROSPECTS ON INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STRATEGIES<br>David Taylor, ALS Canada, Toronto (Canada)                                                                                  |
| 9.30<br>10.30              | CLINICAL BIOMARKERS: IMPACT ON PATIENTS<br>Chairs: Anna Ambrosini, Milan<br>Discussion panel:<br>Andrea Bandini, Modena - Federica Cerri, Milan - Umberto Manera, Turin                             |
| 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11.00<br>12.30             | INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND PERSONALIZED MEDICINE IN ALS<br>Chair: Lucia Monaco, Milan<br>Discussion panel:<br>Christian Lunetta, Milan - Piera Pasinelli, Philadelphia (USA) - Mario Sabatelli, Rome |
| 12.30<br>13.00             | POSTER PRIZE<br>Coordinator: Brian Dickie, Northampton (UK)                                                                                                                                         |
| 13.00                      | NEWLY FUNDED ARISLA GRANTS AND CLOSING REMARKS<br>Lucia Monaco, Milan                                                                                                                               |

Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECOND DAY WILL BE TRANSMITTED IN STREAMING



### Speakers and moderators

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| Ambrosini Anna       | Fondazione AriSLA, Milan                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Bandini Andrea       | Health Science Interdisciplinary Center, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa; Department of Engineering 'Enzo Ferrari', Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Modena                    |
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| Bonetto Valentina    | Research Center for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS Center), Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS, Milan                                                                     |
| Bruijn Lucie         | Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research, Basel, Switzerland                                                                                                                                   |
| Buratti Emanuele     | International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Trieste                                                                                                                  |
| Calabresi Laura      | Department of Pharmacological and Biomolecular Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan                                                                                                 |
| Calvo Andrea         | AOU Città della Salute e della Scienza di Torino; Department of Neuroscience 'Rita Levi Montalcini', Università degli Studi di Torino, Turin                                                     |
| Carra Serena         | Department of Biomedical, Metabolic and Neural Sciences, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Modena                                                                                |
| Cerri Federica       | Neuromuscular Omnicentre (NEMO), Fondazione Serena Onlus ETS, Milan                                                                                                                              |
| Corti Stefania       | Department of Pathophysiology and Transplantation, Università degli Studi di Milano; Neuroscience and Mental Health Department, Fondazione IRCCS Ca' Granda Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milan |
| D'alfonso Sandra     | Department of Health Sciences, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara                                                                                                                         |
| Dalla Bella Eleonora | Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Neurologico Carlo Besta, Milan                                                                                                                                         |
| Dickie Brian         | MND Association, Northampton, United Kingdom                                                                                                                                                     |
| Fumagalli Marta      | Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan                                                                                                                   |
| Gerbino Valeria      | Fondazione LIFE - Santa Lucia IRCCS, National Research Council (CNR), Rome                                                                                                                       |
| Granata Riccarda     | Department of Molecular Biotechnology and Health Sciences, Università degli Studi di Torino, Turin                                                                                               |
| Lunetta Christian    | Department of Neurorehabilitation, Istituti Clinici Scientifici Maugeri IRCCS, Milan                                                                                                             |
| Manera Umberto       | SC Neurologia 1U, AOU Città della Salute e della Scienza di Torino, Department of Neuroscience 'Rita Levi Montalcini', Università degli Studi di Torino, Turin                                   |
| Manfredi Marcello    | Department of Translational Medicine, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara                                                                                                                  |
| Masciocchi Paolo     | Fondazione AriSLA, Milan                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Milioto Carmelo      | Department of Pharmacological and Biomolecular Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan                                                                                                 |
| Monaco Lucia         | Fondazione AriSLA, Milan                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Nardo Giovanni       | Laboratory of Neuromuscular Diseases, Research Center for ALS, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS, Milan                                                                      |
| Orlacchio Antonio    | Department of Medicine and Surgery, Università degli Studi di Perugia, Perugia                                                                                                                   |
| Pasterkamp Jeroen    | Department of Translational Neuroscience, University Medical Center (UMC) Utrecht Brain Center, Utrecht, The Netherlands                                                                         |
| Pasinelli Piera      | Jefferson Weinberg ALS Center, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA, USA                                                                                                                |
| Piccirillo Rosanna   | Research Center for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS Center), Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS, Milan                                                                     |
| Ratti Antonia        | Center of Neurobiology, Human Behaviour and Clinical Neuroscience, IRCCS Istituto Auxologico Italiano, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan                                                   |
| Riva Nilo            | Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Neurologico Carlo Besta, Milan                                                                                                                                         |
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| Taylor David         | ALS Society of Canada, Toronto, Canada                                                                                                                                                           |
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