

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AIM

The Italian Association of Myology (AIM) sponsored, between January and March 2020, two congresses that have been moved to later date due to the COVID 19. The first one should have been held in Pisa, the 20-21 March, entitled *E-health & Innovation to overcome barriers in Neuromuscular Diseases* and the second in Messina, the 4th April, named *Muscle Diseases in the reality of the territory: the importance of early diagnosis*.

Many activities of the Association during this period have been dedicated to the organization of the next joint congress of the Italian Association of Myology (AIM) and the Italian Association for the Study of the Peripheral Nerve System (ASNP) that will be held in Matera, 3-6 June 2020, emergency covid-19 permitting. The preliminary program can be found at the end of section Forthcoming Meetings of this issue (see p. 41). Further information can be find at the following link:// www.miologia.org/news/congresso-congiunto-aim-asnp

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MSM

The 14th Meeting of the Mediterranean Society of Myology (MSM) the meeting is moved to spring 2021. Proposals to organize and host the event are welcome.

WMS

This year marks the Jubilee 25th International Annual Congress of the World Muscle Society that will take place 30th September – 4th October 2020, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The congress venue is the new Halifax Convention Centre at 1650 Argyle Street, in the heart of this Atlantic seaport. The opening reception will be held on Wednesday 30th September 2020 in the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, with the networking dinner held on Saturday 3rd October at the magnificent Halifax Citadel.

The academic and clinical teams from the Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto led by Jim Dowling and Jiri Vajsar, together with the Local Organising Committee and the WMS Programme Committee, are the hosts and organisers of this meeting. The 4-day meeting will be an opportunity to catch up on the latest developments in neuromuscular diseases from around the world.

Following the longstanding tradition of the WMS, the meeting will be preceded by a teaching course, on 29-30th September 2020, at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax.

Contributions about new advances across the neuromuscular field are very welcome. The main thematic topics that will be addressed in the plenary sessions are:

1. New developments in congenital muscle disease;
2. Gene modifiers and gene delivery in neuromuscular disorders;
3. Advances in the treatment of neuromuscular disorders.