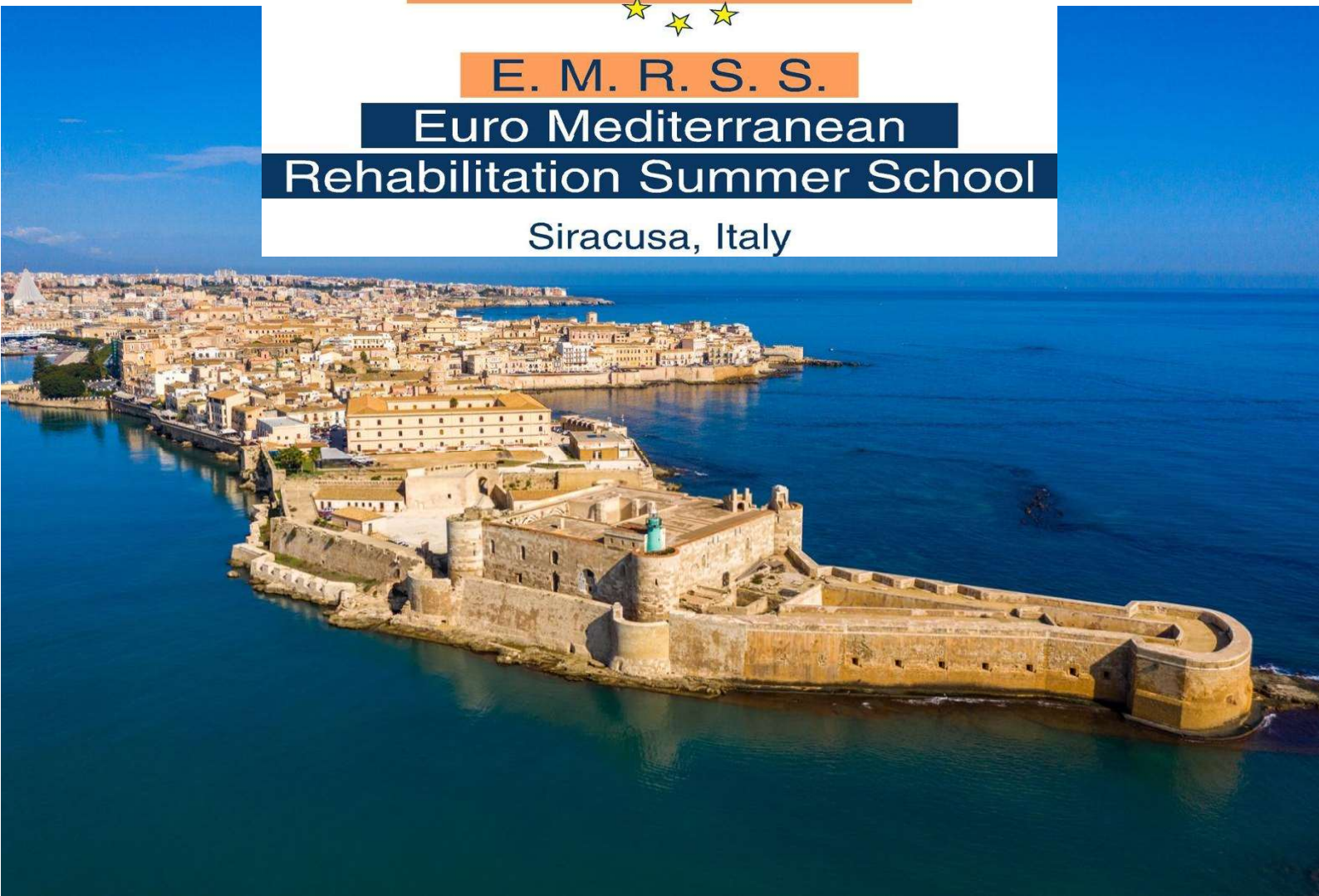




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20th EDITION

**REHABILITATION
Yesterday – Today – Tomorrow**

Syracuse 16 – 19 October 2025



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VENUE: Sant'Angela Merici Foundation
HOSPITALITY: Panorama Hotel

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Thursday October 16th, 2025

10:00 – 15:00 Participants registration at Panorama Hotel

16:00 – 20:00 Networking Event
Discussant: Francesco Cirillo - Alessandro Giustini

16:00 Transfer from Panorama Hotel to Sant'Angela Merici Foundation

16:30 – Start of the Networking Event

- Participants introduction session
- Celebration of EMRSS 20th anniversary in memory of Haim Ring; Role of MFPRM in EMRSS Support *Jorge Lains - Calogero Foti - Iuly Treger*
- The history of SIMFER and its role in EMRSS Support *Giovanni Iolascon*
- History of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine worldwide *Jorge Lains*
- ESPRM today and strategic agenda for the future *Klemen Grabljevec*
- UEMS role in PRM Education and Training *Stephen Zammit*
- 20th EMRSS presentation: Rehabilitation Yesterday – Today – Tomorrow - *Alessandro Giustini*
- EMRSS Presentation – *Francesco Cirillo*

