



## Elderly between ageing and disease: hot topics

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### Outline

Elderly population is prone to the arising of neurodegenerative diseases. The natural ageing process contributes to the difficulty of an appropriate detection. The consequent suffering of the people affected and the overall costs for the health systems are sufficient reasons for tackling the problems with the highest priority. The conference will bring together clinicians, health care providers and industry to address some hot issues related to this subject, namely the initiatives in the provision of adequate patient-centred public health care, the advances in the research on the diagnosis and the monitoring of dementia, and the progress in the development of tailored drugs. Attention will be given to patients' needs with the help of representatives of patient associations. The expected outcome is a constructive comparison of best practices and the fostering of collaborative initiatives among the stakeholders.

#### **Conference Chairperson:**

Professor G. Nisticò (European Parliament Health Committee representative to the EMEA Board)

#### **Programme Scientific Committee**

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# Programme

## 8.30 – 9.00 Registration – Tea & Coffee

- 9.00 – 9.10 Welcome address by the Italian Ambassador in London
- 9.10 – 9.30 Keynote address: *Ageing, frailty and clinical practice* (Dr F. Martin – British Geriatrics Society)

### **Session I (9.30 – 10:40) Elderly and Public Health** (Chair Prof. A. Cherubini, Italy)

- *Elderly and Public Health* (Prof. A. Cherubini – Univ. Perugia, Italy)
- *Experience and initiatives in Italy* (Prof. R. Bernabei – Univ. Cattolica Rome)
- *Experience and initiatives in UK* (Charlotte Potter – Age Concern Help the Aged)
- Discussion - 10'

## Coffee break 10:40 - 11.10

### **Session II (11:10 – 13.10) Elderly and dementia** (Co-chairs Dr K. Broich, BfArM Bonn + Dr GD Iannetti, Oxford Univ.)

- *Elderly and dementia: between ageing and disease* (Prof M. Rossor – UCL Inst. of Neurology, London)
- *Validation of early diagnostic tools and approaches to monitor disease modifiers: Neuroimaging* (Prof GB Frisoni, Osp. Fatebenefratelli, Brescia, Italy)
- *Validation of early diagnostic tools and approaches to monitor disease modifiers: Biochemical Markers and Biomarker Combinations* (Prof H. Hampel - Trinity College, Dublin)
- *Cerebro-vascular dementias and neurodegenerative diseases: where is the border* (Prof S. Bakchine, Hop. Maison Blanche, Reims)
- *Future diagnostic tools* (Dr M. Catani - Prof S. Williams, Centre for Neuroimaging Studies, Institute of Psychiatry, London)
- Q&A

## Lunch break 13.10 - 14.10

### **Session III (14.10 – 15.20) Medicines for the elderly** (Co-Chairs Prof G. Rasi, AIFA Italy + Dr M. Campanella, RVC and UCL, London)

- *The pharmaceuticals regulatory approach* (Dr I. Hudson MHRA)
- *A view from Industry* (Dr S. Del Signore, Sanofi Aventis)
- *EMA Strategy for information and communication* (Dr J.Garcia EMA)
- *Sensecam: not a medicine...but it helps* (Dr Emma Berry, Addenbrooke's Hospital and Microsoft Research Cambridge)

**Round Table discussion (15:20 – 16:00)**  
(Chairs Prof G. Nisticò, Rome + Dr F.Martin, BGS)  
*Panellists will critically debate the outcomes of the sessions with the participants.*

## Conference close 16:00