International School of Neurological Sciences in Venice

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6th International Course on Epilepsy: Clinical and Therapeutic Approaches to Childhood Epilepsy

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Venice International University, San Servolo, Venice, Italy



Course directors: Bernardo Dalla Bernardina (Italy) and Helen Cross (UK)

Aim of the advanced course is to teach attendees to: (1) utilize basic knowledge of underlying basis to epilepsy; (2) describe nature and evolution of childhood epilepsies; (3) plan neurophysiological, video EEG and imaging investigations and interpret their results in the clinical context; (4) Understand the principles and limitations of drug management in childhood (5) Be aware of when to consider alternative forms of management (6) Recognise the comorbidities and likely expectations.

The course is primarily targeted at neuropediatricians, neurophysiologists, and neuropsychiatrists interested in the pathophysiology, diagnosis and management of epilepsies of childhood, and in research programs implementing in childhood epilepsy. Physicians who are pursuing their training or have recently specialized in pediatric neurology, pediatrics, epileptology or clinical neurophysiology, and PhDs or PhD students are welcome to apply.

The course will be limited to a maximum of 50 applicants to allow an optimal level of interaction with the faculty. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their CVs and consideration will be given to ensure participation of trainees from different geographical origins and disciplines.

Provisional faculty: H.Al Shakhankiry (Egypt), A. Arizmanoglou (France), G. Avanzini (Italy), T. Baram (USA), D. Battino (Italy), H. Beck (Germany), Y. Ben Ari (France), M. Bentivoglio (Italy), J. Butler (South Africa), G. Capovilla (Italy), C. Camfield (Canada), P. Camfield (Canada), R. Caraballo (Argentina), N. Colombo (Italy), A. Covanis (Greece), P. Curatolo (Italy), O. Delalande (France), T. Deonna (Switzerland), C. Ferrie (UK), S. Francione (Italy), N. Fusco (Italy), P. Genton (France), R. Guerrini (Italy), E. Hirsch (France), N. Jovic (Serbia), M. Koutramanidis (UK), R. Mai (Italy), C. Marini (Italy), G. Mathern (USA), E. Mizrahi (USA), S. Moshé (USA), D. Nordli (USA), L. Parmeggiani (Italy), E. Perucca (Italy), P. Plouin (France), R. Pressler (UK), R. Scott (UK), S. Seri (UK), F. Vigevano (Italy), P. Wolf (Germany), F. Zara (Italy)

Registration fee: 1,600 euro in single room; 1,300 euro in twin-bedded room. The registration fee includes:

- 12 nights accommodation
- full board and coffee breaks for the entire duration of the course
- access to the course and to the Venice International University facilities
- · course syllabus

Financial support will be available for young and senior applicants (up to 4 years and up to 10 after completion of their educational training, respectively); these students will be asked to share a twin-bedded room.

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