19:30- Transfer to Panorama Hotel

20:00 All together to Koala Pub, near Panorama Hotel



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Friday, October 17th, 2025

Morning Session: Rehabilitation Yesterday

Discussant: Giovanni Iolascon – Giulia Letizia Mauro

8:45 Transfer from Panorama Hotel to Sant'Angela Merici Foundation

09:00 The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health -
Francesca Gimigliano

09:45 CochraneRehab: the value of evidence for physical and rehabilitation
medicine - *Stefano Negrini*

10:30 Break

10:45 Scientific societies' role for the growth of PMR in national contexts –
Jorge Lains

11:30 Research issues in PRM, from the past to the future - *Franco Franchignoni*

12:15 The importance of the World Health Assembly's Resolution on
"Strengthening Rehabilitation in Health Systems" - *Carlotta Kiekens*

13:00 Light lunch



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14:30 Afternoon Session 1

SPORT & REHABILITATION
Discussant: Raffaele Gimigliano

- Giuseppe Massazza: XXV Olympic Winter Games and Paralympics, Milan-Cortina 2026 (greeting message from Luciano Bonfiglio President of Italian Olympic Committee - C.O.N.I.).
- Daniele Bruschetta: Sports Medicine and Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine: an essential combination for Sport (greeting message from Luca Pancalli President of the Italian Paralympic Committee - C.I.P.).
- Alessandro Giustini: Sport as a way to overcome disability (greeting message from Vincenzo Falabella President of the Italian Federation for Overcoming Handicap – FISH).

Summary: Francesca Gimigliano

16:00 Afternoon Session 2

What am I doing today?
Discussant: Jorge Lains – Francesco Cirillo

16:00 Aids, prostheses and orthoses - *Stephen Zammit*

16:30 Drugs and Nutraceuticals - *Calogero Foti*

17:00 Physical therapies - *Valeria Coco*

17:30 Laughter Therapy- *Franco Scirpo*

18:15 Transfer to Panorama Hotel

Free evening



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Saturday 18 October 2025

What Am I doing today?

Morning Session

Discussant: Klemen Grabljevec - Iuly Treger

08:45 Transfer from Panorama Hotel to Sant'Angela Merici Foundation

09:00 Musculoskeletal ultrasound in physical and rehabilitation medicine –
Levent Ozcakar

10:00 Myths and truths of functional recovery after brain and spinal cord injury -
Maria Gabriella Ceravolo

10:35 Bone Densitometry: A Key Tool for Osteoporosis Diagnosis and Monitoring
Alfredo Romeo & Alessandro Giustini

11:10 Break

11:15 Novel use of fMRI in the rehabilitation of conversion disorder - *Iuly Treger*

11:45 Interventional Physiatry, new horizons - *Calogero Foti*

12:30 Virtual Reality in the Individual Rehabilitation Project – *Rocco Salvatore Calabrò*

13:15 Light lunch



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What Am I doing today?

Afternoon Session

Discussant: - Levent Ozcakar - Franco Franchignoni

14:30 Robot-assisted training in PRM – *Marco Franceschini*

15:15 Research in restorative neuroscience – *Massimo Marano*

16:00 New insights in Rehabilitation of neurogenic dysphagia – *Domenico Antonio Restivo*

16:45 Advanced telerehabilitation: when and how - *Alessandro Giustini and Nicola Manocchio*

17:30 Presentation 21° E.M.R.S.S. Course

18:15 Transfer to Panorama Hotel

Free evening



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Sunday 19 October 2025

Rehabilitation Tomorrow

Morning Session

Discussant: Calogero Foti – Francesca Gimigliano

09:00 Transfer from Panorama Hotel to Sant'Angela Merici Foundation

09:30 Cutting edge research in Artificial Hands Area - *Marco Franceschini*

10:00 Aerospace Medicine and rehabilitation strategies - *Francesca Gimigliano*

10:30 Artificial Intelligence and PRM - *Angelo Sorbello*

11:00 Exergaming, a new frontier for PRM? - *Vincenzo Perciavalle*

11:30 A Musician's dystonia: electromyography in the study of peripheral nervous system and muscular diseases - *Michele Vecchio*

12:00 Delivery of certificates by EMRSS President Francesco Cirillo

12:30 Farewell Toast

Afternoon: Special Practice Session

Discussant: Levent Ozcarar

14:00 Injection Therapy, new paradigms – *Stephen Cavallino*

16:30 EMRSS Closing



FACULTY (in alphabetic order)

- **Daniele Bruschetta:** PRM Professor, University of Messina, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Italy
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