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Programme



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MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Conference opening**

9:30 **Plenary #1**

Understanding pathogeny and individual sources of variability

Keynote: From individual susceptibility to common mechanisms: how genetics and epigenetics shed light on our understanding of FASD

Kaminen-Ahola Nina, University of Helsinki

Genetic Factors Contributing to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Parnell Scott

Early Ethanol Exposure Reprograms Brain Development: Mechanistic and Behavioral Insights into Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Gerace Elisabetta

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **Parallel sessions A**

A1 / Scientific & Translational: from understanding mechanisms to new markers and targets (I. epigenetics, genetics and immune regulation)

Epigenetic Dysregulation of Reward and Synaptic Plasticity Pathways in Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Navarro-Tapia Elizabet

A large maternally imprinted microRNA cluster on Human chromosome 14 can potentially aid diagnosis of prenatal alcohol exposure

Mukhopadhyay Arijit

NR2F1 is a Cross-Species Mediator of Cerebral Cortex Defects Induced by Fetal Alcohol Intoxication

Laguesse Sophie

The Histone Acetyltransferase Kat6a modulates outcomes of embryonic alcohol exposure.

Eberhart Johann

The long-term impacts of prenatal alcohol exposure on the adult gut microbiota and mental health in adults with FASD

Ainsworth-Cruikshank Garrett

Immune Dysregulation as a Driver of Mental Health Challenges in Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Sadler Kyla

Moderate prenatal alcohol exposure: focus on the neuroimmune axis

Hermann-Lacoste Léa

A2 / Health & Care: don't forget fathers, teachers and... employers

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD): Not Only a "Women's Matter"!

Roy-Doray Bérénice

Characteristics of fathers of children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder in Reunion Island

Aupérin Vanille

Tool Time for Dads: Addressing the unique needs fathers have when parenting a child from a hard place, including FASD

Troutt Chris

Parent Psychoeducation in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Preliminary Outcomes from a Norwegian Follow-Up Program

Tveiten Anne Cecilie

Learning with FASD: Evaluation of a research translation initiative to disseminate evidence-based resources on FASD for secondary school teaching and support staff

Riches Julia

The Animation Curriculum: Findings from a phase one feasibility study of a novel and inclusive classroom intervention for children with FASD

Price Alan

Supporting Employment Success for Individuals with FASD: Lessons from a 15-Year Integrated Community Program

Murphy Lisa

A3 / People & Community Perspective: life as it is, self-advocacy and participatory involvement

Day-to-Day Parenting in Caregivers of Adolescents with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Links Between Parenting Behaviours, Child Behaviour, and Caregiver Affect

MacMorris Carly

Quality of Life and Needs Assessment in Children and Young People with FASD: Preliminary Results from a Community-Based Observational Study in Spain

Astals Vizcaino Marta

Prevention project for pupils aged 12 and over

Michalowski Gisela

Talk to us and give us a voice! We want to share information about ourselves and advocate for our rights.

Hoff-Emden Heike

Aging with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Midlife Health and System Gaps

Young Carl

Creation and Animation of a Peer Support Group for Adults With FASD

Eglin Olga

Creating a common framework for testimonials": structuring a self-determined group gathering lived experiences of people affected by FASD and other NDDs

Widmer Gregory

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 **Plenary #2**
Improving etiological diagnosis, especially FAS-less: biomarkers and newtech

Discovery of a DNA methylation epismutation as a molecular biomarker for fetal alcohol syndrome

Henneman Peter

Metabolomic signatures coupled with predictive analytics for early fetal alcohol spectrum disorder diagnosis

Navarro-Tapia Elizabet

Beyond face in FASD: leveraging additional anatomical markers to improve the likelihood of causal link with alcohol in non-FAS forms of the disease

Germanaud David

Quantitative Three-Dimensional Characterization of Facial Dysmorphism in African American Individuals with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure

Li Qing

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Poster session 1***

P1 / Health & Care I. Epidemiology, diagnoses, comorbidities

P2 / Brain, Cognition, and Behaviour

P3 / People & Community Perspective

**Allocation of posters in each session will be published in the final programme*

17:00 **Plenary #3**
Making youth justice aware of neurodevelopment and fetal alcohol

Behind Bars and Undiagnosed: Revealing the High Prevalence of FASD in French Youth Detention.

