



VARESE, 12-14 JUNE 2024 | CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 12 June 2024

Behavioural therapy workshops

(AM session)



10:00-13:00

I. Workshop in **English** for participants with **basic** training

**Programme**

10.00: Diagnostics/assessment, psychoeducation  
10.30: Habit reversal training (HRT)  
11.30: Break ☕  
11.50: Exposure and response prevention (ERP)  
12.30: Resource activation  
12.50: Questions and closing

(PM parallel sessions)



14:00-17:00

II. Workshop in **English** for **advanced** participants

**Programme**

14.00: Frequently asked supervision questions  
15.00: Divide into 5 groups to discuss cases and questions (circling):

- Assessment in treatment



14:00-17:00

Workshop in **italiano** per partecipanti con formazione **base**

**Programme**

14.00 Diagnosi e valutazione  
14.30 Psicoeducazione  
15.00 Habit reversal training (HRT)  
15.30 Pausa/Break

- Behaviour therapy and comorbidity
- Working with the system
- Stigma and self-esteem
- Functional tics

15.50: Break ☹️

16.10: Reflection/discussion

16.30: Developing supervision and consultancy skills

16.50: Questions and closing

## Trainers:

(in alphabetical order)

[Tara Murphy](#)

[Zsanett Tarnok](#)

[Jolande van de Griendt](#)

[Cara Verdellen](#)

[Katrin Woitecki](#)

15.50 Exposure and response prevention (ERP)

16.30 Resource activation

16.50 Discussione e domande

## Trainer:

[Valentina Baglioni](#)

## (PM parallel session)

13:00-17:00

Patient associations meeting organised by Tics and Tourette Across the Globe (TTAG)



[View agenda](#)

18:00-19:00 (onwards)

## Opening ceremony

I. Keynote lecture: Behavioural treatment of tics: past, present, and future.

Speaker:

[John Piacentini](#)

moderated by: Cristiano Termine

II. Professor Mary Robertson Award; winner & oral presentation

III. Cocktail time



## 21:00 “Lady Tourette”, theatre production



Optional, **FREE** event, in collaboration with AIST Onlus, Italian Tourette Syndrome Association

Venue: [Spazio Yak](#)

## Thursday 13 June 2024

### 09:00-09:15 Welcome message by our hosts & local organisers

[Cristiano Termine](#)

[Andrea Cavanna](#)

### 09:15-10:00 Symposium talk

“How can parents live well with tics?” Parental burden in TS families

Speakers:

[Noa Benaroya-Milshtein](#)

[Dana Feldman-Sadeh](#)

moderated by: Christelle Nilles

### 10:00-10:30 Poster rounds, session I

moderated by Nanette Mol Debes

### 11:00-11:30 Coffee break

+ “Speed networking”

Bringing Senior & Junior colleagues together!



### 11:30-12:30 Clinical rounds

Session chair:

[Tammy Hedderly](#)

Round table:

[Renata Rizzo](#)

[Carlotta Zanaboni](#)

### 12:30-13:30 Lunch break



### 13:30-14:00 General assembly

### 14:00-14:15 Presentation of the MDS Tic Disorders and Tourette Syndrome study group

Presenter:

[Tamara Pringsheim](#)

**14:15-15:00** MDS Task Force on tic disorders; developing a new classification scheme for tic disorders

Speaker:

[Irene Malaty](#)

moderated by: Tamara Pringsheim

**15:00-15:30** Coffee break



**15:30-16:00** Poster rounds, session II

moderated by Nanette Mol Debes

**16:00-16:30** Controversy followed by poll

Should we still use the YGTSS, or GTS/tic-QOL scales to measure tic severity and the impact of tics on day-to-day life ?



Arguing pro traditional assessment:

[Davide Martino](#)

Arguing pro AI-based:

[Izhar Bar-Gad](#)

moderated by: Andrea E. Cavanna

**16:30-18:15** Oral presentations of submitted abstracts, session I

moderated by: Kirsten Müller-Vahl & Andreas Hartmann

**20:00** Social event-dinner  
(optional event)



Venue: [Villa Panza](#)

Friday 14 June 2024

**09:00-09:15** Welcome address by TTAG  
([Tics and Tourette Across the Globe](#))

**09:15-10:15** TS-underrepresented zones around the world;  
Latin America, South America, Russia, Nigeria  
Remote (pre-recorded) and on-stage interventions

**Speakers:**  
(in alphabetical order)  
[Joy Adama Legbo](#) Nigeria  
[Konstantin Evdokimov](#) Russia  
[Alex Medina Escobar](#) Honduras & Canada  
[Daniela Muñoz Chesta](#) Chile

moderated by: TTAG & Natalia Szejko

**10:15-10:45** Coffee break  
+ “Speed networking”  
Bringing Senior & Junior colleagues together!



**10:45-12:15** Oral presentations of submitted abstracts, session II

moderated by: Kirsten Müller-Vahl & Andreas Hartmann

**12:15-13:15** Lunch break



**13:15-14:00** Developing and testing an online therapist training program for CBIT:  
Development process and initial results

**Speaker:**  
[Douglas Woods](#)

With the participation of:  
[Suzanne Mouton-Odum](#)  
[Michael B. Himle](#)

moderated by: Christelle Nilles

**14:00-14:15** Poster rounds, session III  
moderated by Nanette Mol Debes

**14:45-15:15** Coffee break



**15:15-16:15** Best papers of 2023 on tics and TS

Speaker:

Kevin J. Black



moderated by: Andreas Hartmann

**16:15-16:30** Closing ceremony



Best poster & best oral presentation awards

ESSTS Conference 2025 announcement; see you next year in... 😊

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