

DYSTONIA DAY 2021

Interactive Online Conference

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DYSTONIA
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SPEAKERS



Adam Kalinowski

Adam suffers from dystonia since 2006. He founded an online support group for patients from Poland, which marked the start of his career as a patient advocate. In 2016, he became a member of the Polish Dystonia Association where he currently acts as a Board Secretary. In the same year he became Ambassador for the MyDystonia application.

Adam was elected a DE Board Member in 2017 and one of his roles is the coordination for the MyDystonia Ambassador program. Adam is a very dedicated advocate for dystonia patients and has spoken at the EU Parliament about dystonia in 2018. He is Polish but he lives in Ireland where he studies graphic design. Adam was reelected to the Dystonia Europe board in London 2019, and is now the President of Dystonia Europe.



Mark Edwards

Professor of Neurology

Professor Mark Edwards is a movement disorders specialist at St George's, University of London Atkinson Morley Regional Neuroscience Centre.

His clinical and research interest are in movement disorders (Parkinson's Disease, tremor, dystonia, myoclonus and tics). He has particular interest in the diagnosis and treatment of functional movement disorders and dystonia including focal hand dystonia affecting musicians.



Francesca Morgante

Neurologist with expertise in Movement Disorders, working as Reader in Neurology at St. George's University of London. Currently, she is a Reader at St. George's University of London and honorary consultant neurologist at St. George's Hospital, where she focuses her main clinical activities on people with advanced Parkinson's disease, Dystonia and rare Movement Disorders. Her research is focused on psychiatric features of Parkinson's disease, particularly impulsive-compulsive behaviours, on the brain mechanism of motor complications of Parkinson's disease (such as dyskinesia) and on novel technologies applied to Deep Brain Stimulation. She has published more than 110 papers on peer-reviewed journals and many chapters in books focusing on Movement Disorders. She is part of the editorial board of Movement Disorders Journal and Movement Disorders Clinical Practice.



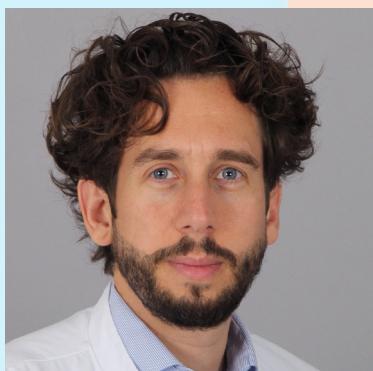
Kailash Bhatia

Professor of clinical neurology in the Sobell Department of Movement Neuroscience at the Institute of Neurology, UCL, Queen Square, London and an honorary consultant neurologist at the affiliated National Hospital for Neurology, Queen Square.

Kailash obtained his basic medical degree and neurology training in Mumbai, India and further training in neurogenetics and movement disorders with the late Professors Anita Harding and David Marsden at the Institute of Neurology, London. In 2007 he was appointed senior lecturer and honorary consultant neurologist, and in 2002 was promoted to professor of clinical neurology.

Kailash is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and corresponding fellow of the American Academy of Neurology.

Professor Bhatia has over 500 publications, including 384 peer-reviewed papers. Kailash has just published "Marsden's book of Movement disorders", a comprehensive piece of work which has been highly acclaimed. He is the current Associate Editor of the Movement Disorders Journal. He is a grant reviewer for Telethon, Inserm France, UK PD society and a medical advisor to the UK Dystonia society and on the scientific board of the Bachman Struass trust. He is the current chairman of the Movement Disorders subcommittee of the European Neurological Society (ENS), and serves on various committees of the International Movement Disorders Society.



Martin Reich

During Medical School in Kiel, Germany, Dr. Reich got for the first time in touch with movement disorders and the fascinating therapeutic potential of deep brain stimulation. In 2008 he started his doctoral thesis in this field with Jens Volkmann and Guenther Deuschl. After a short stay at King's College in London and finishing Medical School, he moved to Wuerzburg to start his Residency in Neurology and continuing his scientific efforts in Movement disorders and Brainstimulation.

After completing a clinical scientist track he went to Harvard Medical School in Boston for a postdoc stay in the group of Michael Fox. Since 2017 he is leading the visualDBSlab in Wuerzburg focusing on neuroplasticity and network-wide effects of neuromodulation therapies. Additionally he is a senior consultant at the department of Neurology.



Katarzyna Śmiłowska

Neurologist at the Regional Hospital in Sosnowiec, Poland. Additionally, she continues research activities at the Christian-Albrechts University, Kiel, Germany, under supervision of Prof. MD Günther Deuschl.

Dr Smilowska received a PhD degree from the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland in 2017. Following that, she was awarded an EAN research fellowship at the Department of Neurology, Radboud University medical center in Nijmegen, under Prof. MD Bas Bloem's supervision.

Shortly after Dr Smilowska undertook a fellowship at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, at the Clinical Movement Disorders Group led by Prof. Kailash Bhatia. She was also a part of the LEAP class of 2020. She serves as a member of numerous MDS committees, namely: the European Education Committee, MDS Rating Scales Translation Committee, MDS Web-based Learning Sub-Committee Meeting. Dr Smilowska is particularly interested in Parkinson's disease, dystonia and genetics in rare movement disorders.



Rachel Jones

Moderator

Managing Partner and Medical Director at Swii.ch Health Ltd, a rare disease patient engagement agency. An experienced patient engagement expert which began working for the NHS in the UK as a Pharmacist. Keen to utilise the insights gained at the "coal face" Rachel joined the Pharmaceutical Industry and held a number of senior positions within R and D, Medical Affairs, Global Marketing and Patient Affairs. Rachel left the industry after 15 years and pursued a behavioural science

degree and is now the proud co-founder of swii.ch health - a rare disease patient engagement agency whose employees and partners share the same passion - to connect patients and families with Pharma clients to achieve the best outcomes for all.