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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

2010 - present PhD program in Psychological and Psychiatric Sciences  
Graduate School of Sciences Engineering Medicine  
University of Verona

2006 - 2009 Master Degree in Psychology – Neuroscience  
Faculty of Cognitive Sciences  
University of Trento  
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2003 – 2006 Bachelor of Cognitive Psychology Sciences  
Faculty of Cognitive Sciences  
University of Trento  
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### Employment

Feb 2009 - present Research Assistant, Neuromotor and Cognitive Rehabilitation Research  
Centre  
University of Verona  
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### Publications

Ianes, P., **Varalta, V.**, Gandolfi, M., Picelli, A., Corno, M., Di Matteo, A., Fiaschi, A., & Smania, N. Stimulating visual exploration of the neglected space in the early stage of stroke by hemifield eye-patching: a RCT in patients with right brain damage, *European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine*, provisionally accepted

Aiachini B., Pisoni C., Cieza A., Cazzulani B., Giustini A., Pistarini C., **Italian Network**. (2010) Developing ICF core set for subjects with traumatic brain injury: an Italian clinical perspective, *European Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 46:27-36.

## Research Interests

Pathophysiology and rehabilitation of visuo-spatial attention deficits (neglect, extinction)

Pathophysiology and rehabilitation of memory

Pathophysiology and rehabilitation of apraxia

Assessment and cognitive stimulation of patients with mild cognitive impairment/dementia

## Congress Presentations

**Varalta V.**, Smania N., Marzi C.A., Natale E.; “Meccanismi funzionali e fisiologici dell’estinzione visiva in pazienti con lesione emisferica destra: implicazioni per la riabilitazione”. *Oral presentation*, X Congresso Nazionale Società Italiana Riabilitazione Neurologica (SIRN), Palermo 22-24 april 2010

**Varalta V.**, Smania N., Marzi C.A., Natale E.; “Amelioration of visual extinction in a patient with right-hemisphere damage after left hemisphere bleeding: implication for rehabilitation”. *Oral presentation*, 17th Congress of European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Venezia 23-27 may 2010

**Varalta V.**; “Induzione di movimenti oculari esplorativi mediante binocular eye patching”. Simposio congiunto “Riabilitare il neglect visuo-spaziale, dall’attenzione alla deambulazione” (Giornate Cardiologiche Camilliane), Venezia 22 may 2010

Natale E., **Varalta V.**, Lupi A., Smania N., Marzi C.A.; “Neural correlates of visual extinction as revealed by pet at rest in chronic patients”. *Poster presentation*, 29th European Workshop on Cognitive Neuropsychology, Bressanone 23-28 january 2011

**Varalta V.**, Lupi A., Smania N., Marzi C.A., Natale E.; “Interhemispheric metabolic asymmetries associated with visual extinction in chronic patients”. *Poster presentation*, Cognitive Neuroscience Society 2011 Annual Meeting, San Francisco 2-5 april 2011

Fonte C., Varalta V., Cavallaro T., Magalini A., Tamburin S., Maier A., Facci E., Smania N., Fiaschi A.; “Stimolazione cognitiva di gruppo in pazienti affetti da mci: studio pilota”. *Poster presentation*, XI Congresso Nazionale Società Italiana Riabilitazione Neurologica (SIRN), Verona 5-7 may 2011

**Varalta V.**, Lupi A., Marzi C.A., Smania N. Natale E.; “Neural changes in structurally intact occipital areas associated with visual extinction: pet evidence from chronic patients”. *Poster presentation*, 3rd Meeting Federation of the European Societies of Neuropsychology, Basilea 7-9 september 2011.

Fonte C., **Varalta V.**, Gandolfi M., Bigozzi E., Cantagallo A., Zanette G., Trentin M., Tamburin S., Picelli A., Fiaschi A., Smania N. Localization of lesion and recovery of unilateral spatial neglect in stroke patients: experimenatal study in right brain damage *Poster presentation*, 3rd Meeting Federation of the European Societies of Neuropsychology, Basilea 7-9 september 2011.

### **Affiliation to Professional Associations**

- 2008 – present    Member of the Italian Interdisciplinary Group of Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (GIRN)
- 2009 - present    Member of the Italian Society of Neurological Rehabilitation (SIRN)
- 2009 - present    Member of the Italian Society of Physical and rehabilitation Medicine (SIMFER)