

Matilde Leonardi Mentor Profile

I am happy to serve as mentor in the WFNR mentorship programme



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Introduction: Dr Leonardi is developing and carrying out research projects related to neurology, chronic diseases and employment, disability, ageing, public health, ICF (WHO's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health) and WHO-DAS 2.0, neurorehabilitation and burden of neurological disorders. Her activity in the field of **disorders of consciousness** allows her team to have one of the worldwide largest epidemiological database on this type of patients. She is a WHO expert on neurology, rehabilitation, disability and ageing. Co-ordinator and partner of several, EU- and non EU-funded research projects. Dr. Leonardi is consultant on public health, UNCRPD monitoring and disability policy development for several European and extra European Governments. Board of Directors of the Bioethics Centre at the Catholic University of Milan. One Neurology Ambassador. EAN Chair Communication Committee, WFN Board member of Advocacy, WFNR Flying Faculty and Presidium member.

Scientific/Research and or clinical expertise and skills

Developing and carrying out national and international research projects related to burden of diseases, neurology (in particular **disorders of consciousness** and headaches), Neurocovid, neurorehabilitation, disability, ageing, chronic non communicable diseases, public health, employment and NCDs, ICF (WHO's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health) and related instruments.

Number of mentees I can accept: 2

Frequency of Meeting: Monthly via Zoom, willing to meet in person during any conference