



ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA SINDROME DI WILLIAMS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WILLIAMS SYNDROME 2022

Clinical, genetic and social aspects

Pontificia Università Lateranense

Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano, 4 - Roma

21st October 2022

09.00 – 09.30 Registration and welcome coffee

09.30 - 10.15 Opening Ceremony

Greeting of the Authorities

Chair: Giuseppe Merla, Professor, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy.

10:20 – 10.40 Beth A. Kozel, MD, PhD, Investigator and Lasker Clinical Research Scholar, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, “*Genes modifying cardiovascular disease outcomes in Williams syndrome*”

10.40 -11.00 Dr. Boaz Barak (Ph.D., M.B.A.), Assistant Professor, Sagol School of Neuroscience and The School of Psychological Sciences, Tel Aviv University, Israel. “*New neurobiological insights in our understanding of Williams syndrome*”.

11.00 -11.20 Paolo Alfieri, M.d. Head Child Neuropsychiatry Unit Department of Neuroscience I.R.C.C.S., Pediatric Hospital Bambin Gesù. “*Socio-adaptive profile in Williams Syndrome*”.

11.20 – 11.40 Maria Cristina Digilio, Medical Doctor, Chief Medical Genetics unit, Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital, Rome. “*The Experience in a Pediatric hospital*”

11.40 – 12.00 Angelo Selicorni – Pediatrician and medical Geneticist, Director U.O.S. Genetica Clinica Pediatrica, Sant’Anna Como. “*Celiac disease and Williams syndrome: an update*”

12.00– 12.20 Gaia Morice Human nutrition / Nutritionist biologist. Clinica Villa Mafalda, Roma Clinica Arsbiometrica, Rome “*Nutritional strategy in Williams Syndrome*”

12:20-13:30 Lunch

13.30 – 13.50 Prof.ssa Denise Corridore. DDS, PhD, Dentistry Unit Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Science "Sapienza" University of Rome, Italy. “*Oral health management in pediatric patients with Williams Syndrome*”

13.50 – 14.10 Lorenza Putignani, Unit of Microbiomics Pediatric Hospital Bambin Gesù Rome, “*Ecological and functional characterization of gut microbiota in patients affected by Williams syndrome*”

14.10 – 14:30 Barbara R. Pober (Boston Maryland) “*Issues in Adults with Williams syndrome: what we know and what we don’t know*”

14.30 – 15.30 Discussion and questions.



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10.00 – 10.15 Angela Maria Campo Project coordinator Fondazione Tender to Nave Italia "*Outdoor training, disability and quality of life. The Nave Italia method*".

10.15 – 10.30 Maurizio Granato/Veronica Grassi: "*Marinai con gli occhi a stella. Autonomy and integration of Williams and Siblings*"

10.30 – 10.50 Francesca De Lorenzo Psychologist Psychotherapist Rare Diseases and Medical Genetics: "*Work experience and social integration in patient with Williams Syndrome: an Empowerment project*"

10.50 – 11.10 Enzo Rimicci Presidente Consorzio Sintesi "*Consorzio Sintesi: 20 years of work*"

11.10 – 11.30 Alex Toselli "*Albergo Etico: a story of welcome and social inclusion*"

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14.00 – 15.50 Presentations on labour situation for people with WS in different countries (Argentina, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, Germany)

15.50 – 16.30 Discussion and Questions