

## PROGRAMME

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Updated as of: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013

FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

8.00-09.00: Registration of participants, loading of presentations

09.00-9.30: Diego Ponzin, Rosa Sánchez de Vega and Corrado Teofili: Welcome and presentation of the conference.

9.30-10.30: MANAGEMENT OF GLAUCOMA IN CONGENITAL ANIRIDIA

Chairperson: Giorgio Marchini.

Panel of experts: Stefano Gandolfi and Maria Papadopoulos.

Speaker:

Peter Netland: State of the art, limits and future perspectives.

10.30-10.50: Coffee break

10.50-11.50: MANAGEMENT OF CATARACT IN CONGENITAL ANIRIDIA

Chairperson: Paolo Capozzi.

Panel of experts: Paolo Nucci and Maria Papadopoulos.

Speaker:

Dominique Brémond-Gignac: Cataract surgery in aniridic patients: review and personal experience.

## 11.50-12.30: THE POSTERIOR SEGMENT IN CONGENITAL ANIRIDIA

Chairperson: Antonino Romanzo.

Speakers:

Irene Gottlob: Foveal and optic nerve hypoplasia and nystagmus in patients with congenital aniridia.

Christopher D. Riemann: Congenital Aniridia: A Posterior Segment Perspective. A discussion of some worst case scenarios and treatment strategies which may provide hope. Not all need be lost – at least not all the time.

12.30-14.00: Lunch

## 14.00-16.30: THE OCULAR SURFACE IN CONGENITAL ANIRIDIA

Chairperson: Paolo Rama.

Panel of experts: Vincent Borderie, Alessandro Lambiase, Maurizio Rolando, Berthold Seitz and Tor Paaske Utheim.

Speakers:

Conservative approaches:

- José Santiago López-García: Title to be defined.

Surgical approaches:

- Juan Álvarez De Toledo: Lamellar and penetrating keratoplasty.
- José de la Cruz: Boston KPRo Type I as viable alternative to visual rehabilitation in Aniridia patients. Advances and Limitations.
- Julie T. Daniels: Cell therapy for regeneration of the corneal epithelium.
- Ali R. Djalilian: Limbal Allograft Transplantation: How to maximize the outcomes in patients with aniridia.

16.30-16.45: Coffee-break

## 16.45-18.15: ABSTRACT SESSION AND CASE REPORTS

Chairperson: Stefano Ferrari.

- 4-5 of the best abstracts □ 10 minutes each.
- 2-3 case reports □ 10-15 minutes each with discussion, focused on the topics of the day.

18.15-18.30: Conclusion and information about dinner or social events.

## SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

8.45-9.00: Barbara Poli and Corrado Teofili: Presentation of the second day.

## 9.00-10.00: CONGENITAL ANIRIDIA: FROM GENETICS TO CLINICS

Chairperson: Giuseppe Damante.

Speaker:

Veronica van Heyningen: Genetic studies of aniridia help us to understand the underlying biology.

10.00-10.30: Coffee break

## 10.30-12.30: A SPECIAL EYE TO PATIENTS IN PEDIATRIC AGE

Chairpersons: Luisa Pinello and Elena Piozzi.

Speakers:

- Angelo Selicorni: Early diagnosis: the key roles of neonatologists and pediatricians.
- Barbara Käsmann-Kellner: Clinical management of aniridia - Dos and don'ts.
- Paola Facchin: Children with rare diseases and healthcare systems: from needs assessment to a comprehensive programme of care and assistance.

12.30-14.00: Lunch

For research scientists & clinicians who are interested, in a separate meeting room will be served a business lunch, during which the following topics will be discussed:

1. Funding the Research in Aniridia: Opportunities and Challenges;
2. Publishing the Conference Proceedings: "How, What and Where!".

Details of how to participate will be provided during the conference.

14.00-17.00: OPHTHALMOLOGISTS AND RESEARCH SCIENTISTS MEET THE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH TO LEARN

Chairperson: Rosa Sánchez de Vega.

Speakers:

- Scientific Committee Members: Summary on the outcomes of the conference
- Barbara Poli and Speaker to be defined: European/international guidelines on Aniridia: a fundamental tool for physicians and patients,
- Veronica van Heyningen and Giuseppe Damante: Genetic counseling, prenatal diagnosis and IVF/pre-implant diagnosis.
- Barbara Käsmann-Kellner, Luisa Pinello and Elena Piozzi: The role of the pediatrician and pediatric ophthalmologist: identifying congenital aniridia as soon as possible, assessing the visual function and following the child during daily life.
- Rosa Sánchez de Vega: What to do when diagnosed with aniridia: the role of the patient associations.
- Jill A Nerby: Aniridia Foundation International: our experience in bringing together physicians, researchers and aniridia families and our research programs to improve understanding of aniridia and patient care.

17.00-17.30: Conclusion of the Conference and final summary by Rosa Sánchez de Vega.