Roy-Doray Bérénice

FASD in youth justice: policy reform for prevention, diversion and rehabilitation

Robards Fiona

The development of a Neurodevelopmental Practice Framework and Guidelines for the Youth Justice system in Queensland, Australia: integrating neurodevelopmental and trauma-informed care

Dawe Sharon

Facing collective resistance

Titran Benoît

Roundtable

18:15 Break

19:00 - 20:00 **EUFASD General Assembly***
**For members only*

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

8:30 - 10:00 **Parallel sessions B**

B1 / Brain, Cognition & Behavior: from altered neuronal balance to altered adaptative functioning

Altered brain excitation-inhibition balance in children with prenatal alcohol exposure

Long Xiangyu

Motor performance and brain gray and white matter in young children with prenatal alcohol exposure

Kar Preeti

From neuroanatomical signature to psychometric profile in a series of FASD: an attempt to predict recurrent cognitive deficits

Kerdreux Eliot

Investigating the impact of the dose and timing of low-level prenatal alcohol exposure on adolescent development: An Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study

Devine Emma

Cognitive and adaptive functioning in FASD across childhood, adolescence, and adulthood: Service evaluation study with 15+ years of UK clinic data

Carlisle Alexandra

Adaptive Functioning in Children Prenatally Exposed to Illicit Drugs compared to children with FASD

Urstad Stine

How does prenatal cannabis influence early brain development in offspring? Review of results from human studies.

Løhaugen Gro

B2 / Health & Care: useful sharings of experiences and practices

From Evidence to Care Pathways: Australia's Evolving National Response to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Harrington Sophie

Prenatal alcohol exposure: an innovative program to improve the monitoring and outcomes' children

Souksi Isabelle

When Language Fails: Understanding Speech and Communication in FASD

Spruit Manon

Together towards INTERDEPENDENCE - Young Adults with FASD

Borkowska Magdalena

Twenty-Five Years of Visual and Ocular Findings in Swedish Cohorts with FASD: Diagnostic Patterns and the Utility of the FASD Eye Code

Aring Eva and Andersson Grönlund Marita

The "Double Hit" of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD): Systematic Genetic Testing Reveals Multivulnerability and Possible Alcohol-Mediated Clastogenic Effects

Roy-Doray Bérénice

A Retrospective Central Nervous System Profile Analysis in Service Users with a Positive Genetic Diagnosis Seen in the UK National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Clinic

Morris Freya

B3 / Humanities & Social Science: psychosocial barriers and facilitators to prevention and care

Why diagnose FASD? Opinions in French parents and professionals

Simmat-Durand Laurence

An insight into the answers of danish pregnant women - and attitudes towards substance use screening, when asked anonymously. - A pilot study

Wedel Michela

Caregivers' Experiences of Family-Based Trauma-Informed Interventions for Children with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure

Shepherd Ellie

Knowledge and perceptions of alcohol use during pregnancy: what do the French say in 2025?

Quatremère Guillemette

Beyond Demographics: The Psychological Experience of Pregnancy as a Predictor of Alcohol Use during pregnancy

Xavier Maria

Foetal alcohol spectrum disorders and health literacy in Switzerland: identifying the factors limiting adoption of the precautionary principle

Labhart Florian

Understanding barriers to abstinence: evidence from qualitative studies on women's perceptions and experiences

Hammer Raphael

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 **Poster session 2***

P4 / Health & Care II. Interventions, Practices, Policies

P5 / Scientific, Translational & Clinical

P6 / Humanities & Social Science

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11:30

Plenary #4

Exploring the neurophenotype: longitudinal, multimodal, adaptive

Keynote: Multimodal neuroimaging phenotype of FASD: what do we learn from longitudinal birth cohorts?

Meintjes Ernesta, University of Cape Town

Early identification of children at risk of FASD; an innovative model of care for children aged 0-3 years with confirmed PAE

Stevens Penelope

Multi-Informant Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function (BRIEF) Profiles in Norwegian Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Tveiten Anne Cecilie

Seizures in fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD): evaluation of clinical, electroencephalographic, and neuroradiologic features in a large sample of Norwegian children

Gerstner Thorsten

13:00

Lunch break

14:00

Authority's talk

14:30 - 16:00

Parallel sessions C

C1 / Scientific & translational: from understanding mechanisms to new markers and targets (II. neurones, placenta and vasculature)

Prenatal alcohol exposure remodels cortical glutamatergic synapses and disrupts cognition in adolescent mice

Caffino Lucia

Modulating alcohol-induced cellular stress in neuronal and placental cell lines: therapeutic perspectives

Navarro-Tapia Elizabet

Dysregulation of placental CD146 by PAE is associated to oligo-vascular damages and neonatal troubles

Sautreuil Camille

Endocannabinoid system as a potential therapeutic target against alcohol's deleterious effect on fetal cerebral arteries

Bukiya Anna

Retinal Microvascular Alterations as a Quantifiable Biomarker of Brain Abnormalities in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Brasse-Lagnel Carole

3D Imaging of Cerebellar Vascular Alterations in FASD

Racine Camille

Phosphatidylethanol quantification in dried blood spot samples from three-day-old newborns: a preliminary study in Normandy for neonatal screening of fetal alcohol exposure during late pregnancy

Coulbault Laurent

C2 / Health & Care: from multiple environmental risk factors to mental health issues

Polysubstance exposure in children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): Results from a national surveillance conducted by the Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit (APSU).

