Stem Cell Therapy for Neurodegenerative Diseases

The event will be in English and translated into Italian for the audience using a professional translation service.

**Morning program**

**Opening**
9.00 – 9.30 AM
Greetings of the Authorities: Minister of Health, Minister of Education, University and Research*

Elena Cattaneo & Anders Björklund
Università degli Studi di Milano, Senato della Repubblica, IT
Lunds Universitet, SE

**I – Research for the patients**
9.30 – 9.55 AM
Charles Sabine
*Why patients need EVERY scientific advance to help them*
HD advocate, UK

9.55 – 10.20 AM
Roger Barker
*Cell based therapies for Parkinson's disease in 2015*
University of Cambridge, UK

10.20 – 10.45 AM
Tom Isaacs
*Patient Perceptions: Facts, Fiction and the Importance of Communication*
The Cure Parkinson’s Trust, UK

10.45 – 11.10 AM Coffee Break

**II – New technologies and new regulations. Where is Europe in the XXI century?**
11.10 – 11.35 AM
Oliver Brüstle
*Patient-specific stem cells for studying mechanisms of disease*
Universitätsklinikum Bonn, DE

11.35 – 12.00 PM
Ruxandra Draghia-Akli
*Innovative Health Research – A Priority for the European Union*
Directorate Health, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, BE

12.00 – 12.25 PM
Guido Panté
*From clinical trials to marketing authorisation via patients need: the Italian approach for advanced therapy medicinal products*
Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco, IT

12.25 – 2.00 PM Lunch Break

**Afternoon program**

**III – Neurodegenerative diseases: new frontiers of stem cells to regenerate the damaged brain**
2.00 – 2.25 PM
Vania Broccoli
*Direct cell reprogramming: from basic research to novel therapies*
CNR-Institute of Neuroscience/Istituto Scientifico San Raffaele, IT

2.25 – 2.50 PM
Malin Parmar
*Generating new neurons for brain repair*
Lunds Universitet, SE

2.50 – 3.15 PM
Gianvito Martino
*Therapeutic plasticity of neural stem cell in neurological disorders*
Istituto Scientifico San Raffaele, IT

3.15 – 3.40 PM
Giuseppe Testa
*Molecular gazes for personalized therapies: rethinking innovation in stem cell medicine*
Università degli Studi di Milano, Istituto Europeo di Oncologia, IT

3.40 – 4.00 PM - Closing remarks

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*Authorities’ participation to be confirmed
- Participation upon invitation only. Admission will be allowed according to maximum sitting availability of the room.
- Male participants are kindly requested to wear jacket and tie.