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## ISHN2022 in Rome

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of our **International Society for the History of the Neurosciences (ISHN)** took place on the campus of **Sapienza University in Rome, Italy** from **14-18 June 2022** (<http://www.ishn.org/ishn2022-final-program.pdf>).

### **Organization**

The organizers of the meeting, chaired by Elisabetta Sirgiovanni (Sapienza University), faced and overcame a number of challenges. This was our first meeting as the COVID pandemic was releasing its grip. Many members were hesitant to participate in the meeting in the traditional “in-person” format. Dr. Sirgiovanni and her wonderful team—including Gabriella Antonucci, Alessandro Aruta, Livia Castelli, Marco Cilione, Maria Conforti, Denise Corridore, Gilberto Corbellini, Stefano Ferracuti, Valentina Gazzaniga, Silvia Iorio, Paolo Mazzarello, Livia Ottolenghi, Francesca Ripari, Anastasia Sonogo, Klorinda Caushllari, Anastasia Sonogo, Alessia Tirnetta, Federica D’Annunzio, Roberta Giorgi, Valentina Marchionni, Aurora Odierno and other members—did a terrific job in making sure that the “hybrid” meeting, in which both local and distant audiences could appreciate and discuss presentations from Rome or anywhere else in the world, was a success. In addition, from a financial perspective, Elisabetta Sirgiovanni was able to end up with a surplus, which is also a great accomplishment.

### **Papers and Symposia**

Representatives from 10 countries put forward more than four dozen works on various aspects of the history of the neurosciences including materials dedicated

to studies of neuroanatomy, neurosurgery, memory, vision, movement, and the autonomic nervous system, followed by sessions on epilepsy, neurodegenerative disorders, insomnia, social and cultural themes, and more.

Paolo Mazzarello (University of Pavia) gave an invited lecture, *From Basic Research to Practical Applications: The Golgi School and Peripheral Nerve Regeneration*. Special symposia were organized by Marco Piccolino (University of Ferrara) and Nicholas Wade (University of Dundee) on *Dante and the Neurosciences*, and by Francesco Brigo and Lorenzo Lorusso (Società Italiana di Neurologia, SIN-GSN) on *The Historical Contribution of Italy to Neuroanatomy and Neurological Examination*. The latter took place near Vatican City in a magnificent auditorium at Santo Spirito Hospital, which was founded somewhere between 1198 and 1201 by the Roman pontiff Innocent III; it is the oldest hospital in the city that still operates. In addition, Elisabetta Sirgiovanni chaired a symposium on *Electro-Convulsive Therapy at Sapienza*, which was held at the beautiful Botanical Gardens at Trastevere, where the participants also could enjoy a guided tour.

### **Tours**

The participants had the benefit to tour museums of Sapienza University including Museum and Library of the History of Medicine, Museum of Comparative Anatomy, Museum of Pathological Anatomy, and Museum of Earth Sciences.

### **Awards and Honors**

Several awards and honors for 2022 were announced at the meeting in Rome (<http://www.ishn.org/ishn2022-awards-slideshow.pdf>):

- *Lifetime Contribution to the History of the Neurosciences*  
Peter J. Koehler (Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences*)
- *Outstanding Book in the History of the Neurosciences: Biography*  
Stanley Finger and Paul Eling, for *Franz Joseph Gall: Naturalist of the Mind, Visionary of the Brain* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019)
- *Outstanding Book in the History of the Neurosciences: Non-Biography*  
Simon Shorvon and Alastair Compston, for *Queen Square: A History of the National Hospital and its Institute of Neurology* (Cambridge, UK and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018)

- *ISHN2022 Travel Awards*  
Stephen Pow (University of Calgary), Benjamin Hunt (University of Liverpool), and Georgina Lau (Carleton University, Ottawa)

### **Business Meeting**

On Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary Yuri Zagvazdin and our new Treasurer, Diane Friedman, presented society business, including discussion of a new format of our membership. President Manon Auffret provided highlights about our 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting that will be held in July 2023 in Rennes, France. Peter Koehler presented news of the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences* (JHN), including monthly activities, and changes in Editorial Board composition. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Paul Foley (Canada Bay, New South Wales, Australia) succeeds Paul Eling as Co-Editor-in-Chief of *JHN*. Board members of the journal will have their meeting online in September.

We are grateful to the organizers for their hospitality and will keep fond memories of our Rome meeting!

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Rome, Italy

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