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Program:
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09.00 - 09.15 Opening: Giovanni B Frisoni
  Diagnosis of prodromal Alzheimer’s
09.15 - 09.45 The conceptual framework: Philip Scheltens
09.45 - 10.15 Biological markers: Alessandro Padovani
10.15 - 10.45 coffee and tea
10.45 - 11.15 Frontotemporal dementia: diagnosis and treatment: Stefano Cappa
11.15 - 11.45 Dementia with Lewy bodies: diagnosis and treatment: Valeria Drago
11.45 - 12.15 Dementia in Parkinson’s disease: Teus van Laar
12.15 - 14.00 Lunch
14.00 - 14.30 Alzheimer’s dementia and disease: diagnosis and treatment: Philip Scheltens
14.30 - 15.00 Parkinson and parkinsonism: the differential diagnosis: Teus van Laar
15.00 - 15.30 Workshop - Interactive patient cases: PDD Teus van Laar + Luc De Vreese
15.30 - 16.00 Break
16.00 - 16.30 Still hot topics in symptomatic therapy of Alzheimer’s: Orazio Zanetti
16.30 - 17.00 Update on disease modifying drugs: Pierfranco Spano
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June 2nd 2010

09.00 - 09.30 New insights with imaging
09.30 - 10.00 Imaging markers: Giovanni B Frisoni
10.00 - 10.30 MRI for the diagnosis of dementias & Parkinson’s disease, Philip Scheltens
10.30 - 11.00 Break
11.00 - 11.45 PET and SPECT for the diagnosis of dementias & Parkinson’s disease: Flavio Nobili
11.45 - 12.30 Workshop: interactive patient cases: MRI, PET & SPECT, Giovanni B Frisoni & Flavio Nobili
12.30 - 14.00 Lunch
14.00 - 14.30 CSF studies: added value to diagnosis? Philip Scheltens
14.30 - 15.00 Drug treatment of behavioural disturbances in dementia: Frans Verhey
15.00 - 15.30 Workshop - Interactive patient cases: PDD/FTD and BPSD: Valeria Drago and Frans Verhey
15.30 - 16.00 Closing session: Giovanni B Frisoni and Philip Scheltens
Speakers from Italy:
Giovanni B Frisoni, neurologist, Deputy Scientific Director, IRCCS Fatebenefratelli Brescia
Alessandro Padovani, Director, Neurology Clinic, University of Brescia
Luc De Vreese, geriatrician, University of Modena
Orazio Zanetti, geriatrician, Head of Alzheimer’s Unit, IRCCS Fatebenefratelli Brescia
Valeria Drago, neurologist and neuroscientist, LENITEM, IRCCS Fatebenefratelli Brescia
Stefano Cappa, neurologist, Università Vita Salute, ICCS San Raffaele, Milano
Pierfranco Spano, pharmacologist, University of Brescia

Speakers from the Netherlands:
Philip Scheltens, neurologist, Director Alzheimer’s Centre, VUmc Amsterdam
Frans Verhey, neurologist and psychiatrist, University Medical Centre Maastricht
Teus van Laar, neurologist, University Medical Centre Groningen