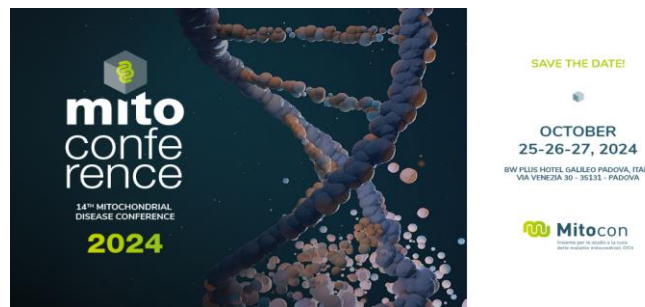


Mitochondrial Disease Conference

October 25th – 27th , 2024

BW Plus Hotel Galileo, Via Venezia 30 Padova



Welcome to the Mitochondrial Disease Conference 2024

On behalf of Mitocon and its Scientific Programme Committee, we are pleased to announce the organization of the 14th Mitochondrial Disease Conference, which will be held on October 25-27, 2024 at the Best Western Hotel Galileo Padova.

As usual, the event will consist of two parts: the scientific meeting on 25th and 26th October and the patient and family meeting on Sunday 27 October.

During the Scientific Conference, the participation of patients and families will also be encouraged.

Summary

Since 2010 **Mitocon** has organized the **Mitochondrial Disease Conference** to encourage the exchange of knowledge and experience between doctors and researchers, patients, family members and caregivers, with the participation of the leading Italian and international experts.

Mitochondrial diseases are very complex disorders with multi-system manifestations and different ages of onset, ranging from infancy to adulthood. In recent years, giant steps have been taken in the study of the basic mechanisms involved in these diseases and we have finally moved from diagnosis to the study of possible treatments. We are also witnessing an acceleration in the field of mitochondrial medicine, thanks to the availability of new technologies, new therapeutic approaches and possibly clinical trials to improve the lives of our patients.

The Mito Conference 2024 aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the latest advances, challenges, and potential opportunities in the field of mitochondrial research. By covering diverse topics ranging from basic science to mitochondrial biology, with a focus on therapies and the role of artificial intelligence in mitochondrial medicine.

We also stimulate the participation of young scientists and clinicians who will form the next generation of researchers in the field of mitochondrial medicine, The Mitocon scientific conference is entirely in English to facilitate the participation of doctors and researchers from all over the world. **A simultaneous translation into Italian will be provided.**

Mitocon is the Italian leading non-profit mitochondrial disease patients organization striving to advance research towards finding a cure. Encouraging collaboration and the exchange of knowledge within the scientific community is our priority.

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Join us at the 14th Mitochondrial Disease Conference. Together, let's light the way to a cure for all mitochondrial diseases.

We look forward to welcoming you to this remarkable event!

Scientific Programme Committee

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Scientific Programme

Friday 25th - Sala

12.00 –13.00

Arrivals, Registration & Light lunch

13.15

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Marco Marmotta, President, Mitocon – Insieme per lo Studio e la Cura delle Malattie Mitocondriali ODV

Rosario Rizzuto, Università di Padova (TBC)

Costanza Lamperti, Michelangelo Mancuso, Scientific Committee Delegates

What Does Mitochondrial Disease Mean to Me – Mito Patients and Families ' /Video Stories

14.00

Introduction:

Chair: **Valeria Tiranti**, IRCCS Foundation “Carlo Besta” Neurological Institute

Keynote Lecture

Michal Minczuk, University of Cambridge, UK

14:45 – 16:15

Session 1 - Basic Science

Chair: **Carlo Viscomi**, University of Padova

Chair: **Paola Desideri**, Mitocon

Speakers

14:45 **Marco Tigano**, Thomas Jefferson University

15:15 **Luca Scorrano**, University of Padova

15:45 **Valeria Tiranti**, IRCCS Foundation “Carlo Besta” Neurological Institute

16:15 **Posters with coffee**

Chair: **Serenella Servidei**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

Chair: **Paola Desideri**, Mitocon

17:00 – 18:30 Session 2

Natural Histories Studies

Chair: **Enrico Bertini**, Bambino Gesù Children’s Research Hospital IRCCS

Chair: **Paola Desideri**, Mitocon

Speakers

- 17:00 **Advances in MELAS - Costanza Lamperti**, IRCCS Foundation “Carlo Besta” Neurological Institute
- 17:30 **The Natural History of PMM in the light of clinical trial experience - Serenella Servidei**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
- 18.00 **Advances in POLG - Omar Hikmat**, Haukeland University Hospital
- 18:30 Closing day 1

Day 2 Saturday 26th October - Sala

8:30 Arrivals and Registrations

8:45-10.15 Session 3

Advances in Therapies

Chair: **Anna Ardissona**, IRCCS Foundation “Carlo Besta” Neurological Institute

Chair: **Piero Santantonio**, Mitocon

Speakers

- 8:45 **Caterina Garone**, University of Bologna
- 9:15 **Rapamycin-based therapy as a promising therapeutic option for MERRF- Alessandra Maresca**, University of Bologna
- 9:45 **Gene therapy in MNGIE (TBC)**

10.15 Coffee break in the room

10.30 -11.30 Young Investigator Session

Chair: **Valeria Tiranti**, IRCCS Foundation “Carlo Besta” Neurological Institute

Chair: **Piero Santantonio**, Mitocon

11:30 -13:30

Roundtable with Pharmaceutical Industries and Regulatory Authorities

Chair: **Michelangelo Mancuso**, University of Pisa

Chair: **Valerio Carelli**, University of Bologna

11:30 Pharma introduction

12:20 Round Table with pharmaceutical industries and regulatory authorities

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.30 Session 4

Exploring digital health technologies and AI in mitochondrial medicine

Chair: **Massimiliano Filosto**, University of Brescia

Chair: **Piero Santantonio**, Mitocon

Speakers

14.30 **Biosensors and remote monitoring** (Speaker TBC)

14.50 **ePROMs, APPs and patient engagement** - **Manuela Lavorato**, University of Pisa

15.10 **Applying machine learning to define phenotypes and to predict clinical course. Are we ready?** - **Andrea Bandini**, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

15.30 Coffee break in the room

16.00 Mitoldea Award

Chair: **Serenella Servidei**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

Chair: **Paola Desideri**, Mitocon

16:15 -17:00

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Chair: **Olimpia Musumeci**, University of Messina

Chair: **Piero Santantonio**, Mitocon

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17:00-17:30 The state of research on mitochondrial diseases in Italy. An overview (TBC)

17:30 Closing Remarks

Day 2 Saturday 26th - Sala

14:30 –16.15 Satellite Symposium: Mitochondrial Optic Neuropathies

Chair: Valerio Carelli, University of Bologna

Speakers

14:30 Molecular diagnostics for Mitochondrial Optic Neuropathies

Leonardo Caporali, University of Bologna

14:45 Pharmacogenomics in LHON

Valentina Del Dotto, University of Bologna

15:00 Repurposing drugs in DOA due to OPA1 mutations

Claudia Zanna, University of Bologna

15:15 Gene therapy in Mitochondrial Optic Neuropathies

Chiara La Morgia, University of Bologna

15:30 Coffee break in the plenary room

15.45 **What we have learned from clinical trials in Mitochondrial Optic Neuropathies and new upcoming trials - Thomas Klopstock**, University of Munich

16.00 **Q&A**

16:15 Valerio Carelli

Closing Remarks