



VARESE, 12-14 JUNE 2024 | CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 12 June 2024

Behavioural therapy workshops

(AM session)



10:00-13:00

I. Workshop in English for participants with basic training

Programme

- 10.00: Diagnostics/assessment, psychoeducation
- 10.30: Habit reversal training (HRT)
- 11.30: Break ☕
- 11.50: Exposure and response prevention (ERP)
- 12.30: Resource activation
- 12.50: Questions and closing

(PM parallel sessions)



14:00-17:00

II. Workshop in English for advanced participants

Programme

- 14.00: Frequently asked supervision questions
- 15.00: Divide into 5 groups to discuss cases and questions (circling):
 - Assessment in treatment
 - Behaviour therapy and comorbidity
 - Working with the system
 - Stigma and self-esteem
 - Functional tics



14:00-17:00

Workshop in Italian

Focus areas: TBA

Trainers:

Valentina Baglioni

15.50: Break ☕
16.10: Reflection/discussion
16.30: Developing supervision and consultancy skills
16.50: Questions and closing

Trainers:
(in alphabetical order)
[Tara Murphy](#)
[Zsanett Tarnok](#)
[Jolande van de Griendt](#)
[Cara Verdellen](#)
[Katrin Woitecki](#)

(PM parallel session)

14:00-17:00

Patient associations meeting organised by Tics and Tourette Across the Globe (TTAG)



[View agenda](#)

18:00-19:00 (onwards)

Opening ceremony

I. Keynote lecture: Behavioural treatment of tics: past, present, and future.

Speaker:

[John Piacentini](#)

moderated by: TBA

II. Professor Mary Robertson Award; winner & oral presentation

III. Cocktail time



Thursday 13 June 2024

09:00-09:15 Welcome message by our hosts & local organisers

[Cristiano Termine](#)

[Andrea Cavanna](#)

09:15-10:00 Symposium talk

"How can parents live well with tics?" Parental burden in TS families

Speakers:

[Noa Benaroya-Milshtein](#)

[Dana Feldman-Sadeh](#)

moderated by: TBA

10:00-10:30 Poster rounds, session I

moderated by Nanette Mol Debes

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

+ "Speed networking"

Bringing Senior & Junior colleagues together!



11:30-12:30 Clinical rounds

Session chair:

[Tammy Hedderly](#)

Round table:

[Renata Rizzo](#)

[Carlotta Zanaboni](#)

12:30-13:30 Lunch break



13:30-14:00 General assembly

14:00-14:15 Presentation of the MDS Tic Disorders and Tourette Syndrome study group

Presenter:

[Tamara Pringsheim](#)

14:15-15:00 MDS Task Force on tic disorders; developing a new classification scheme for tic disorders

Speaker:

[Irene Malaty](#)

moderated by: TBA

15:00-15:30 Coffee break



15:30-16:00 Poster rounds, session II

moderated by Nanette Mol Debes

16:00-16:30 Controversy followed by poll

Should we still use the YGTSS, or GTS/tic-QOL scales to measure tic severity and the impact of tics on day-to-day life ?



Arguing pro traditional assessment:

[Davide Martino](#)

Arguing pro AI-based:

[Izhar Bar-Gad](#)

moderated by: TBA

16:30-18:00 Oral presentations of submitted abstracts, session I

moderated by: TBA

20:00 Social event-dinner
(optional event)



Venue: [Villa Panza](#)

20:00 "Lady Tourette", theatre production

(optional event)

Venue: TBA



Friday 14 June 2024

09:00-09:15 Welcome address by TTAG

(Tics and Tourette Across the Globe)

09:15-10:15 TS-underrepresented zones around the world;

Latin America, South America, Russia, Nigeria

Remote (pre-recorded) and on-stage interventions

Speakers:

(in alphabetical order)

Joy Adama Legbo Nigeria

Konstantin Evdokimov Russia

Alex Medina Escobar Honduras & Canada

Daniela Muñoz Chesta Chile

moderated by: TTAG & Natalia Szejko

10:15-10:45 Coffee break

+ “Speed networking”

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10:45-12:15 Oral presentations of submitted abstracts, session II

moderated by: TBA

12:15-13:15 Lunch break



13:15-14:00 Developing and testing an online therapist training program for CBIT:

Development process and initial results

Speaker:

Douglas Woods

With the participation of:

Suzanne Mouton-Odum

Michael B. Himle

moderated by: TBA

14:00-14:30 Poster rounds, session III

moderated by Nanette Mol Debes

14:30-15:00 Coffee break



15:00-16:00 Best papers of 2023 on tics and TS

Speaker:

Kevin J. Black



moderated by: TBA

16:00-16:30 Closing ceremony



Best poster & best oral presentation awards

ESSTS Conference 2025 announcement; see you next year in... 🤔



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