FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON
BRAIN-KIDNEY INTERACTION
THE BRAIN AND KIDNEY:
FROM PHYSIOLOGY TO CLINICS

NAPLES (ITALY), 23th-24th NOVEMBER 2023
Aula Magna - Congress Center
Via Partenope, 36 - Naples (Italy)

Organized by Prof. Giovambattista Capasso
Brain dysfunction is highly prevalent in the population. However, patients suffering from kidney disease have an even greater risk for brain dysfunction, compared to the remaining population. Unfortunately, the pathogenesis of brain-kidney dysfunction remains elusive. Neuropsychological and brain imaging data are now starting to be gathered, thereby characterizing this pathological entity.

Data from animal and cellular models suggest several mechanisms and possible avenues for future interventions: mono-aminergic systems, glymphatics, neural stem cells are among the neural structures vulnerable to uremic toxins and, in turn, responsible for the cognitive dysfunctions in chronic kidney disease and dialysis patients. Because kidney function can be replaced by artificial systems (dialysis) or renal transplantation, there is hope that this specific form of cognitive impairment might be prevented or even cured. Furthermore, the comprehension of brain-kidney interaction could disclose our understanding of other neurological diseases.

This first meeting on brain-kidney axis will join renowned international speakers from different fields aiming at unraveling the mechanisms and future therapeutic options for this new clinical entity. The character of this meeting will insist on the interdisciplinary interaction among speakers (neurologists, nephrologists, neuroscientists, epidemiologists, renal physiologists, geriatricians, experts in regenerative medicine, precision medicine, imaging and diagnostics).

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 23TH NOVEMBER 2023 - MORNING

08.00 a.m. - 09.00 a.m.  Registration to the Meeting

09.00 a.m. - 09.30 a.m.  Opening Ceremony
  **G. Nicoletti** Rector University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”
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  **M. Fontana** ERA Executive Director
  **L. De Nicola** President Elect SIN

09.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  Introduction to the Meeting
  Chairperson: **P. Messa** (Milan, IT)
  Why a conference on Brain-kidney cross-talk?
  **G. Capasso** (Ariano Irpino, IT/Naples, IT)

SESSION I

Chairpersons: **F. Esposito** (Naples, IT),
  **S. Frische** (Aarhus, DK)

10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  A new way of looking into brain function: the lesson from fMRI
  **G. Tedeschi** (Naples, IT)

10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.  How to study effects of CKD on the brain by 2-photon in-vivo microscopy
  **E. Gutiérrez** (Aarhus, DK)

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.  Visual cortical function in patients with inherited retinal diseases treated with gene therapy
  **F. Simonelli** (Naples, IT)

11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.  Coffee break
SESSION II

Chairpersons: J. Małyszko (Warsaw, PL), M. Simeoni (Naples, IT)

12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m. Coexistence of Brain and Renal dysfunction in a model of ciliopathy
M. Zacchia (Naples, IT)

12.30 p.m. - 01.00 p.m. Cancer, Kidney Failure and Cognition
S. Kesler (Austin, USA)

01.00 p.m. - 01.30 p.m. Integration of Cognitivity Impairment in the Oncology Clinical Trials
A. Capasso (Austin, USA)

01.30 p.m. - 03.00 p.m. Lunch

THURSDAY, 23TH NOVEMBER 2023 - AFTERNOON

KEY NOTE LECTURE 1

Chairperson: G. Paolisso (Naples, IT)

03.00 a.m. - 03.40 a.m. Why we humans are different from chimpanzees, bonobos, Denisovans and Neanderthals
G. Remuzzi (Milan, IT)

SESSION III

Chairpersons: G. Grandaliano (Rome, IT) G. La Manna (Bologna, IT)

03.40 p.m. - 04.10 p.m. Kidney function and cerebral blood flow
M.A. Ikram (Rotterdam, NL)

04.10 p.m. - 04.40 p.m. Renal and systemic role of uromodulin
L. Rampoldi (Milan, IT)

