

Day 1: Decision points in MS management (24th October)

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:20 **Welcome Note**

Rodica Balasa, Cristina Tiu, Leonard Azamfirei,

Session 1 - Pathology and mechanisms in MS

Moderators: Tobias Derfuss, Diego Centonze

09:20 - 09:45 **Zane Jaunmuktane** – “Neuropathology of multiple sclerosis: challenges and pitfalls,,

09:45 - 10:10 **Diego Centonze (Merck Symposium)** – “Inflammatory synaptopathy as a key determinant of progression in MS: the role of cladribine central effects,,

10:10 - 10:35 **Tobias Derfuss** – “How does EBV trigger MS?,,

10:35 – 11:00 **Cristina Tiu** – “Optic neuritis – Two words, an entire world,,

11:00 – 11:20 **Laura Bărcuțean, Smaranda Maier, Rodica Bălașa** – “The role of the microbiota in MS”

11:20 - 11:30 *Discussions*

11:30 - 11:50

Coffee Break

Session 2 - The maze of managing MS

Moderators: Nikolaos Grigoriadis, Tjalf Ziemssen

11:50 – 12:15 **Nikolaos Grigoriadis (Roche Symposium)** – “Unmet needs in MS treatment: current data and future perspectives,,

12:15 - 12:40 **Melinda Magyari** – “Aging with MS: implications for treatment /de-escalation and discontinuation as treatment strategy,,

12:40 - 13:05 **Tjalf Ziemssen** – “Innovative MS management 4.0: The MS digital twin,,

13:05- 13:30 **Andrada Treabă** – “Imaging cortical lesions,,

13:30 – 13:40 *Discussions*

13:40 – 15:00

Lunch

Session 3 - Is the eye the fifth element of MS?

Moderators: Corina Roman, Vitalie Lisnic

15:00 – 15:20 **Vlad Tiu** – “Old dog-new tricks. New things we’ve learned about MS from examining the eye”

15:20 – 15:40 **Corina Roman** – “Optical coherence tomography – a noninvasive biomarker in the diagnosis and monitoring of patients with multiple sclerosis,,

15:40 – 16:00 **Simona Petrescu, Maria Melania Martoiu, Roxana Baron, Cristian Ghita, Gabriela Vulpe, Horia Nicolae, Cristina Panea** – “Retinal changes and cognitive disorder in MS and Parkinson disease

Session 4 - Special algorithms and DMTs used in MS

16:00 – 16:20 **Vitalie Lisnic** – “Treatment algorithm for the highly active multiple sclerosis,,

16:20 – 16:35 **Rodica Bălașa (Johnson & Johnson Symposium)** – “T cells must be kept out of CNS: the natalizumab lesson,,

16:35 – 16:50 **Smaranda Maier (Johnson & Johnson Symposium)** – “Dimethyl-fumarate – a different mechanism of action and a significant efficiency as a first-line treatment for RRMS,,

16:50– 17:00 *Discussions*

Day 2: Predicting MS treatment response and tolerability (25th October)

Session 1 (MS pathogenesis seen as a continuum)

Moderators: Mihaela Simu, Cecilia Rajda

09:00 – 09:30	Rodica Bălașa – "Recent progress in the identification of early transition biomarkers from relapsing-remitting to progressive multiple sclerosis,,
09:30 – 10:00	Mihaela Simu – "The PIRA concept and its reflexion in clinical practice,,
10:00 – 10:30	Tanja Kuhlmann (Novartis Symposium) – "What drives disease progression in MS?"
10:30 – 10:50	Cecilia Rajda – "Challenges of early diagnosis in MS,,
10:50 – 11:10	Irene Davidescu – "New perspectives regarding immunosenescence and MS therapy"
11:10 – 11:20	<i>Discussions</i>

11:20 – 11:40

Coffee Break

Session 2 (Practical aspects of MS management)

Moderators: Cristina Tiu, Jelena Drulovic

11:40 – 12:00	Jelena Drulovic – "Treatment response to ocrelizumab in relapsing MS patients from Serbia, after a 3-year follow-up: real-world data from the Serbian national registry,,
12:00 – 12:20	Adriana Dulamea – "Is immune profiling a good biomarker for precision medicine in MS? Data from a Romanian Cohort,,
12:20 – 12:40	Rodica Bălașa (Bristol Myers Squibb Symposium) – "The particular mode of action of S1P modulators,,
12:40 – 13:00	Cristina Tiu (Bristol Myers Squibb Symposium) – "Recent data from clinical efficacy of ozanimod as a choice for MS control,,
13:00 – 13:20	Mihaela Simu (Bristol Myers Squibb Symposium) – "Safety and patients' adherence of S1P modulators as DMTs,,
13:20 – 13:30	<i>Discussions</i>

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch Break

Session 3 (Challenges in diagnosing and treating demyelinating disorders)

Moderators: Rodica Bălașa, Elena Terecoasa

14:30 – 14:50	Elena Terecoasa (Roche Symposium) – "Differential diagnosis between MS and NMOSD,,
14:50 – 15:10	Rodica Bălașa – "Differential diagnosis in MS: Mimics and Chameleons,,
15:10 – 15:30	Smaranda Maier (Teva Symposium) – "Personalised used of DMTs in women with MS planning pregnancy,,
15:30 – 15:50	Smaranda Maier (Merck Symposium) – "Real world experience with Cladribine in Romania,,
15:50 – 16:00	<i>Discussions</i>

Day 3: MS management (26th October)

Workshop: Put your hands on MS diagnosis and management

Moderators: Rodica Bălașa, Smaranda Maier

09:00 – 09:20	Rodica Bălașa – “Diagnosis MS: current guidelines and clinical practice,, Laura Bărcuțean (Gedeon Richter symposium) – “Proposed anti-inflammatory effects of vinpocetine in MS,,
09:20 – 09:30	
09:30 – 09:50	Alina Schenk – “The impact of psychological factors on the adaptation to MS”
09:50 – 10:10	Smaranda Maier – “Tips for diagnosing MS,, Carmen Adela Sîrbu, Andrei Manu Marin, Andreea Plesa – “The silent struggle: managing urinary dysfunction in MS patients,,
10:10 – 10:30	Laura Bărcuțean – “MS or not MS – clinical cases quiz,, Description: MS in special cases, interactive sessions with clinical cases, imaging, paraclinical assessments, switching champions
10:30 – 11:30	

Closing ceremony