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MONDAY 22 May 2023
Palazzo Chiaromonte Steri

8.30 - 9.00
Registration.

9.00 - 9.15
Welcoming remarks
Magnifico Rettore of Palermo University,
Professor Massimo Midiri;
Head of BIND Dept,
Professor Giuseppe Ferraro;
Sir Professor Robin M Murray and
Professor Daniele La Barbera

9.15 - 11.00
Chair: **Sir Professor Robin Murray**
Present and future of the treatment of
Affective disorders.
Professor Allan Young

10.45 - 11.15 *Break*

11.15 - 12.30
Chair: **Dr Marta Di Forti**
Psychedelics: drug of abuse, medication, or
both?
Dr James Rucker

12.30 - 13.45 *Lunch*

13.45-14.30
Chair: **Sir Professor Robin Murray**
Dopamine and Synaptic pruning: what happens
when it goes wrong.
Professor Oliver Howes

14.30 - 15.00 *Break*

15.00 - 15.45
Chair: **Sir Professor Robin Murray**
Advances in the treatment of Psychotic
Disorders.
Professor Oliver Howes

15.45 - 16.15
Chair: **Dr Marta Di Forti**
Depression and pharmacological treatment in
young people.
Professor Argyris Stringaris
Psychiatry Trainees' track

16.15 - 17.30
Poster session

18.30 - 20.00
Social aperitif at an Historical venue.

TUESDAY 23 May 2023
Section of Psychiatry

9.15 - 10.00
Chair: **Dr Marta Di Forti**
Transdiagnostic emotion dysregulation in
young people.
Professor Argyris Stringaris
Psychiatry Trainees' track

10.00 - 11.00
Chair: **Dr Marta Di Forti**
Should we change the way we prescribe
antipsychotics?
Sir Professor Robin Murray and
Professor David Taylor

11.00 - 11.30 *Break*

11.30 - 12.30
Chair: **Dr Diego Quattrone**
Neuropsychiatry: current
controversies/issues.
Professor Tony David

12.30 - 13.45 *Lunch*

13.45 - 14.45
Chair: **Dr Diego Quattrone**
Psychotic disorders and schizophrenia:
From risk factors to treatment.
Sir Professor Robin Murray

14.45 - 15.15 *Break*

15.15 - 16.30
Workshops

A) Dr Diego Quattrone
The high and low of running a Psychiatric
Intensive Care (PiCu)

B) Dr Marta Di Forti and
Professor Adam Gridley
How to set up a new clinical service: the
example of the CCP, Cannabis Clinic for
patients with psychosis

17.00
Historical walk:
«Real Casa De' Matti, 1929»

WEDNESDAY 24 May 2023
Palazzo Comitini

9.30 - 10.15
Chair: **Dr Marta Di Forti**
What have we learnt from Psychiatric
genetics so far.
Dr Isabelle Austin-Zimmerman

Chair: **Dr Marta Di Forti**
Streaming only: "meet the experts" ZOOM
session with Sir Professor Robin Murray and
Professor Eric Chen

10.15 - 11.15
Chair: **Dr Marta Di Forti**
Is insight in the brain?
Professor Tony David

Followed by
The Thinking Mind Podcast with Alex and
Rebecca on: "Observing yourself: A Conversation
about Insight".
Panel discussants: **Professor Tony David,**
Professor Eric Chen and Professor Anton Grech

11.15 - 11.45 *Break*

11.45 - 12.45
Chair: **Dr Laura Ferraro**
Optimising symptomatic and functional outcome
in psychosis. Are these objectives in conflict?
Professor Eric Chen

12.45 - 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 - 14.45
Chair: **Professor Graham Murray**
Psychiatry and the Media.
Professor Anton Grech
Psychiatry Trainees' track

14.45 - 15.15 *Break*

15.15 - 16.30
Workshops

A) Professor Graham Murray
Does brain structure and function causally
determine mental disorder?

B) Professor Eric Chen
Impacts and unmet needs in early intervention
for psychotic disorders.

THURSDAY 25 May 2023
Palazzo Comitini

9.00 - 10.00
Chair: **Professor Erika La Cascia**
How mendelian randomisation can help
causal insights in psychiatry.
Professor Graham Murray

10.00 - 10.40
Chair: **Dr Marta Di Forti**
What have we learned about gender
dysphoria: the Palermo transgender
outpatient service.
Professor Erika La Cascia and
Dr Laura Ferraro

10:40 - 11.15
First-person accounts

11.15 - 11.45 *Break*

11.45 - 12.30
Chair: **Dr Diego Quattrone**
In search of gender: a brief literature
overview on Gender Dysphoria.
Professor Daniele La Barbera and
Dr Giuseppe Maniaci

The end.

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