

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Congress is addressed to professionals in the National and International social and health network of physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers, educators, lay groups and students involved in the field of rare disease, and more in general interested in narrative medicine. It is also particularly dedicated to affected people with rare diseases and their families.

The official language will be English (simultaneous translation service English/Italian will be available).

A total number of 220 participants can attend the Congress.

LOCATION

Aula Pocchiari, Istituto Superiore di Sanità,
Viale Regina Elena 299 - 00161 Rome, Italy

METHOD OF REGISTRATION

Participation is free, but registration is required for all meeting participants through Registration form (available on www.iss.it/cnmr).

The Registration form, fully completed, should be printed, signed and sent by fax to:

+39 (0)6 4990 4370 by 30 May 2012.

Travel and accommodation expenses will be born by the participants.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

This will be given at the end of the Congress.

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09.00 **Registration**

Session I

Chairpersons: Domenica Taruscio and Roberto Lala

09.40 **Welcome to participants**

Enrico Garaci

09.50 **Introduction**

Domenica Taruscio

10.00 **Greetings**

Gianni Bonadonna

Invited Lecture

Watching & walking the streets of Georgian London.

10.10 **James Parkinson & the art of observation**

Brian Hurwitz

10.55 **Writing as therapy**

Elaine Benton

11.15 **Poster Session**

Coffee break

Session II

Chairpersons: Guido Giarelli and Paola De Castro

Representations and practices about complex disease in pediatric patients: narrative as a research tool

11.50

Roberto Lala

Ibsens' Ghosts: an alternative model for learning about rare diseases

12.10

Ivana Golubović

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12.30 **Discussion**

Poster Session

13.15 **Lunch**

Session III

Chairpersons: Stefania Polvani and Mirella Taranto

14.15 **Literary and film representations of breast cancer**

Federica Frediani

14.35 **Relevance of illness experiences on trust and help relationship between nurse and patient with thalassemia**

Angela Prioletta

The Illness Experiences in an Interregional Reference Center for Rare Diseases:

14.55 **Narratives of Patients and Health Professionals**

Elisa Picco

15.15 **Discussion**

Poster Presentation

15.45 *Amalia Egle Gentile, Ilaria Luzi*

Conclusion

16.30 *Brian Hurwitz and Domenica Taruscio*

17.00 **Adjour**

Speakers and Chairpersons

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Gianni Bonadonna *Fondazione Michelangelo, Milan, Italy*

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