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DEMENTIA IN MIGRANTS LIVING IN ITALY: PROMOTING A DIVERSITY-SENSITIVE CLINICAL APPROACH AND PROVISION OF CARE

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[Final conference Dementia in migrants living in Italy](#)

8.30 Registration

9.00 Opening Ceremony

Prof. Rocco Bellantone – *President, Istituto Superiore di Sanità*
Dott. Andrea Piccioli – *Director General, Istituto Superiore di Sanità*
Prof. Giovanni Capelli – *Director, National Centre for Disease prevention and health promotion*
Dott.ssa Caterina B.N.A. Bianchi, Dott.ssa Cristina Tamburini – *Direzione Generale dei corretti stili di vita e dei rapporti con l'ecosistema, Ministero della Salute*
Dott. Santino Severoni, Dr. Katrin Seeher – *World Health Organization*

9.20 Saluti di benvenuto

Marco Canevelli, Ilaria Bacigalupo

SESSION 1 - GLOBAL HEALTH COMMITMENTS ON DIVERSITY, DEMENTIA, AND HEALTHY AGEING

Chair: Dianne Gove

9.30 Advancing dementia care: Italy's public health response within the WHO Global Action Plan and European strategies

Nicola Vanacore

9.45 The Decade of Healthy Ageing: a focus on cultural diversity

Matteo Cesari

10.00 Diversity and dementia from the perspective of patients' associations: Alzheimer Disease International

Paola Barbarino

10.15 Dementia in refugees and migrants: epidemiology, public health implications and global responses

Marco Canevelli

10.30 Discussion

10.45 Coffee break

SESSION 2 - EPIDEMIOLOGY OF DEMENTIA IN MIGRANTS

Chair: Benedetta Contoli

11.00 Dementia in migrants living in the Lazio region: exploring prevalence and mortality relying on health information systems

Silvia Cascini, Anna Acampora

11.15 Diversity and dementia prevention

Sanne Franzen

11.30 Health needs of older people in humanitarian crises: a focus on mental health

Favila Escobio

11.45 Discussion

SESSION 3 - ASSESSMENT OF DEMENTIA IN MIGRANTS AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS

Chair: Giuseppe Bruno

- 12.00 Assessment of dementia in minority ethnic groups in Europe: A 14-year follow-up survey**
Rune Nielsen
- 12.15 A nationwide survey of Italian Centers for Cognitive Disorders and Dementia on the provision of care for international migrants**
Ilaria Bacigalupo
- 12.30 Influence of diversity on bloodbased biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease**
Daniel Kjaergaard
- 12.45 Culturally and linguistically diverse patients in an Italian memory clinic: lessons learned from the Immidem Project**
Ilaria Cova
- 13.00 Characteristics of migrants referred to Italian Centers for Cognitive Disorders and Dementia**
Francesco Sciancalepore
- 13.15 Discussion**
- 13.30 Light Lunch**

SESSION 4 - CROSS-CULTURAL COGNITIVE AND FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT

Chair: Camillo Marra

- 14.30 Translation and adaptation into Italian of cross-cultural cognitive assessment tools: BASIC, RUDAS, and CNTB**
Simone Pomati
- 14.45 Cross-cultural functional assessment for dementia**
Clara Calia
- 15.00 Optimising interpreter mediated assessments for dementia: the OPTIMEDD project**
Naaheed Mukadam
- 15.15 Innovations in cross-cultural cognitive assessment**
Pauline Narme
- 15.30 Capturing quality of education in culturally, linguistically and educationally diverse populations**
Renelle Bourdage
- 15.45 Discussion**

**SESSION 5 - REAL-WORD EXPERIENCES ON IMPROVING CARE FOR
MIGRANTS WITH DEMENTIA**

Chair: Lorenzo Tarsitani

16.00 Engagement with migrant communities: the Modena experience
Valentina Guerzoni

16.15 Training of healthcare professionals: the Bologna experience
Lucia Bosi

16.30 Translation of the MMSE into the Genoese dialect
Guglielmo Bruzzone

**16.45 Promoting awareness and competency on dementia in migrants:
the Immidem website**
Benedetta Ferrucci, Norina Wendy Di Blasio

17.00 Discussion

17.15 Closing remarks
Marco Canevelli, Ilaria Bacigalupo, Benedetta Contoli



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