Harmonize Williams Syndrome in Europe

Rome, 17th October 2015
Pontificia Università Lateranense
Aula Magna

08.30 – 09.00	**Registration**
09.00 - 09.30	**Opening Ceremony** Leopoldo Torlonia, *President of the Italian Association Williams Syndrome* Mariella Enoc, *President of the Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital* Giuseppe Novelli, *Rector of Tor Vergata University* Camelia Lazar – Livieratou, *President of FEWS*
09.30 - 10.30	**Clinical Aspects & Patients** Session Chair: Bruno Dallapiccola, *Scentific Director of the Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital* Maria Cristina Digilio, Medical Doctor, Chief Medical Genetics Unit, Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital, Rome, Italy- *Rare clinical features in Williams Syndrome* Laura Mazzanti, Medical Doctor, Pediatric Endocrinology and Rare Disease Unit, S.Orsola Malpighi University Hospital, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy – *Transition to Young Adulthood in Williams Syndrome* Angelo Selicorni, Pediatrician and Medical Geneticist, Director U.O.S Genetica Clinica Pediatrica, MBBM Foundation, Monza - *Old and new informations regarding the Williams Syndrome's natural history*
10.30 - 11.00	**Coffee Break**
11.00 -12.00	**Genetics** Session Chair: Marco Tartaglia, *Research Division "Genetic Disorders and Rare Diseases", Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital* Luis A. Pérez Jurado, *Professor of Genetics Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Hospital del Mar Research Institute (IMIM) and CIBERER Barcelona, Spain - Identifying the main genes and modifiers of the WBS phenotype through the characterization of patients and mouse models* Giuseppe Merla, *Medical Genetics Units IRCCS Ospedale Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza - Understanding the Williams Beuren syndrome by cell modeling and high throughput techniques"* Pierre Luc Germain *Laboratory of Stem Cell Epigenetics, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy. Dissecting the interplay of genetic and epigenetic mechanisms in Williams Syndrome: insights from cell reprogramming-based disease models*
12.00- 12.15	**Question Time**
12.15 – 13.00	**Poster –Presentation**
13.00 - 14.00	**Buffet Lunch**
14.00 – 15.00	**Neuropsychological aspects** Session Chair: Andrea Bartuli, *Head of Diagnosis, treatment and research in Patients affected by Rare and Genetic Diseases Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital* Stefano Vicari, *Stefano Vicari, M.D. Head Child Neuropsychiatry Unit Department of Neuroscience I.R.C.C.S. Children Hospital Bambino Gesù, - Neurocognitive and behavioral aspects (infants and adults)* Annette Karminoff – Smith *Professorial Research Fellow at Birkbeck's Centre for Brain and Cognitive Development - Studying cognitive development in babies with Williams syndrome compared to other neurodevelopmental disorders.* Chiara Gagliardi M.D. IRCCS E.Medea Bosisio Parini. Italy- *Neurobiological basis of socio-emotional behaviour in Williams Syndrome*
15.00 – 16.00	**Meeting of the European Williams Associations**
16.00 – 16.45	**Open Talks** Istituto Superiore Sanità, *Director Cnr, Domenica Taruscio* Fondazione Telethon, *Grant Manager,* Danila Baldessari Uniamo FIMR Onlus, *Presiden*t
16.45 - 17.30	**Question Time**
17.30 -18.00	**Conclusion**