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# Bio-ethical issues in neonatal critical care



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# Programme

## 8.30 **Participant registration**

### 8.45 **Introduction**

Prof. Massimo ANTONELLI, Director, University Centre of Bioethics and Sciences of Life, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

On. Dott. Marcello GEMMATO, Undersecretary of State to the Ministry of Health (TBC)

Mgr. Renzo PEGORARO, Chancellor, Pontifical Academy for Life

Prof. Antonio GASBARRINI, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Agostino Gemelli, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Prof. Giovanni SCAMBIA, Scientific Director, Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli IRCCS

### 9.15 **1<sup>st</sup> session**

#### **Ethical issues at the pre-/post-natal interface**

Chairman: Prof. Giovanni SCAMBIA, Prof. Antonio LANZONE

#### ***Limit of active resuscitation for extreme premies***

Prof. Riccardo PFISTER, Geneva, Switzerland

#### ***Pre-/post-natal agreement in clinical strategies and communication***

Dr. Anita ROMITI, Rome, Italy

#### ***Ethical issues in fetal surgery for life-threatening malformations***

Prof. Alexandra BENACHI, Paris, France

#### **Discussion**

### 10.30 **2<sup>nd</sup> session**

#### **Inequalities in neonatology: three open questions**

Chairman: Prof. Maria Rosaria GUALANO

#### ***Is it possible to provide essential neonatal drugs to low/middle income countries?***

Linda STORARI, CHIESI Farmaceutici, Parma, Italy

#### ***Is it possible to fairly provide palliative care in neonatal intensive care unit?***

Dr. Anna ZANIN, Padua, Italy

#### ***Do we equally treat all NICU survivors beyond their discharge?***

Dr. Joe BRIERLEY, London, UK

#### **Discussion**

### 11.50 **Coffee Break**

## 12.05 3<sup>rd</sup> session

### **Medical and ethical leadership in neonatology**

Chairman: Prof. Massimo ANTONELLI, Prof. Fabio MOSCA

#### ***Highlighting the need for high competence and training in neonatal critical care***

Prof. Daniele DE LUCA, Paris, France

#### ***The importance of medical leadership***

Prof. Walter RICCIARDI, Rome, Italy

#### ***The need for postgraduate ethical training in neonatology***

Prof. Laura PALAZZANI, Rome, Italy

### **Discussion**

## 13.20 Lunch Break

## 14.30 4<sup>th</sup> session

### **Ethics and neonatal drugs**

Chairman: Mgr. Renzo PEGORARO, Dr. Anna ZANIN

#### ***Barriers to neonatal drug development***

Dr. Federico BIANCO, CHIESI Farmaceutici, Parma, Italy

#### ***Pushing neonatal drug development: neonatologists and industry point of view***

Dr. Victoria NIKLAS, Oak Hill Bio Ltd (Altrincham, UK)

#### ***How to facilitate neonatal research worldwide: a problem touching the globe***

Prof. Neena MODI, London, UK

### **Discussion**

## 15.45 5<sup>th</sup> session

### **Ethics and neonatal technology**

Chairman: Prof. Daniele DE LUCA, Prof. Laura PALAZZANI

#### ***The bad example of neonatal HFOV ventilators in USA***

Prof. Martin KESZLER, Providence-RI, USA

#### ***The good example of neonatal extra-corporeal dialysis***

Prof. Claudio RONCO, Padua, Italy

#### ***Application of Health Technology Assessment in Neonatal Critical Care***

Prof. Maria Luisa DI PIETRO, Rome, Italy

### **Short wrap-up**

#### ***The Lancet Commission for the Future of Neonatology tries to address these (and other) problems...***

Prof. Daniele DE LUCA, Paris, France

### **Discussion**

## 17.00 Conclusions

Prof. Massimo ANTONELLI, Mgr. Renzo PEGORARO

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