

## **GEMSTONE Project's 1st Dissemination Event: Regional Symposium**

### **Neurodevelopmental aspects of brain disorders & genetically engineered models**

**Date: 3-4 October 2023**

**Venue: Acibadem University, Istanbul, Turkey**

**D Hall**

**Day 1: GEMSTONE Research on neurodevelopmental aspects of brain disorders & genetically engineered models**

**09:00-09:30- Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**09:30-09:45- Opening Remarks** by Prof. Dr. Filiz Onat, PI of GEMSTONE

**Chair: Prof. Dr. Özlem Akman and Prof. Dr. Güldal Süyen**

**09:45- 10:15 - “Advances in Neurodevelopmental Research”** by a Prominent Expert in the Field  
Presentation of GEMSTONE Project Overview and Objectives, Assoc. Prof. Nihan Çarçak (GEMSTONE WP2 Research Leader)

**10:15 – 11:00- Keynote Speech: “Neuroinflammation in immature and adult rodent models of epilepsy”** by Annamaria Vezzani, PhD, Laboratory of Epilepsy and Therapeutic Strategy

**11:00- 11:45- Keynote Speech: Dr Annika Luetjohann**

**Lunch Break 12:00- 13:00**

**Afternoon Session:**

**Chair: Assoc. Prof. Melike Şahiner**

**13:00 – 15:00 Oral Presentation Session (GEMSTONE Post-docs and PhD Candidates’ Presentations)**

Research findings and progress related to GEMSTONE Research  
Q&A and interactive discussions

**15:00-15:30 Coffee Break**

**Parallel Session:**

**Chair: Prof. Dr Yıldırım Sara**

**15:30 – 17:00 Oral Presentation Session (continued- GEMSTONE Post-docs and PhD Candidates’ Presentations)**

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Q&A and interactive discussions

**Parallel Session:**

**Chair: Prof. Dr Eda Tahir Turanlı**

**15.30– 17.00 Capacity Building Discussions**

**Session 1:** Capacity Building component findings and progress related to GEMSTONE by Assoc. Prof. Melike Şahiner & Dr. Sinem Bağcı, GEMSTONE Project Manager)

**Session 2:** Capacity Building in Animal Laboratory by Dr. Samed Özer, Biologist Aslı Önder Gül

**Session 3:** Gender Equality in Neuroscience by GENDEREX

Q&A and interactive discussions



**Day 2: Exploring Neuroscience Research and Industry Collaboration**

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**Chair: Prof. Dr. Beki Kan and Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Özkara**

**09:00-09:45 Keynote Speech:** Prof Deniz Kırık, Local PI of Lund University, GEMSTONE

**09:45- 10:30 Keynote Speech:** Prof. Dr. Yasemin Gürsoy Özdemir, Koç University, IMMUPARKNET  
Cost Action Representative

**10:30-10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45 – 11:30 Keynote Speech: “Trends in the Pharmaceutical Industry”** by Dr Süha Taşpolatoğlu,  
CEO, Abdi İbrahim

**11:30 - 12:15 Keynote Speech**

**Lunch Break 12:15 - 13:15**

**Afternoon Session:**

**Chair: Prof. Dr. İsmail Hakkı Ulus**

**13:15- 15:00 Poster Presentation Session**

Early-stage researchers present their research findings in a poster format

**15:00-15:30 Coffee Break**

**Chair: Prof. Dr. Nerses Bebek**

**15:30 – 16:30 Poster Presentation Session (continued)**

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**Parallel Session:**

**13.15- 14.30 Roundtable Discussion on University-Industry Collaboration and International Networking**

Invited researchers and experts to share insights and current developments

Q&A session with the audience

**16.30 -17.00 Closing Ceremony**

Summary of the symposium's highlights and take-home messages

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Closing Remarks by Event Organizers



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