

## Scientific Program

8:00 Registration

8:20 SSIF Opening

**Giancarlo Comi, SSIF Scientific Committee President**

8:30 MS epidemiology: general aspects and environmental factors

**Nils Koch-Henriksen, Denmark**

9:00 Genetics of MS

**Bruce Cree, USA**

9:30 Immunopathogenesis of MS

**Hans Peter Hartung, Germany**

10:00 The biological bases for recovery

**Jack Antel, Canada**

10.30 Pathophysiology

**Howard L. Weiner, USA**

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 Diagnosis of MS today

**Mar Tintoré, Spain**

12:00 Clinical course and prognosis

**Fred Lublin, USA**

12.30 MRI in monitoring MS

**Douglas Arnold, Canada**

13:00 Neurophysiology to monitor MS

**Letizia Leocani, Italy**

13:30 *Lunch*

14:30 Current disease modifying drugs: evaluating the evidence

**Pierre Duquette, Canada**

15.00 Induction versus escalating

**Gilles Edan, France**

15.30 Opportunistic infections in MS treatment

**Joseph R. Berger, USA**

16.00 *Coffee Break*

16.30 MS treatment in practice

**Mark Freedman, Canada**

17.00 Future therapies

**Giancarlo Comi, Italy**

17:30 General Discussion

18:00 End of the meeting