Nunez Miranda Carlos

Challenges in Supporting Biological Mothers of Infants with Confirmed PAE in Adoptive Families Foundation's Intervention Preadoptive Center (Otwork, Poland) analyze of 48 cases

Sawionek Iwona

Adoptees and special needs: FASD compared with other clinical difficulties and the impact across quality of life domains

La Fico Giulana

Maltreatment and placement stability predict neurocognitive functioning in children assessed for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Dawe Sharon

Failures in Child Protection Measures as a result of misdiagnosis of FASD

Linares Alonso Ana Maria

What predicts and protects against mental health disorders in adolescents with FASD in remote Australian Aboriginal communities? The Bigiswun Kid (adolescent) Project

Rice Lauren

Suicidality and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Challenges and Recommendations in Identification and Assessment

MacMorris Carly

C3 / Miscellaneous: from feelings about PAE tests... to feelings of pain in FASD

Would You Get Tested? A Co-created Public Opinion Poll of Society's Views on the Potential Development of Molecular Biomarkers for Prenatal Alcohol Exposure

Cook Penny

From denial to action? Reactions to biomarker-based research on alcohol drinking among pregnant women

Okulicz-Kozaryn Katarzyna

UK birth parents experiences of pregnancy and caring for children with FASD: Results from a multi-phase qualitative study

Macdougall Stewart

The Role Of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in the Overincarceration of Indigenous Women: Psychologists' and Psychiatrists' Perspectives

Asghar Rina

ADHD in Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Epidemiology, Diagnostic Challenges, and Therapeutic Implications – A Narrative Review

Berquin Patrick

FAS vs pFAS: Do Children with pFAS Require Less Support? Developmental Outcomes and Classification Challenges in Children Diagnosed at Adoptive Families Foundation's Diagnostic Center Fasada in Warsaw, Poland

Polanska Dorota

Understanding Pain in Individuals with FASD: Prevalence, Impact, and Care

Nania Cara

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Plenary #5**

Advancing care and support: individualized, integrated and inclusive

Whole-person Whole-Community: Advancing comprehensive care and support for people with FASD

Reid Natasha, University of Queensland

A co-designed online parenting programme for families affected by FASD (SPECIFiC): Findings from a large, randomised feasibility trial

Cook Penny

The Neurowise Model: Reframing therapeutic caregiving through a brain-based, dual-track approach for supporting caregivers, practitioners, and young people with FASD.

Webster Anna

Empowering Recovery: 2nd Floor Women's Recovery Centre

Murphy Lisa

18:00 Break

19:30 - 23:00 Networking Dinner

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

9:00

Plenary #6

New ways of tackling persistent challenges: surveillance, prevention, education

Results of the First National Cross-Sectional Study on the Prevalence of Alcohol and Cannabis Use Among Pregnant Women in Slovenia Based on Meconium Biomarker Analysis

Velkavrh Manca

Heavy prenatal alcohol exposure and perinatal morbidity in France 2015-2024: mining the French national healthcare insurance (SNDS) database

Crassous Agnès

Preventing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) on Reunion Island: Effectiveness of a Targeted and Innovative School-Based Educational Program for Middle- and High-School Students

Nekaa Meissa

Interactive Self-Learning in Alcohol Prevention and Care for FASD: An Evidence-Based, Target-Group-Specific Digital Education Framework

Landgraf Mirjam N.

10:30

Coffee break

10:50

Plenary #7

Turning knowledge into action: from mixed experiences towards new policies

Keynote: Burden of disease associated with FASD: methodological considerations and first results

Rehm Jürgen, CAMH, Toronto

FASD in South Africa, 29 years of impact, a legacy of changing lives

Olivier Leana

50 years of campaigning to raise awareness of FASD

Metelski Catherine

One more presentation to be confirmed

Roundtable

12:20

Results elected Board

12:30

Annoucement EUFASD 2028

12:40 - 13:00

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