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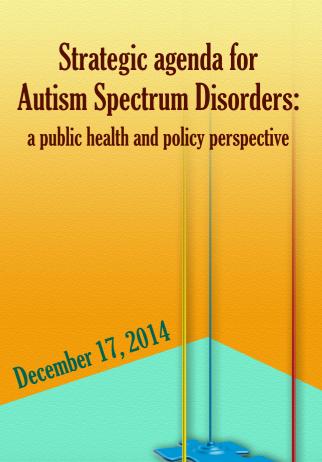
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Italian National Institute of Health and Italian Ministry of Health Autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) are characterized by impairment in social interactions and communication capacities as well as by repetitive behaviours and narrow interests. In addition to these core features, anxiety, depression, sleeping and eating disturbances, aggression or self-injury are common in ASDs. Intellectual disability affects the majority of ASD children and seizures are present in an estimated 30% of the autistic population. The estimated median prevalence rate in the general population is 62/10.000, suggesting that ASDs represent a serious public health problem. Furthermore, autism is a lifelong condition with a very high burden and economic impact on families and Health System.

Early detection of ASDs, identification of causes and treatments and the sharing of best practices and knowledge are recognized by WHO as the "main challenges to address regarding ASD management in order to increase the capacity of health and social care systems to provide services for individuals and families with ASDs". To address these challenges, a priority issue is the establishment of national surveillance programmes in each EU member state, to estimate prevalence and implement early detection and intervention involving health and social services, schools, and families.

PROGRAMME

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 Welcome address

Walter Ricciardi

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SESSION I: Main Lectures

Chair: Maria Luisa Scattoni

9.45 Autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disorders: from raising awareness to building capacity

Shekhar Saxena

Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

10.15 Autism spectrum disorders

Jan K. Buitelaar

Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Center Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behavior Nijmegen, The Netherlands

- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 A Parent's Point of View

Giovanni Marino FANTASIA

12.00 EU-AIMS: a boost to autism research

Will Spooren

CNS Research and Early Clinical Development, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., Basel, Switzerland

12.45 Lunch

SESSION II: Main Lectures

Chair: Franco Nardocci

13.45 National guidelines for treatment and management of ASD children and adolescents (NICE, SIGN and ISS)

Nicola Vanacore

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14.15 ISS national census survey on ASD health services

Aldina Venerosi

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14.45 Coffee break

15.15 Round Table: national and regional experiences Chair: Teresa Di Fiandra

Introductory speakers:

Topic: Prevalence studies

Manuel Posada De La Paz

Rare Diseases Research Institute, Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

Topic: National birth cohorts/registries **Erik Thorlund Parner**

Department of Public Health, University of Aarhus, Denmark

Topic: Delay in diagnosis

Ricardo Canal Bedia

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Discussant:

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17.15 Concluding remarks

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