



6th Maruzza International Congress on Paediatric Palliative Care
CONGRESS PROGRAM
Rome- 16th - 18th of October 2024

‘Roots and Horizons - Learning From Yesterday, Living Today, Shaping The Future’.

Is it currently possible to imagine the future of Paediatric Palliative Care (PPC) in light of the wealth of knowhow accumulated in the past?

The 6th International Maruzza Congress on Paediatric Palliative Care aims to address this theme, to strive to predict the possible developments and future perspectives of PPC at a global level.

To be able to project for the future it is necessary to appreciate the experiences, errors, studies, research, the practices and skills developed over the years; recognizing the importance of the road already travelled helps us to approach the challenges faced every day by healthcare professionals to guarantee the best quality of life possible for children with incurable illnesses and their families. The Congress aims to act as a vehicle for reflection, in-depth analysis and professional exchange to propose a concept for those working in the sector that encompasses the past, the present and the future by proposing evidence-based solutions, imagining innovative care models and contributing to the implementation of increasingly sophisticated apparatus and technologies capable of responding to the increased complexity of needs.

To strengthen the vision of tomorrow's horizons, a half-day of the scientific program has been entrusted to a group of *Young Professionals* (under 40yrs) working in paediatric palliative care in diverse realities as a way of giving a voice to those who, tomorrow, will shape the future.

During the Opening Ceremony, the Awards for Excellence in Paediatric Palliative Care will be awarded for the best abstracts submitted by presenting authors under the age of 35 years by the Nadace rodiny Vlčkových Foundation.

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PRELIMINARY CONGRESS PROGRAM

16th – 18th October 2024

ROOTS AND HORIZONS:

LEARNING FROM YESTERDAY, LIVING TODAY, SHAPING THE FUTURE

Day 0 - Wednesday, 16th October 2024

Reception desk times:

Pre-Congress Workshops 08.00 - 08.30

Congress delegates 10.00 – 19.00

08.30 - 12.30 **Pre-congress Workshops**

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 - 16.30 **Pre-congress Workshops**

Pre-congress Workshops:

- **Course I: Perinatal PPC**

- Coordinator: Brian S. Carter (Collaborators TBC)

- **Course II: Communicating Bad News**

- Coordinator: Justin N. Baker (Collaborators TBD)

- **Course III: The Management of Troublesome Symptoms in PPC**

- Coordinator: Poh Heng Chong (Collaborators TBD)

- **Course IV: Difficult Choices: Bioethical Strategy**

- Coordinator: Joana Mendes (Collaborators TBD)

17.30 - 19.30 **Opening ceremony**

- Welcomes
- Keynote lecture (15 Min): 'The Roots of PPC - Joanne Wolfe
- Keynote Lecture (15 Min): The Present Day - Ana Lacerda
- Keynote Lecture (15 Min): Future Horizons - Young professional (TBC)
- Young Researchers Award and Vittorio Ventafridda Award

19.30 - 20.30 **Icebreaker - Welcome Cocktails**

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Day 1 - Thursday, 17th October 2024

Reception opens at 08.00 a.m.

08.30 - 09.00 **Plenary: Gaining insights**

- *AI and Robotics in PPC* - Alessandro Masserdotti (TBC)

09.00 - 10.30 **Plenary 1: *Pushing the boundaries of PPC***

Moderators: TBD

- *High Tech: an Opportunity or a Limit?* - Daniel Garros
- *Extreme Preterm Neonates and Perinatal PPC* - Elvira Parravicini
- *Transitional Care of Young Adults* - Julie Hauer (TBC)

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 - 12.00 **Oral Abstract presentation session (3 in parallel)**

12.00 - 13.30 **Lunch and Poster visit**

13.30 - 15.00 **Plenary 2: TBD Young Professionals**

Moderators: TBD

Topics: TBD Young Professionals

15.00 - 16.00 **Poster visit**

16.00 - 17.00 **Oral Abstract presentation session (3 in parallel)**

17.00 - 17.15 **Room Change**

17.15 - 18.15 **Focus Sessions (max 3 in parallel)**

1. *Shared Care Planning - Why, When, Where* - Sergi Navarro Villarubi
2. *Palliative Sedation: When and How* - Marco Bolognani
3. TBD Young Professionals

PRELIMINARY CONGRESS PROGRAM

Day 2 - Friday, 18th October 2024

Reception opens at 08.00 a.m.

08.30 - 09.00 **Plenary: Gaining insights**

- *The Use of Telephone Interview for Emergencies at Home* - María Avilés

• 09.00 - 10.30 **Plenary 3: *Using Assessment Tools in PPC***

Moderators: *TBD*

- *Quality of Care Assessment Tools* - Prasanna Ananth
- *Using Tools for Outcome Measurement in PPC* - Richard Harding
- *Opportunities and Limits* - Lorna Fraser

10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 - 12.00 **Oral Abstract presentation session (3 in parallel)**

12.00 - 13.30 **Lunch and Poster visit**

13.30 - 14.30 **Oral Abstract presentation session (3 in parallel)**

14.30 - 15.30 **Poster visit**

15.30 - 17.00 **Plenary 4: *Managing serious illness in the home***

Moderators: *TBD*

- *Symptom Management* - Renée McCulloch
- *Support for Family Members and Strategies for Engaging the Community* - Ulrika Kreicbergs (*TBC*)
- *End-Of-Life Care* - Ricardo Martino Alba

17.00 - 17.30 **Closing Ceremony**

- *Conclusions*
- *Thanks & Arrivederci*