

Tics and Tourette Across the Globe (TTAG) Meeting



Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, 13:00 – 17:00 (1pm – 5pm) CEST
Palace Grand Hotel, Varese, Italy

“Shifting the Paradigm of Tourette: Embracing Opportunities, Acknowledging Challenges, and Cultivating a Fresh Perspective!”

TTAG Hour 1: Overview

- TTAG: Accomplishments of a Young Umbrella Organization, The Past Twelve (12) Months

New TTAG association members joining, a new European association on the verge of foundation and news about our TTAG Ambassador Program.

Presenting **Michele Dunlap**, TTAG President

TTAG Hour 2: Presentation

- Keynote Speaker Erica Greenberg: Tourette in Real Life - The Pendulum Swings

Exploring the interconnected realities: social life, family dynamics, stigma, external Influences, age, and gender in Tourette's experience

Erica Greenberg, Director of the Pediatric Psychiatry OCD and Tic Disorders Program, part of the OCRD Program at Massachusetts General Hospital and Instructor at Harvard Medical School.

Specific interests include Tourette Syndrome and related disorders, including OCD, ADHD, and anxiety, the combination of pharmacotherapy and therapy (behavioral and psychodynamically-informed), and teaching/mentoring/administration.

TTAG Hour 3: Panel Discussion

- Embracing Opportunities in Education and Work

Exploring strategies and success stories for individuals with Tourette in educational and professional settings and the role of neurodiversity in the corporate environment.

Panel members: students, employees and entrepreneurs touched by TS as well as representatives from the corporate world embracing neurodiversity.

Hosting **Marla Shea**, TTAG Secretary

TTAG Hour 4: Discussion

- Harmonizing Global Initiatives: Fostering Collaboration for Collective Success within the Tourette Associations

Strengthening national and international partnerships to enhance global Tourette Syndrome advocacy and support.

Guest speakers **Donatella Comasini** (President AIST Onlus) and **Stefano Carrara** (President and co-founder of Tourette Italia)

TTAG Summary and Closing Remarks

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