

**First Announcement**

**October 18th 2014**

*Salone Brunelleschi-Palagio di Parte Guelfa*  
*(Piazza di Parte Guelfa)*

FLORENCE

**First Italian Conference  
on PANDAS/PANS:**

symptoms, diagnosis and therapy

Chairman:

Prof.ssa Fernanda Falcini, Dr. Alberto Spalice

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## Mission

1. To make Doctors aware and give knowledge of the existence of PANDAS/PANS Syndrome;
2. To give Doctors and parents scientific information regarding PANDAS/PANS;
3. To stimulate discussion and thoughts among Doctors, through medical debate based on existing literature;
4. To make Medical Institutions aware and resolve in favor of treatment for this unrecognized Rare Illness, PANDAS/PANS.

# Program

08.15-09.00 Registration Procedure

## **First Session: NEWS FROM UNITED STATES**

*Prof. F. Falcini , Dr. A. Spalice*

09.00-09.45 PANDAS, PANS and other forms of obsessive compulsive disorder

*Dr. S. E. Swedo*

09.45-10.15 Range of illness severity in Pandas/Pans with variance in diagnosis and treatment

*Dr. E. Latimer*

10.15-10.45 PANDAS/PANS: Clinical and scientific aspects of a common and complex disorder

*Dr. R. Trifletti*

10.45-11.15 Results of clinical studies on 200 patients (years 1999-2013)

*Dr. M. Kovacevic*

11.15 Open Coffee

11.15-13.00 Questions and answers for US Doctors

13.00-13.45 Break

13.45-13.55 Reading of the advice adopted by the Regional Sanitary Council about PANDAS protocol

*Prof. G. Berni*

13.55-14.20 Magistral Lecture

*Dr. M. Guarnieri*

## **Second Session: THE DIAGNOSIS**

*Dr. M Guarnieri, Dr. A. Spalice*

14.20-14.45 First Italian survey on PANDAS cases

*Prof. F. Falcini*

14.45-15.10 PANDAS: diagnosis, medical history and therapy in a wide number of cases, a pediatric study

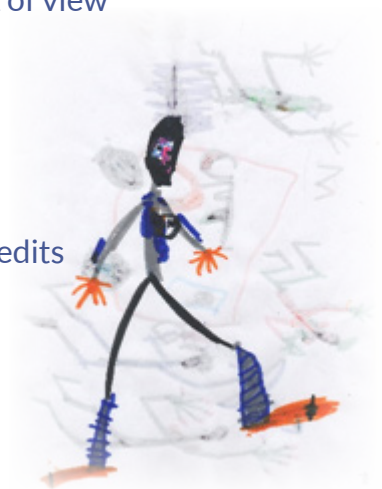
*Dr. A. Meini*

- 15.10-15.30 Differential diagnosis with Sydenham Chorea  
*Dr. S. Savasta*
- 15.30-15.50 PANS: When symptoms have a different etiology trigger agent  
*Dr. A. Spalice*
- 15.50-16.20 Differential diagnosis with Tourette Syndrome  
*Prof. E. Tozzi*
- 16.20-16.40 Diagnosis and therapies in adult PANDAS: presentation of 40 cases  
*Dr. C. Cecchelli*
- 16.40 Open Coffee

### **Third session: THE THERAPY**

*Prof. F. Falcini, Dr. S. Savasta*

- 16.40-17.00 Antibiotics and anti inflammatory therapy  
*Dr. L. Breda*
- 17.00-17.20 IVIG therapy and PANDAS in the Empoli's Hospital  
*Dr. C. Caputo*
- 17.20-17.50 Pharmacological therapy for obsessive-compulsive disorder  
*Prof. G. Masi*
- 17.50-18.05 Pediatric neuropsychiatric point of view  
*Dr. B. Sales*
- 18.05-18.20 Prevention of ENT infections  
*Dr. G. Rapacioli*
- 18.20-18.40 Discussion
- 18.40-18.50 Questionnaire filling for CME credits
- 18.50-19.00 SESSION CLOSE



- Prof. Giancarlo Berni *Responsabile dell'Osservatorio permanente sul sistema di emergenza-urgenza - Regione Toscana*
- Dr.ssa Luciana Breda *Reumatologia Pediatrica Osp. S.S. Annunziata-Chieti*
- Dr.ssa Carmela Caputo *Pediatra Ospedale S. Giuseppe-Empoli (FI)*
- Dr.ssa Chiara Cecchelli *Medico Psichiatra-PhD in Neuroscienze-Assistente Prof. Pallanti Ist. di Neuroscienze-Firenze*
- Prof. Fernanda Falcini *Reumatologia Pediatrica Università degli Studi di Firenze*
- Dr.ssa Marzia Guarnieri *Pediatra LS-Calenzano (FI)*
- Dr.ssa Elizabeth Latimer *Child and Adolescent Neurologist-Assoc. Professor at Georgetown University*
- Dr. Miroslav Kovacevic *MD-CI Asst. Professor of Pediatrics - Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. Lecturer - University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine*
- Prof. Gabriele Masi *NPI Istituto Stella Maris-Pisa*
- Dr.ssa Giuliana Rapacioli *Medico*
- Dr.ssa Antonella Meini *Unità di Immunologia Pediatrica-Clin. Pediatrica dell'Univ. degli Studi di Brescia Spedali Civili*
- Dr. Bruno Sales *NPI Ospedale S. Giuseppe-Empoli (FI)*
- Dr. Salvatore Savasta *Neurologia Pediatrica Osp. S. Matteo - Pavia*
- Dr. Alberto Spalice *Dirigente I° livello UOC Neurologia Pediatrica Univ. La Sapienza - Policlinico Umberto I° - Roma*
- Dr. Susan E. Swedo *Chief Pediatrics & Developmental Neuroscience Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)*
- Prof. Elisabetta Tozzi *NPI, Univ. degli Studi dell'Aquila*
- Dr. Rosario Trifiletti *MD, PhD - Ramsey - NJ - USA*

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