



**EPICURE Second Annual Meeting
Old University, Valletta, Malta
January 11 -12, 2008**

AGENDA

DAY 1: January 11, 2008

Plenary session

- 9.00 – 9.30 Chair: Dr. Janet Mifsud, Local organiser and member of the EPICURE Advisory Board
Opening address: Honourable Dr. Louis Deguara, Minister for Health and Community Care, Malta
Welcome address: Prof. Richard Muscat, Pro-Rector for Research, University of Malta
Welcome address and agenda: Prof. Giuliano Avanzini (EPICURE Coordinator)
- 9.30 – 10.00 Management update and actions to be implemented in reporting (Speakers: G. Avanzini and C. Finocchiaro)
- 10.00 – 10.20 Coffee break

Discussion on results, perspectives and interactions of the Workpackages

- 10.20 – 10.35 Workpackage 1.1: Genome-wide linkage analysis of IGE, PPR and FS
- 10.35 – 10.50 Workpackage 1.2: Genome-wide linkage disequilibrium (LD) mapping of IGE
- 10.50 – 11.05 Workpackage 1.3: Mutation screening of candidate genes
- 11.05 – 11.20 Workpackage 2.1: Dysfunction of the voltage-gated Na⁺ channel Nav1.1 in genetic epilepsies
- 11.20 – 11.35 Workpackage 2.2: Cl⁻ homeostasis and GABAergic inhibition in genetic epilepsies
- 11.35 – 11.50 Workpackage 2.3: Characterisation of different ion channel mutations and genetic variants associated with idiopathic epilepsies and pharmacoresistance
- 11.50 – 12.05 Workpackage 3.1: Interneurons interactions (in temporal lobe epilepsy)
- 12.05 – 12.20 Workpackage 3.2: Changes in GABAergic receptors (in temporal lobe epilepsy)

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12.20 – 12.35	Workpackage 3.3: Intrinsic properties of inhibitory interneurons (in temporal lobe epilepsy)
12.35 – 12.50	Workpackage 4.1: Genotype-phenotype correlations in patients with epilepsy due to mutations of genes that regulate cortical development
12.50 – 13.05	Workpackage 4.2: Determining the role of ARX and DCX gene mutations: morpho-functional analysis of animal models
13.05 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 14.45	Workpackage 4.3: Morpho-functional analysis of human dysplastic cortex and correlations with epileptogenesis and postoperative outcome
14.45 – 15.00	Workpackage 5.1: Pharmacogenetics of refractory epilepsies
15.00 – 15.15	Workpackage 5.2: Molecular mechanisms of pharmacoresistance
15.15 – 15.30	Workpackage 5.3: Innovative therapeutic strategies
15.30 – 16.30	Poster session and coffee

Discussion on other transversal activities

16.30 – 16.45	Brain tissue bank
16.45 – 17.00	Animal models
17.00 – 17.15	Workpackage 6: Dissemination
17.15 – 17.30	Workpackage 7: Training

Discussion and comments

17.30 – 18.30 General discussion and comments by Patrizia Tosetti (Chairman: G. Avanzini)

20.00 Dinner offered by the Project Coordinator

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DAY 2: January 12, 2008

Plenary session

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| 9.00 – 9.30 | Overview and indications on future project implementation
(Chairman: G. Avanzini) |
| 9.30 – 10.00 | Discussion among participants |

Parallel sessions

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| 10.00 – 15.45 | Subprojects and transversal activities parallel sessions |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | Coffee break |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch |

Plenary session – SP and transversal activities reports

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| 15.45 – 16.15 | Subproject 1 report (Chairmen: T. Sander and J. Serratosa) |
| 16.15 – 16.45 | Subproject 2 report (Chairmen: M. Mantegazza and H. Lerche) |
| 16.45 – 17.00 | Coffee break |
| 17.00 – 17.30 | Subproject 3 report (Chairmen: U. Heinemann and A. Pitkanen) |
| 17.30 – 18.00 | Subproject 4 report (Chairmen: R. Guerrini and Y. Ben-Ari) |
| 18.00 – 18.30 | Subproject 5 report (Chairmen: O. Dulac and E. Perucca) |
| 18.30 – 19.00 | Transversal activities report |

End of meeting