

MIND & BRAIN – 63rd International Neuropsychiatric Congress, Pula, Croatia - May 30th-June 2nd, 2024

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The 63rd anniversary of our traditional Mind & Brain - International Neuropsychiatric Congress was held again in Pula from May 30th to June 2nd 2024.

The Congress was organized by the International Institute for Brain Health and the Department of Medical Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, together with the Society for Neuropsychiatry, Department of Neurology – University Hospital Center “Sestre milosrdnice”, Croatian Society for Personology, Personality and Eating Disorders, Central and Eastern European Stroke Society (CEESS) and Croatian Stroke Society under endorsement of the European Academy of Neurology (EAN). The Croatian Medical Chamber, Croatian Nursing Council and Croatian Council of Physiotherapists accredited the Congress. The Congress was led by Congress president Prof. Vida Demarin and two Congress Chairs: prof. Kurt Niederkorn and Prof. Marina Roje Bedeković.

Thanks to our consistently outstanding scientific program, which bridges neurology and psychiatry and adjacent disciplines, we saw a diverse group of 300 registered participants. Notably, our program continues to attract interest from beyond Central European countries, with participants joining us from as far as China, Italy, and Australia.

The first day of the Congress was reserved for registration and networking activities. Prof. Zdravko Lacković gave an academic lecture on the pharmacology of the glutamate system in the brain. The scientific program on 19th and 20th May started with Plenary sessions, which included interdisciplinary lectures in neurology and psychiatry. After the Plenary session the Congress was divided into two or three parallel sessions on following topics: Graz Stroke Symposium, Neuropsychology and Psychiatry Symposium, Psychiatry Symposium on Loneliness, CEESS Stroke Symposium,



Autism Symposium, HISPA, Migraine and Neurosonology Symposium, Multiple Sclerosis Symposium, Epilepsy Symposium, Brain&Mind&Immunity Symposium, Neurodegenerative and Neuropsychiatry Symposium, Delirium Symposium, Pula MS day symposium, and Dysphagia symposium.

A special students' symposium on artificial intelligence was organized. We organized three workshops: 1) My Way Workshop on physical activity after stroke and 2) Pula Neuropsychiatry Workshop and our traditional Psychopathology Summer School.

The poster session involved 63 poster presentations. Prizes awarded three best posters from neurology and three from psychiatry; the City of Graz gave the first two prizes, and INPC Kuratorium and the International Institute for Brain Health provided the second and third prizes. Satellite Symposia were rich with recent data on the newest therapeutic possibilities and achievements. The last day was reserved for Kuratorium, Central and Eastern European Stroke Society and International Institute for Brain Health meetings and closing ceremony.

Over the course of these four days, our Mind & Brain Congress was a resounding success, fostering numerous interactions and lively discussions. Distinguished lecturers from various corners of the globe generously shared their vast knowledge and expertise with their younger colleagues, thereby broadening perspectives and paving the way for new directions. This collaborative spirit is at the heart of our Congress, embodying the founding idea of the Pula School of Sciences and Humanity.

Mark your calendars for the next year's event, as we look forward to another exciting opportunity to learn, share, and grow together! May 29th - June 1st 2025.

