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The Kurhaus Meran, Merano, Italy

2nd ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

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### Important Deadlines:

- Abstract submission: June 1, 2011
- Early registration fee: June 30, 2011
WELCOME ADDRESS

During the past two decades developments in neuroscience have markedly increased, both in knowledge as well as in diagnostic and therapeutic armamentarium in neurorehabilitation. Due to this evolution, various European countries have founded national neurorehabilitation societies, which have been active in organizing local congresses and educational programs over the years.

These European activities and experiences have been represented at the biannual congresses of the World Federation of Neurorehabilitation. In the interest of European traditions in neurorehabilitation, the Austrian, Dutch, German, Italian, and Swiss societies have decided to organize a common European meeting in order to share local particularities, experiences, evidence, and future plans in neurorehabilitation on a broader European spectrum.

The multicultural and multinational European initiative is reflected by the congress venue. Merano, South Tyrol, Italy, is located in the heart of the Alps, a region with three official languages, German, Italian, and Ladin. Historically, this region has always been a crossroad junction where different European cultures, languages, and civilizations met mostly (but not always) in a peaceful and constructive manner.

The First European Neurorehabilitation Congress 2011 should serve as a platform for scientific exchange of knowledge on a European level. At the same time it will set the stage for presentation of the recently founded European Federation of Neurorehabilitation Societies (EFNRS), which respects national traditions while attempting to unify forces in order to advance neurorehabilitation in Europe.

We would like to invite you to participate actively and to share your experience at the First European Neurorehabilitation Congress 2011 in Merano, South Tyrol, Italy.

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Website
For updated information on the congress, to submit an abstract or register online, please refer to the conference website on www.enrc2011.eu.
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Workshops
All workshops take place on Thursday, October 20 between 09:00 and 12:00. Registration for these courses has to be done separately by filling in the appropriate section of the registration form and is not included in the registration fees.

1. Use of ICF Domains in Goal Setting and Assessment
2. Pain Control
3. Psychotherapy Concepts in Neurorehabilitation
4. Motor control, evidence-based results in upper and lower extremities
5. Robotics in Neurorehabilitation
6. Dysphagia and Speech Disturbances

Confirmed speakers
Giovanni Abbruzzese, Italy   Carlo Miniussi, Italy
Heinrich Binder, Austria   Wolf Müllbacher, Austria
Dana Boering, Germany   Kristina Müller-Hömberg, Germany
Ulrich Bogdahn, Germany   Friedemann Müller, Germany
Giovanni Buccino, Italy   Gernot Müller-Putz, Austria
Stefano Cappa, Italy   Thomas Nyffeler, Switzerland
Leo Cohen, United States   Matthias Oechsner, Switzerland
Claudio Corradini, Italy   Walter Paulus, Germany
Armin Curt, Switzerland   Caterina Pistarini, Italy
Bruce Dobkin, United States   Federico Posteraro, Italy
Adriano Ferrari, Italy   Robert Rienzer, Switzerland
Rita Formisano, Italy   Leopold Saltuari, Austria
Aikaterini Fotopoulou, United Kingdom   Giorgio Sandrini, Italy
Marco Franceschini, Italy   Antonio Schindler, Italy
Peter Frommelt, Germany   Wolfgang Schlaegel, Switzerland
Alessandro Giustini, Italy   Armin Schnider, Switzerland
Stefan Hesse, Germany   Rüdiger Seitz, Germany
Volker Hömberg, Germany   Nicola Smania, Italy
Jürg Kesselring, Switzerland   Martin Staudt, Germany
Markus Kofler, Austria   Paolo Tonin, Italy
Gertl Kwakkel, The Netherlands   Joan Vida, Spain
Steven Laureys, Belgium   Peter Vos, The Netherlands
Joachim Lieper, Germany   Mauro Zampolini, Italy
Andreas Luft, Switzerland   Daniel Zutter, Switzerland
Andreas Meyer-Heim, Switzerland
09:00 – 10:30 Workshops I
WS1: Use of ICF Domains in Goal Setting and Assessment
WS2: Pain Control
WS3: Psychotherapy Concepts in Neurorehabilitation

10:30 – 12:00 Workshops II
WS4: Motor control, evidence based results in upper and lower extremities
WS5: Robotics in Neurorehabilitation
WS6: Dysphagia and Speech Disturbances

12:00 – 13:00 Satellite Symposium I

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch and Poster Session I
13:00 – 13:30 Digital Poster Session I

13:30 – 14:00 Break

14:00 – 14:30 Official Opening of the Conference

14:30 – 15:30 Opening lecture
The Need for a Curriculum in Neurorehabilitation Concerning the Developments in Neuroscience

