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VIRTUAL MEETING



# Welcome Address

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 65<sup>th</sup> edition Seminars - 14 April, 2021. The seminar is hosted by the Department of Neurosciences, Faculty of Medicine, "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca. This seminar aims to establish itself as a highly useful framework that will enable local specialists to benefit from the expertise of our invited speakers who are part of associated international faculty of our Department of Neurosciences Cluj-Napoca, Romania and RoNeuro Science network. Our scope is to flourish over years and set up an educational vector aiming to meet our junior and senior specialists' needs.

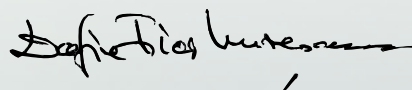
In contrast to large international conferences, the intention behind these seminars is to create an informal and intimate setting, which hopefully will stimulate open discussions.

Due to the uncertainties about the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, our events will be held in the virtual space, for the time being. As organizers, we would therefore be deeply grateful if you participate and share your time with us.

We are looking forward to your active participation in this educational event!

With consideration,

Prof. Dr. Dafin F. Muresanu,  
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# **SPEAKERS**



# SPEAKERS

Professor of Neurology, Senior Neurologist, Chairman of the Neurosciences Department, Faculty of Medicine, "Iuliu Hatieganu" University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca, President of the European Federation of Neurorehabilitation Societies (EFNR), Chairman Communication Committee of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN), Past President of the Romanian Society of Neurology, President of the Society for the Study of Neuroprotection and Neuroplasticity (SSNN), Chairman "RoNeuro" Institute for Neurological Research and Diagnostic, Corresponding Member of the Romanian Academy, Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences, Romania and secretary of its Cluj Branch. He is member of 17 scientific international societies (being Member of the American Neurological Association (ANA) - Fellow of ANA (FANA) since 2012) and 10 national ones, being part of the executive board of most of these societies. Professor Dafin F. Muresanu is also a specialist in Leadership and Management of Research and Health Care Systems (specialization in "Management and Leadership, Arthur Anderson Institute, Illinois, USA, 1998"; "MBA – Master of Business Administration - Health Care Systems Management, The Danube University - Krems, Austria, 2003"). He has performed valuable scientific research in high interest fields such as: neurobiology of central nervous system (CNS) lesion mechanisms; neurobiology of neuroprotection and neuroregeneration of CNS; the role of the Blood-brain barrier (BBB) in CNS diseases; developing comorbidities in animal models to be used in testing therapeutic paradigms; nanoparticles neurotoxicity upon CNS; the role of nanoparticles in enhancing the transportation of pharmacological therapeutic agents through the BBB; cerebral vascular diseases; neurodegenerative pathology; traumatic brain injury; neurorehabilitation of the central and peripheral nervous system; clarifying and thoroughgoing study on the classic concepts of Neurotrophicity, Neuroprotection, Neuroplasticity and Neurogenesis by bringing up the Endogenous Defense Activity (EDA) concept, as a continuous nonlinear process, that integrates the four aforementioned concepts, in a biological inseparable manner.

Professor Dafin F. Muresanu is coordinator in international educational programs of European Master (i.e. European Master in Stroke Medicine, University of Krems), organizer and co-organizer of many educational projects: European and international schools and courses (International School of Neurology, European Stroke Organisation Summer School, Danubian Neurological Society Teaching Courses, Seminars - Department of Neurosciences, European Teaching Courses on Neurorehabilitation) and scientific events: congresses, conferences, symposia (International Congresses of the Society for the Study of Neuroprotection and Neuroplasticity (SSNN), International Association of Neurorestoratology (IANR) & Global College for Neuroprotection and Neuroregeneration (GCNN) Conferences, Vascular Dementia Congresses (VaD), World Congresses on Controversies in Neurology (CONy), Danube Society Neurology Congresses, World Academy for Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology (AMN) Congresses, Congresses of European Society for Clinical Neuropharmacology, European Congresses of Neurorehabilitation). His activity includes involvement in many national and international clinical studies and research projects, over 500 scientific participations as "invited speaker" in national and international scientific events, a significant portfolio of scientific articles (231 papers indexed on Web of Science-ISI, H-index: 23) as well as contributions in monographs and books published by prestigious international publishing houses.



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# SPEAKERS

Prof. Dr. Dařin F. Muresanu has been honoured with: „Dimitrie Cantemir” Medal of the Academy of The Republic of Moldova in 2018, Ana Aslan Award 2018 - “Performance in the study of active aging and neuroscience”, for the contribution to the development of Romanian medicine, National Order “Faithful Service” awarded by the President of Romania in 2017; “Iuliu Hatieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Medicine, the “Iuliu Hatieganu Great Award 2016” for the best educational project in the last five years; the Academy of Romanian Scientists, “Carol Davila Award for Medical Sciences / 2011”, for the contribution to the Neurosurgery book “Tratat de Neurochirurgie” (vol.2), Editura Medicala, Bucuresti, 2011; the Faculty of Medicine, “Iuliu Hatieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca “Octavian Fodor Award” for the best scientific activity of the year 2010 and the 2009 Romanian Academy “Gheorghe Marinescu Award” for advanced contributions in Neuroprotection and Neuroplasticity.





