



# CONGRÈS EUROPEAN POLIO CONFERENCE EUROPÉEN

POLIOMYELITIS, A CONGRESS TO BUILD THE FUTURE!

Polio-France



MAY  
25.26<sup>TH</sup>.27  
2023

NANCY

CENTRE DE  
CONGRÈS  
PROUVÉ  
1, PLACE DE  
LA RÉPUBLIQUE



Polio-France is the only national association that gathers and represents exclusively the people carrying sequelae of poliomyelitis. It is also an active member of the Board of Directors of the European Polio Union (EPU).

After the serious epidemics of the 1950s and 1960s, the introduction of compulsory vaccination in 1964 marked the end of cases of polio-virus. Some children died at that time, and about 50,000 survivors in France are in various situations of disability due to the after-effects of the disease.

After leaving the rehabilitation centers and reaching adulthood with their disabilities stabilized, all of them were able to study, work, start a family and pursue a career. Many of them are now reaching retirement age. They have blended into the national landscape, fully integrated, and are no longer visible to the point that 40 to 50 years later, it is common to hear people say: "polio no longer exists!" This is true of the viral threat. Yet the survivors with polio scars are among us ; in our neighborhoods, our businesses, our families. They continue to fight, as they always have.

No scientific hindsight allowed us to imagine that, 40 or 50 years later, the natural effects of aging could play a major role in the life process of these disabled people, degrading their remaining capacities as early as 45-50 years old, with more or less brutality and rapidity.

**Impoverished by the lack of transmission among most health professionals,** the body of knowledge on the management of the after-effects of poliomyelitis is such that there is an urgent need to reinstate the circulation of this knowledge. It is necessary to create (or perpetuate)

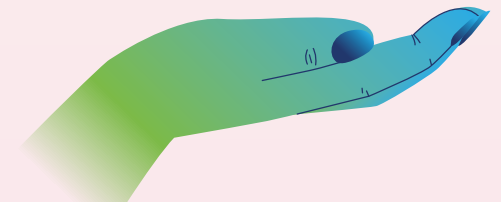
spaces for the dissemination of scientific knowledge and management methods. This can only be achieved through events that encourage this type of exchange, as proposed by the Nancy congress. **Creating the conditions for the sustainable existence of a dedicated platform is essential.**

Contrary to most scientific and/or medical conferences, the particularity of polio congresses lies in the sharing of knowledge and experiences, especially the fruitful exchange between health professionals and people with polio sequelae. They have been immersed in the medical world since early childhood and, like expert patients, they often represent half of the audience of this type of conferences. They produce a highly productive interaction that is much sought after by professionals. Most professionals agree that sharing life experience is at least as important as the body of scientific knowledge.

**This congress is not a congress like any other** with a learned society that addresses its colleagues. We are a patient association that wishes to create the necessary conditions for the exchange of knowledge in order to perpetuate its dissemination, but above all to motivate research and innovation in care. This congress is aimed at people with polio sequelae from all over the country, whether or not they are members of the association, but also at their European counterparts, via their organizations, members of the EPU. Its main target remains the health professionals of the whole country and of the European countries concerned by the management of polio sequelae.

**This congress will take place on May 25-26-27, 2023 in Nancy at the Jean Prouvé Congress Center,** offering space for exhibitors, conference rooms, formal and informal meetings, thematic workshops, equipment demonstrations, and photo exhibitions.

**This congress will also be the occasion to host the Annual General Meeting of the EPU** (May 27). Indeed, more than sharing conferences on common subjects, exchanges will be able to create the basis for future cross-border collaborations for a dynamic favorable to the greatest number.



## MORNING

- 8:15 - 8:45** Welcome of the participants  
**8:45 - 8:55** Congress opening by the president of the Meurthe & Moselle Departmental Council : **Ms Chaynesse Khirouni**.

