

Proceedings of the 2022 Neuromuscular Study Group Meeting

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It is a pleasure to once again publish the proceedings of the Neuromuscular Study Group (NMSG), formerly known as the Muscle Study Group (MSG) meeting that will be held in Stresa, Italy, Sept. 30-Oct 2, 2022. We have officially changed the name to NMSG to emphasize that this scientific group is home to researchers in both motor neuron and peripheral nerve disorders.

This year we are pleased to announce that we have an all-time record number of conference participants. This is our first in-person meeting since the start of the COVID pandemic. We are lucky to hold this meeting on beautiful Lake Maggiore, Italy. We want the NMSG to become the popular forum for neuromuscular researchers to gather and share ideas.

The attendance this year is over 200 and we had 141 abstracts submitted. The majority of the abstracts will be presented as posters, and some were selected for platform presentations. We have invited many international experts in neuromuscular disorders to present at this meeting.

We once again have brought back the popular neuromuscular “shark tank”. This will be our fourth year hosting this event. The six presenters, who are junior researchers, will pitch their research idea to our shark judges. The shark panel this year are Aziz Shaibani, Emma Ciafaloni, Tahseen Mozaffar and Anthony Amato. The sharks will then select one of the competitors to receive a \$10,000 award that they will use to conduct the research project they pitched. The winner will present at a future NMSG conference. In the spring of 2022, we hosted our first shark tank competition that was not part of the annual NMSG meeting.

Below is a table of the previous shark tank competition winners, the title of their projects and year they won the event:

Dr. Vinojini Vivekanandam (UK)	MEND (Mexiletine Versus Lamotrigine in Non-Dystrophic Myotonia)	2020 Annual Meeting
Dr. Katy Dodd (UK)	The Innate Immune System in Myasthenia Gravis	2021 Annual Meeting
Jenna Linn Lammers (USA)	The Therapeutic Play Gym Pilot Study	2021 Annual Meeting
Anza Memon (USA)	Plasma Exosomes as a Blood Biomarker for Diabetic Peripheral Polyneuropathy	2022 Spring Shark Tank

This year the NMSG is again very grateful for this year’s planning committee who spent hours working to organize the program.

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Thank you to the 2022 sponsors for the NMSG who made this meeting possible. The complete list of sponsors is located in the attached meeting program.

We also want to thank Liz Paulk, our NMSG administrative director, for her amazing work to pull off another successful NMSG meeting.

We are publishing the issue of the RRNMF Neuromuscular Journal (Volume 3, Issue 3) before we gather in Italy. This will allow the opportunity for all to review the program and abstract prior to the conference.

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