# SPEAKERS

Claudio Bassetti was born and raised in Ticino, is married and father of three boys. He received his MD degree from the University of Basel in 1984. He trained in neurology in Bern and Lausanne and performed research fellowships in basic neurophysiology (Basel) and sleep medicine (Ann Arbor, USA). In 2000 he was appointed professor of neurology at the University of Zurich. In 2009 he founded the Neurocenter of Southern Switzerland which he directed for 3 years. Since 2012 he is full professor of neurology at the University of Bern and director of the neurology department at Inselspital.

Bassetti authored over 400 scientific publications and eight books. He pioneered the research on the bidirectional relationship between, sleep, sleep disorders and stroke using both a human and animal/experimental approaches. He made also fundamental contributions to our understanding of narcolepsy, including the recent discovery of specific autoreactive-T lymphocytes supporting the hypothesis of an autoimmune etiology.

He served as president of the European Neurological Society, European Sleep Research Society and Swiss Neurological Society and was the founder of the Swiss Federation of Clinical Neurosocieties. In 2018 he became an elected member of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences. He currently serves as president of the European Academy of Neurology and as the Dean of the Medical Faculty in Bern.



**Claudio  
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/Switzerland

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**SCIENTIFIC  
PROGRAM**



# Scientific program

## **14 APRIL, 2021** **VIRTUAL MEETING**

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|---------------|--|
| 12:00 – 12:45 | Sleep and Neurology<br>Claudio Bassetti /Switzerland                     |
| 12:45 – 13:30 | Sleep-related movement disorders (SRMD)<br>Claudio Bassetti /Switzerland |
| 13:30 – 14:15 | Sleep-related epilepsy<br>Claudio Bassetti /Switzerland                  |



# ABSTRACTS



# Abstracts

## SLEEP AND NEUROLOGY

CLAUDIO BASSETTI  
/SWITZERLAND

INTRODUCTION: the main theories on the function of sleep (neuronal restoration/integrity<sup>1,2</sup>; learning/memory consolidation<sup>3-5</sup>; energy saving/allocation<sup>6</sup>) and the principles of sleep staging/scoring and sleep-wake regulation are presented.

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND CLINICAL FEATURES: the frequency of sleep-wake disturbances (SWD) in neurological patients and the overall impact of SWD on the course of neurological disorders is discussed. Important causes of „neurogenic“ insomnia (e.g. restless legs syndrome, stroke, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, frontal lobe lesions, M. Alzheimer) hypersomnia (e.g. narcolepsy, stroke, Parkinsonism) and parasomnia (e.g. Parkinsonism) are presented<sup>7-12</sup>.

DIAGNOSIS/MANAGEMENT: history taking in patients with SWD, when to refer patients to specialized sleep centers and treatment options for neurogenic SWD are presented.

## SLEEP-RELATED MOVEMENT DISORDERS (SRMD)

CLAUDIO BASSETTI  
/SWITZERLAND

The vignette of a patient with a SRMD is presented at the beginning, and its solution at the end of the lecture.

INTRODUCTION: the physiology of motor control in sleep and the variety of physiological sleep-associated motor activities are briefly discussed<sup>13,14</sup>. The concept of „state dissociation“ as pathophysiological principle of (most) SMD is presented<sup>15,16</sup>.

EPIDEMIOLOGY, CLINICAL ASPECTS: sleepwalking and REM sleep behavior disorder are the most important complex SRMD<sup>17-21</sup>. The list of other SRMD is shortly discussed<sup>13,14,22</sup>.

DIAGNOSIS/MANAGEMENT: the diagnostic work-up and treatment options for patients with SRMD are discussed.



# Abstracts

## SLEEP-RELATED EPILEPSY

CLAUDIO BASSETTI  
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The vignette of a patient with a paroxysmal sleep-related episode is presented at the beginning, and its solution at the end of the lecture.

INTRODUCTION: the regulation of the thalamo-cortico-thalamic rhythms during the normal sleep-wake cycle and the role of NREM and REM sleep in epileptogenesis are briefly presented<sup>23-26</sup>. The concept of a „final common“ pathway of parasomnias and sleep-related epilepsies is discussed<sup>27</sup>.

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND CLINICAL ASPECTS: the most important sleep-related epilepsy syndromes (including the so-called sleep hypermotor epilepsy, SHE) and sleep-epilepsy interactions are presented<sup>28,29</sup>.

DIAGNOSIS/MANAGEMENT: the diagnostic work-up and treatment options for patients with sleep-related epilepsy and for those with detrimental sleep-epilepsy interactions are discussed<sup>30,31</sup>.

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