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel Sessions I
PS1: Round Table: Neurorehabilitation in Europe
PS2: Virtual Reality
PS3: Neurorehabilitation and Imaging
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2011

07:00 – 08:00  Meet the Professor I
   MP1: Early Rehabilitation
   MP2: Stroke Rehabilitation
   MP3: Parkinson Rehabilitation

08:30 – 09:30  Keynote Lecture I
   Evidence-Based Rehabilitation Versus Individualized Treatment

09:30 – 10:00  Coffee Break

10:00 – 11:30  Parallel Sessions II
   PS4: Telerehabilitation
   PS5: Mechanical Devices in Neurorehabilitation
   PS6: Neuropsychology

11:30 – 12:30  Satellite Symposium II

11:30 – 12:30  Lunch and Postersession II

12:30 – 13:00  Digital Poster Session II

13:00 – 13:30  Break

13:30 – 15:00  Parallel Sessions III
   PS7: European Curriculum
   PS8: Acquired Brain Injury
   PS9: Peripheral Nerve Rehabilitation

15:00 – 15:30  Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00  Parallel Sessions IV
   PS10: Highlights of submitted Abstracts
   PS11: Best Practice in Neurorehabilitation
   PS12: Neurophysiology

17:00 – 18:30  Satellite Symposium III

20:00  Gala Dinner
07:00 – 08:00  Meet the Professor II
MP4: Traumatic Brain Injury
MP5: Multiple Sclerosis
MP6: Spinal Cord Injury

08:30 – 09:30  Keynote Lecture II
Neuromodulation

09:30 – 10:00  Break

10:00 – 11:30  Parallel Sessions V
PS13: Neurosurgery
PS14: Neuropharmacology
PS15: Pediatric Neurorehabilitation

11:30 – 13:00  Lunch and Poster Session III

13:00 – 14:30  Parallel Sessions VI
PS16: Highlights of submitted abstracts
PS17: Cellular Treatments
PS18: Neuromodulation

14:30 – 15:00  Break

15:00 – 16:00  Keynote Lecture III
Action observation treatment: a new approach in neurorehabilitation

16:00  Closing remarks
CALL FOR PAPERS

Authors are invited to submit abstracts in basic science or clinical research. The abstract submission is possible online through the conference website www.enrc2011.eu.

Abstract deadline: June 1, 2011

Abstracts may be submitted:

1. Neuropharmacology in motor rehabilitation
2. Neuropharmacology in cognitive rehabilitation
3. Robotics for upper extremities
4. Robotics for lower extremities
5. Pediatric neurorehabilitation
6. Management of seizures
7. Dysphagia
8. Neurophysiology
9. Vocational rehabilitation
10. Traumatic brain injury
11. Best practice guidelines
12. Spinal cord injury
13. Functional MRI
14. Pain control
15. Deep brain stimulation for vigilance and ataxia
16. Neglect
17. Executive disorders
18. Spasticity
19. Neuropsychology

For further guidelines and information please see the conference website on www.enrc2011.eu.
To attend the Meeting, please register online on www.enrc2011.eu. The final deadline to register for the conference is October 12, 2011 to allow for administration of these items. After this date, registrations have to be made on site. The deadline for early registration is June 30, 2011. Please note that registration will be confirmed upon receipt of payment only. Make sure that you follow the instructions for payment of all fees involved. Payments have to be free of any bank charges for the beneficiary.

Contact address for registration, hotel reservation and cancellations:

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**Registration fees**

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<td>Members of National Societies*</td>
<td>€ 300,00</td>
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<td>Non-Members</td>
<td>€ 350,00</td>
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<td>Therapists / Technicians / Nurses</td>
<td>€ 250,00</td>
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* Membership of the Societies must be in good standing.
** Workshops or Meet the Professor only possible with a full conference registration

**Registration includes the following unless otherwise specified:**
- admission to scientific sessions and poster presentations
- admission to the industrial exhibition
- printed material for the conference
- abstracts
- conference bag
- coffee breaks
- light lunches
Terms of Payment
Payment must be made in Euros when registering. Please do not forget to indicate the delegate's name and “ENRC 2011” for payments by bank transfer. Two modes of payment are possible:

By bank transfer: arrange bank remittance (in €) to:

Branch: Raiffeisen Landesbank Tirol
Account no.: 730-03.808.888
Account name: ENRC 2011 c/o Congress und Messe Innsbruck GmbH
Branch code: 36000
IBAN: AT28 3600 0730 0380 8888
BIC: RZTIAT22

Please note: all bank charges, i.e. also foreign ones, have to be borne by the participant. Do not forget to instruct your bank to process the remittance “free of all charges for the beneficiary”. For transfers within the European Union, bank charges will be considerably lower if you indicate the IBAN and SWIFT codes.

