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Neolatin group on headache – the spoken languages of men and the international transmission of scientific knowledge

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Background - This initiative stems from previous projects[1] designed to benefit a category of people who live a particular linguistic “disadvantage”: the immigrants. Even more so, those immigrants who suffer from Chronic Headache and its comorbidities (physical/psychological disorders).

Aim: To develop and share a more readily comprehensible and accessible model of communication relating to head pain and emotional-affective comorbidities. The model takes into account suggestions, needs and preferences by the main stakeholders (scientists, general doctors, patients).

Method: The conceptual core of the Project is the Pavia Declaration (2013), which emphasizes the importance of the interplay between linguistics and neurology. It comes 1200 years after the “official” birth of the Romance languages: the Council of Tours, organised by Charlemagne, when it was explicitly stated that bishops should «*translate (transfere) their sermons in a comprehensible way, into the rustic Roman or German tongue (in rusticam romanam linguam aut thiotiscam)*» so that everyone would be able to understand.

Within the initiatives of the Pavia Declaration, we created and implemented a website (www.neolatingrouponheadache.net) containing several sections.

Results: During 2014, we recorded more than 1500 contacts from Euromediterranean, LatinAmerican and Euroasian areas. These generated several lines of suggestions about contents and research topics.

Conclusions: We believe that this way of sharing information and culture, under a scientific and structured control, is a useful means to share knowledge and valorize patient empowerment.

[1] Among others “Genetic-Ambiente Colombo 2000” Project (1995–2005) with Italian/Argentinian Health Ministries, Mondino Foundation/CBIM/University (Pavia), Latinamerican Hospitals and Universities (Argentina and Uruguay).



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Multidisciplinary integration of providers in an academic headache center

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Objectives: Improve access, diagnosis, and treatment of headache in a resource-challenged health care system.

Background: Chronic headache is a public health problem. New solutions are needed to provide care to the millions who need it. University of Utah is a UCNS academic certified headache center serving a 7 state catchment area (average referrals of 400/month) with 1.5 full time equivalent (FTE) headache providers. Ten University community clinics sharing an electronic medical record (EMR) contribute 25% of the headache referrals (~100 referrals month), providing an opportunity to test new approaches.