

Corpus SIM - Senectus Ipsa Morbus

- Spontaneous speech in healthy ageing -

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GENERAL AIMS OF THE PROJECT

- ✓ Building an Italian pilot corpus of senile speech
- ✓ Identifying the changes in communicative interaction with older speakers
- ✓ Deliver a freely accessible and extensible infrastructure for both scholars and clinicians

CORPUS DESIGN

Recording sessions	Young Seniors (65-75 y.o.)		Seniors (76-84 y.o.)	
	W	M	W	M
Naples	4	4	4	4
Bari	4	4	4	4
Florence	4	4	4	4

Exclusion Criteria

- ✓ Psychiatric or neurological illness
- ✓ History of alcohol abuse and/or psychotropic drug therapy
- ✓ Mini-Mental State examination scores below the normality cut-off (23.8)

Great seniors (>84 y.o.) have been excluded

- ✓ Difficulties in neurocognitive evaluations
- ✓ High chance of comorbidities

SPOKEN DATA COLLECTION

- 1. Picture description task**
- *Theft in the living room*
- 2. Semi-structured interview**
- TV shows and movies
- Daily activities
- Food and cooking
- 3. Narration task (fairy tale)**
- *Little Red Riding Hood*