(In parallel to the lectures, thematic workshops and discussion groups will be held in the adjoining rooms)

### SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

Moderator : Pr Alain Yelnik, AP-HP Lariboisière, Paris

- 9:00 - 9:40am** "Networking Changes in Polio Survivors : A Corticomuscular Coherence Study"  
Dr Bahman Nasseroleislami (Trinity College, Dublin) [20mn]  
+ Discussion [10mn]
- 9:30 - 10:00** "Epidemiological Update and Vaccine Innovations"  
Prof. Pierre Van Damme (University of Antwerp, Belgium) - [20mn]  
+ Brief address  
Past-Governor Rotary District 1790 - [5mn]  
+ Discussion [5mn]
- 10:00 - 10:30** "News and novelties in equipment for polio patients"  
Pr François Genêt (AP-HP Hôp. R.Poincaré - Garches) - [20mn]  
+ Discussion [10mn]
- 10:20 - 11:00am** Break, visit of the stands, informal exchanges ?

### ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS : EXPERIENCES OF CARE NETWORKS

Moderator : Dr Rania Belmahfoud, CRRF La Châtaigneraie Convention, Paris

- 11:00-11:10am** 2000-2020 : update on the IDF\* polio network  
Pr Alain Yelnik, AP-HP Lariboisière, Paris) - [10mn]
- 11:10-11:30am** The 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Center of Expertise, Resources and Support - Poliomyelitis sequelae  
Dr Noël Martinet - IRR Nancy/Dr Laure PAIN - ARS - Grand-Est\*\*) - [20mn]
- 11:30-11:50am** Organization of care in the Netherlands  
Pr Frans Nollet, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) - [20mn]
- 11:50 - 12:10am** Presentation of the PNDS\*\*\* - Poliomyelitis  
Dr Annie Verschuere - La Timone, Marseille) - [20mn]  
Global discussion : National Diagnostic and Care Protocol\* [30mn]
- 12:40 - 2:00** LUNCH BREAK



\*National Diagnostic and Care Protocol



## AFTERNOON

### SURGICAL ASPECTS: THE PERIOPERATORY

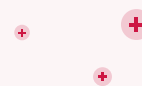
Moderator : Pr François Genêt, AP-HP Hôp. Raymond Poincaré, Garches

- 2:00 - 2:20pm** Preparation of the polio patient for surgery : incl. the polio patient confronted with anesthesia  
Dr Chawki Trabelsi - AP-HP Hôp. R.Poincaré - Garches) - [20mn]
- 2:20 - 2:40pm** Total knee and hip arthroplasty in patient with poliomyelitis sequelae : a long-term functional follow-up in a French reference center  
Dr Fabien Calé - AP-HP Hôp. R. Poincaré - Garches) - [20mn]
- 2:40 - 3:00pm** Hip prostheses for patients with post-polio syndrome, an often misunderstood problem  
Dr Axel Ruetz - Katholisches Klinikum - Koblenz - Germany) - [20mn]  
+ Discussion [30-40mn]
- 3:45 - 4:15pm** Break, visit of the stands

### HOW TO LIVE MY POLIO BETTER : PREVENTING DISABILITY DETERIORATION HOW TO MAINTAIN A GOOD PHYSICAL SHAPE?

Moderator : Pr Jean Paysant - IRR Nancy/Ugecam-Nord Est

- 4:15 - 4:35pm** Weight, polio patient's public enemy number 1  
Pr F. Genêt - AP-HP Hôp. R.Poincaré - Garches - [20mn]
- 4:35 - 4:55pm** Adapted physical activity :  
Léo Barassin - AP-HP Hôp. R.Poincaré - Garches - [20mn]
- 4:55 - 5:15pm** Thermalism : The specific polio cure  
Sylvain Bonnet, Les Thermes Lamalou-Les-Bains - [20mn]  
+ Global discussion [30mn]
- 6:00 pm** CONCLUSION OF THE DAY  
President of the congress Departure for Nancy City Hall
- 7:00 pm** Official reception in the Grand Salons of the City Hall



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**POLIO-FRANCE NATIONAL  
MEETING DAYS**  
workshops, debates, conferences



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PROGRAM**

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**EPU ANNUAL  
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**MORNING**

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