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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract deadline: 28 February 2008

Details on abstract submission will be available on the RIMS website from 1 December 2007. (www.rims.be)

Registration fees

Early bird registration (before 28 February 2008)	
RIMS member	200 euro
Non-member	300 euro

Late registration	
RIMS member	350 euro
Non-member	400 euro

PROGRAM

Local Organisers:

Prof. dr. Dirk De Ridder | Dr. Stephan Ilsbroux | PT Paul Van Asch

Scientific Committee:

Prof. dr. Dirk De Ridder | Prof. dr. Bénédicte Dubois | Dr. Stephan Ilsbroux | Paul Van Asch, RIMS Secretary | Eija Luoto, RIMS President | Dr. Judith Lutz, RIMS SIG Coordinator

| If you'd like to receive the definitive program, please return the enclosed answering form.

| Hotel accommodation

Hotel bookings should be made by the participants themselves. A list of hotels and details can be found on the RIMS website from 1 December 2007 (www.rims.be).

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The 13th Annual Conference of R.I.M.S.



RIMS 2008: TARGETING GOOD PRACTICE IN MS CARE AND REHABILITATION

8 – 10 May 2008

Universiteitshal Leuven, Belgium

concept & realisatie: dienst communicatie UZ Leuven



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RiMSc
rehabilitation
in
multiple sclerosis
european
network of ms centres

RIMS 2008: TARGETING GOOD PRACTICE IN MS CARE AND REHABILITATION

8 – 10 May 2008 Leuven, Belgium

In 2008, the National Multiple Sclerosis Centre in Melsbroek will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

It is an honour and a real pleasure to have the opportunity to invite you to Leuven at this occasion for the 13th Annual Conference of RIMS from 8 -10 May 2008.

Rehabilitation in Multiple Sclerosis is a multidisciplinary organisation that brings together most of the MS centres from Europe. Clinical research in MS rehabilitation is stimulated and this network of dedicated centres also offers expertise to young MS centres. The annual meeting is an excellent opportunity for exchanging scientific work and for meeting colleagues from other countries.

This year's congress has the following theme:
'Targeting Good Practice in MS care and Rehabilitation'

Several distinguished speakers from all over Europe will address

- | recent medical advances in MS treatment and care
- | quality control in MS Care
- | the use of clinical pathways in MS rehabilitation
- | the cost quality of life in MS
- | employment and MS

Besides this, an entire day will be devoted to teaching courses on MS and employment and on MS and bladder problems.

The program will offer ample opportunities for poster and platform presentations, giving a podium to young active researchers and MS professionals.

On behalf of the Organising Committee and the RIMS executive board, we invite you most cordially to join us in Leuven for this exiting meeting.

Prof. dr. Dirk De Ridder
General Coordinator
National MS Centre

Dr. Stephan Ilsbroukx
Director dept. of rehabilitation
National MS Centre

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THURSDAY 8 MAY 2008

Teaching Workshops 1-3: 14.00 – 17.00

Workshop 1: MS and Employment

VENUE: TBC (to be confirmed)

FACULTY: Dr. Stephan Ilsbroukx, Rina Verdoodt, An van Nunen

AIM: To give a multiprofessional view on employment regarding MS

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 80

PRICE: 30 euro

Workshop 2: MS Urology

VENUE: TBC

FACULTY: more information later on

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PRICE: 30 euro

14.00 -17.00: Visit at the Melsbroek MS Rehabilitation Centre

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 52

PRICE: 30 euro

19.30: Welcome Reception at the University Hall

FRIDAY 9 MAY 2008

8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.15	Official opening and welcome
9.15 – 10.45	Session 1: Update on recent advances Chairs: Prof. Christian Confavreux (F) TBC Dr. Marie-Beatrice D'Hooghe (B) Immunomodulatory medications Prof. Benedict Dubois (B) Intrathecal baclofen treatment tbc Measuring cognitive functions in MS Dr. Guy Nagels (B)
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee with posters
11.15 – 12.00	Plenary lecture 1 Chair: Prof. dr. Dirk De Ridder
	Evidence based MS Urology Prof. dr. Marianne De Seze
12.00 – 12.30	Dedicated Poster Viewing time
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH
14.00 – 15.30	Session 2: Good practice in MS care Chairs: Prof. Alan Thompson (UK) Brita Loevendahl (DK)
14.00 – 14.20	The future of MS care Bernadette Porter (UK)
14.20 – 14.40	Outside pressure in developing MS rehabilitation Dr. J Ruutinen (FI)

14.40 – 15.00	Making the unpredictable predictable Dr. An van Nunen (B)
15.00 – 15.20	Italian experience Dr. Claudio Solaro Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee with posters
16.00 – 17.00	Session 3: Platform presentations Chairs: Dr. Stephan Ilsbroukx (B) Dr. Judith Lutz (CH)
17.15 – 18.30	General Assembly
19.30	Dinner, Faculty Club

SATURDAY 10 MAY 2008

8.00 – 9.00	General Assembly Confirmed only after if the quorum of GA on 6 May is not met
9.00 – 10.00	Platform presentations 2 Chairs: Dr. Claude Vaney (CH) Dr. Ingrid Galan (E)
10.00 – 10.45	Plenary lecture 2 Chair: Dr. Juhani Ruutinen (FI)
	Burden of MS Prof. Gisela Koebelt (F)
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee with posters
11.15 – 12.45	Session 4: Employment in MS Chairs: Prof. Gisela Koebelt (F) Eric Semois (B)
11.15 - 11.45	Danish survey on employment Bente Röttig (DK)
11.45 – 12.15	Employment across borders – the Dutch-Belgian experience Dr. Stephan Ilsbroukx (B)
12.15 – 12.45	Factors that influence the employment status of people with MS: an multi-national study Michele Messmer Uccelli (I)
12.45 – 13.00	Best Poster and Best Platform presentation Awards
13.00 – 14.30	LUNCH
14.30 – 16.00	SIG Workshops (paraller) Note the venue for SIG's: TBC
16.00	Goodbye drink

ANSWERING FORM

Name

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