04.40 p.m. - 05.00 p.m. Coffee break
KEY NOTE LECTURE 2
Chairperson: G. Piccoli (Le Mans, FR)

05.00 p.m. - 05.40 p.m. Regenerative medicine in neurological diseases
G. Martino (Milan, IT)

SESSION IV
Chairpersons: Ph. Jaeger (London, UK),
A. Pani (Cagliari, IT)

05.40 p.m. - 06.10 p.m. Brain glymphatic system: possible role in CKD
M. Nedergaard (Copenhagen, DK)

06.10 p.m. - 06.40 p.m. Genetic and biochemical markers of brain dysfunction
C. Zoccali (New York City, USA / Ariano Irpino, IT)
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SESSION V
Chairpersons: D. Fliser (Homburg, DE), G. Gambaro (Verona, IT)

09.00 a.m. - 09.30 a.m. Physical activity is beneficial in dialysis patients. What could we still learn?
F. Mallamaci (Reggio Calabria, IT)

09.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. Ageing, CKD and cognitive disorders
F. Mattace Raso (Rotterdam, NL)

10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Cognitive disorders in in dialysis and transplant patients
C. Franssen (Groningen, NL)

10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Sodium and the Brain function
E. J. Hoorn (Rotterdam, NL)

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Coffee break

SESSION VI
Chairpersons: H.J. Anders (Munich, DE), F. Mallamaci (Reggio Calabria, IT)

11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Phosphate and Brain function
C. Wagner (Zurich, CH)

12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m. Potassium and Brain function
F. Trepiccione (Naples, IT)

12.30 p.m. - 01.00 p.m. Acid-base and Brain function
P. E. Imenez Silva (Rotterdam, NL)

01.00 p.m. - 03.00 p.m. Lunch
**FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2023 - AFTERNOON**

**SESSION VII**

Chairpersons: **A. Perna** (Naples, IT),
**P. Ronco** (Paris, FR)

- **03.00 p.m. - 03.30 p.m.** Uremic neurotoxins and brain function
  **Z. Massy** (Paris, FR)

- **03.30 p.m. - 04.00 p.m.** Gut-Brain-Kidney: the stunning interplay
  **L. Gesualdo** (Bari, IT)

- **04.00 p.m. - 04.30 p.m.** Neural Control of Inflammation in AKI/CKD
  **M. Okusa** (Charlottesville, USA)

- **04.30 p.m. - 05.00 p.m.** The kidney-brain nexus. Regulatory and philosophical implications
  **M. Farisco** (Ariano Irpino, IT/Uppsala, SW)
  **I. Zecchino** (Benevento, IT)

- **05.00 p.m. - 05.20 p.m.** Coffee break

**KEY NOTE LECTURE 3**

Chairpersons: **M. Wang** (London, UK)

- **05.20 p.m. - 06.00 p.m.** Role of the endocannabinoidome in neurological disorders and neuroinflammatory conditions derived from renal dysfunction
  **V. Di Marzo** (Quebec City, CAN)

- **06.00 p.m.** Summary and Closing Ceremony
  **G. Capasso** (Ariano Irpino, IT/Naples, IT)
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The official language of the Meeting will be English.

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Please note that times are expressed in Local time (Central European Time - CET)

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Friday, 24th November: 08.00 a.m.- 06.00 p.m.

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Thursday, 23rd November: 08.00 a.m. – 06.00 p.m.
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TECHNICAL FACILITIES
Facilities will be available for computer presentations and overhead projections.
A Slide Center with PCs (Windows and Macintosh operating systems) will be available for
Speakers to preview and finalize their presentations. Speakers are kindly requested to
submit their presentations to the Slide Center technicians at least one hour before their talks.

LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS
Lunch and coffee breaks will be served in the meeting area.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE
The attendance certificate will be provided via email upon request.
All slides and presentations are available on our website 15 days after the event.