

The Symposium will take place in the lecture hall of The Mossakowski Medical Research Centre Polish Academy of Sciences, 02-106 Warsaw, 5 Pawińskiego Street

<u>September 26, 2015</u>

Welcome to 44th European Muscle Conference September 21 - 25, 2015 Warsaw, Poland



Neuromuscular Symposium in honor of Gerta Vrbová

<u>Understanding nerve-muscle</u> interactions in health and disease

> https://www.emc2015.org.pl/ Satellite symposium

<u>Scientific topics</u>

• Motoneuron and muscle development in health and disease (role of neuromuscular interaction during a critical stage of motoneuron and muscle development)

 \cdot Neuromuscular plasticity (role of activity in developing and adult motor units and neuromuscular synapses)

• Neuromuscular disorders - neurodegenerative diseases (SMN, SMA, ALS, Polio and other neuromuscular disorders; role of a disturbance of nerve-muscle interaction)

• Novel therapeutic strategies (genetic manipulation, graft approaches, electrical muscle stimulations)

Promoting links between the basic science and clinic researchers who focus their interest on neuromuscular functions in health and in pathology

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Neuromuscular Symposium Preliminary Programme

Saturday, September 26th, 2015 9:00-10:30

- · Irena Hausmanowa-Petrusewicz and Urszula Sławińska, Opening ceremony
- Gerta Vrbová (*The Royal Veterinary College, London, UK*) Summary of my work: what next?
- Dirk Pette (University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany) -Dirk and Gerta - Chance and Necessity

Coffee break 10:30-10:45

10:45 - 13:15

- Dhoot Gurtej (*The Royal Veterinary College, London, UK*) -Neuronal regulation of developing and ageing muscle
- Maria Albani (*Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece*) -My work with Gerta on MU reorganization
- Urszula Sławińska (*Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology, Warsaw, Poland*) Neuromuscular plasticity potential mechanisms enhancing functional recovery
- Katarzyna Sieradzan (Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, UK) -Transplantation of embryonic motoneurons into the rat spinal cord
- Rosemary Jones (*University of Bristol, Bristol, UK*) -Translating neuromuscular research into achievable and effective therapeutic practice

Lunch 13:15-14:00

14:00 - 16:30

· Irena Hausmanowa-Petrusewicz and Maria Jędrzejowska (Mossakowski Medical Research Centre, Warsaw, Poland) -

Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a disease connected with under development - looking for mechanisms of pathogenesis and novel treatments

- George Mentis (*Columbia University, New York, USA*) -The role of SMN in sensory-motor circuit function: implications in the pathogenesis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy
- Antal Nogradi (*University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary*) -Neuronal rescue and regeneration in the spinal cord: What can we learn from stem cells?
- Gavin Clowry (*Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK*) Critical periods in motor development in human
- Helge Amthor (Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France) Bone morphogenetic proteins maintain skeletal muscle following denervation





