



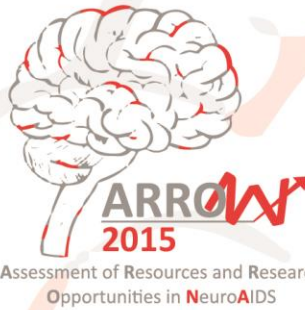
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CONFERENCE

"Assessment of Resources and Research Opportunities in Neuro AIDS"

ARROW

Bucharest October 5-6, 2015

Conference Organizer: „Victor Babes” Clinical Hospital for Infectious and Tropical Diseases,
Bucharest, Romania

Most important coorganizers: European AIDS Clinical Society **EACS**, HIV Neurobehavioural
Research Center **HNRC**

EACS representative : Dr. Mike Youle

Local organizers: Dr. Cristiana Oprea, Dr. Luminita Ene

Coordinator of the program: Professor Emanoil Ceausu from the Romanian National Infectious Diseases
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The aims of the conference:

- To bridge NeuroAIDS research and real-life HIV medicine, Western-Europe & US models and Romania, ID specialists who are involved in the care of the HIV-infected patients and Romanian neurologists, virologists, psychiatrists and psychologists.
- To offer young doctors and HIV researchers from Romania and eastern European countries the opportunity to participate at the meeting, to present their research on NeuroAIDS, to share experience and to establish collaborations.

Final agenda: (see attached)

Number of participants: 112

Country of origin:

Romania - 93

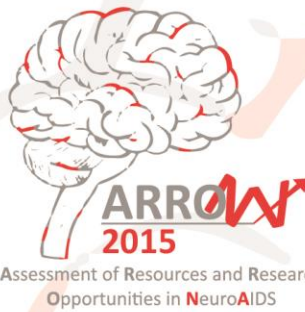
Other countries – 19

(USA – 4, UK -3, Albania- 2, Poland -2, Spain -1, France – 1, Italy -1, Holland – 1, Serbia -1, Croatia- 1,
Ukraine – 1, Turkey -1)



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Participants from different specialities:

Infectious diseases/HIV specialists: 82

Neurologists: 7

Virologists: 7

Psychiatrists: 6

Psychologists: 4

Other : NIMH - 1, HRNC - 3

Patients: 2

The evaluation form of the conference included 3 domains :

- **Initial evaluation of the participants:** a initial selection of the participants was made by the 2 organizers on base of interest for the field of HIV infection and neuroAIDS and their work experience
- **Speaker evaluation:** by the participants who completed a evaluation questionnaire at the end of the conference
- **Programme evaluation:** by the participants who completed a evaluation questionnaire at the end of the conference

Results of the evaluation form completed by the participants:

The participants had a positive feedback in regard to the programe of the conference, speakers, conference venue and the support offered by the organizers (**See results attached**)

There were 2 questions in the questionnaire in regard to the expectations of the participants in regard to the conference and if the received information will be useful for their future practice.

Does the information received during this conference will help you in the future practice?

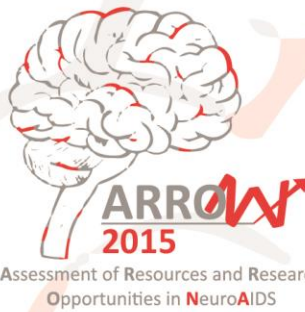
If yes, how?

To investigate more careful neurocognitive disorders and neurological complications

To manage the HIV patient in a „hollistic” way

To use the information and the wide experience of the speakers and neuroHIV researchers

To improve the quality of my HIV research



What do you found most interesting in this conference?

- *updated informations regarding HIV&brain, HIV&neuropathology*
- *interaction with doctors from different specialities*
- *case presentations*
- *management of HIV patients – in regard to neurocognitive disorders and opportunistic infections*
- *HIV&NCI/Depression*
- *cART importance in the prevention of neurocognitive disorders*
- *results regarding the use of specific instruments (psychosocial) of evaluation of neurocognitive disorders*

Suggested topics by the participants for a future conference

- *therapeutical aspects in CNS IRIS*
- *coinfection HIV – hepatitis viruses and the neurocognitive impact*
- *psychological aspects in young HIV positive adults*
- *the impact of neurocognitive disorders on quality of life*
- *specific aspects of neuroimaging in CNS opportunistic infections*
- *the use of spectroscopy in the evaluation of HIV neurocognitive disorders*
- *NGS data*
- *Neurocognitive evaluation*
- *Epilepsy in HIV patients*

There were also some suggestions regarding the improvement of some aspects regarding the organization of the conference. Participants suggested a longer time for Q&A and interaction between the participants after every presentation. There were some proposals to reduce the number of presentations and to increase the time for discussions and to organize some workshops.

Cristiana Oprea

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