By credit card (Visa, Mastercard and Diners accepted): please clearly specify your credit card details in the appropriate section of the registration form.
Upon receipt of the completed registration form and remittance of the appropriate fees, delegates will be sent a confirmation email.

Cancellations and Refunds
Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to pco tyrol congress. If cancellation is received by September 30, 2011 payments will be refunded minus bank charges and a handling fee of € 50,00. No refunds can be made for cancellations after this date. Please note that due to organisational reasons, all refunds will only be processed after the meeting.
Hotel rooms at advantageous rates can be reserved through Kurverwaltung Meran
Ms Veronika Haller
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Please note that only a limited number of rooms are available at this time of the year and early reservations are therefore strongly recommended. The reservation deadline is September 15th, 2011. Accommodation bookings received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

All payments have to be settled directly with the hotel. Kurverwaltung Meran acts as an agent only. We advise you to contact the hotel for all further information such as check-in and check-out times, terms of cancellation etc.

The confirmation of your booking will be sent by the hotel together with the invoice for the deposit payment required to guarantee your reservation.

Any change to a reservation must be made in writing to both Kurverwaltung Meran and to the hotel.

Please note: in case of abbreviation of your stay you will be billed for the whole amount corresponding to the original reservation period.
The commercial exhibition will be located next to the meeting rooms in the Pavillon the Fleurs of the Meran Kurhaus.

For all enquiries regarding the industrial exhibition and sponsorship opportunities please contact:

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About South Tirol
South Tyrol is situated on the southern side of the Alps, combining all that is good from the mountain environment with the agreeable features of a mild climate. Located at the point where two cultural areas meet, South Tyrol itself is characterised by three different cultures, all living together in symbiosis, each with its own language: German, Italian and Ladin. The result is a region abounding with contrast, contrasts which never fail to provide visitors with new and amazing discoveries.

About Meran
Merano is located at an altitude of 324 metres, just at the point where Val Venosta, Val Passiria and Val d’Adige intersect.

Weather/ Climate
The climate is remarkably mild due to the unusual geographical position of the basin in which the town lies and the fact that it is sheltered by the high peaks of the Tessa Mountain Group. The unique climate allows for an extraordinary presence of Mediterranean and tropical plants that form a striking visual departure from the typical alpine character normally found at these latitudes. On a sunny day in October the temperature in Merano can reach 20°C during the daytime and fall to 5°C during the night. You can enjoy very nice sunny days at the end of October, normally there are only about 3 rainy days during the whole month of October.

Language
The official language of the congress is English. Simultaneous interpretation facilities will be provided in the main lecture hall for all plenary sessions. Languages covered will be German and Italian. No translation will be offered for parallel sessions. English is the preferred language for all oral communications. However, other languages will be allowed in parallel sessions if English is not possible. Please note: slides always have to be in English. Printed materials are available in English only.
TRAVEL TO MERANO

By Car

From The North

Munich – Garmisch – Innsbruck – Brenner (A 22 Brenner Freeway, obligatory toll) – Bolzano (Exit Bolzano South) – Merano (MEBO-Highway)

Alternative:
Brenner – Sterzing – Jaufenpass – Passeier Valley – Merano
Oetztal – Timmelsjoch – Passeier Valley – Merano

From The West
Ulm – Kempten – Fuessen – Fernpass – Imst – Landeck – Reschenpass (State Road 40 + 38) – Merano
Bregenz – Feldkirch – Arlberg – Landeck – Reschenpass (State Road 40 + 38) – Merano
St. Moritz – Ofenpass – Münster – Taufers in Muenster – Glurns – Merano

From The East
Lienz – Innichen – Pustertal (State Road 49) – (A 22 Brenner Freeway, obligatory toll) Bolzano – Merano (MEBO-Highway) – Merano

From South
Freeway A22. Exit Bolzano South
Bolzano South – Freeway direction Merano (toll free) – 30 km – Exit Merano South or Merano center
**TRAVEL TO MERANO**

**By Plane**
The closest airports to Merano are Innsbruck, Austria (1.5 hours), Verona, Italy (2 hours) and Munich, Germany (3.5 hours). There are good connecting flights between the international airport in Rom and Bolzano (Italy), which is only 30 minutes from Merano. Transfers from the Italian airports can be booked online via www.terravision.eu.

**By Train**
Access by train
- via Munich - Innsbruck - Brenner - Bolzano - Merano
- via Linz - Salzburg - Innsbruck - Brenner - Bolzano - Merano
- via Zurich - Innsbruck - Brenner - Bolzano - Merano
- via Vienna - Lienz - Brunico - Brixen - Bolzano - Merano
- via Venice - Verona - Bolzano – Merano

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