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Dear Colleagues,
we are pleased to inform you that the Fifth International Congress on Glucocorticoid-induced Osteoporosis (GIO) will be held on October 11-13, 2007 in Naples. The recognized success of the first four GIO meetings held in Gardone Riviera in 1999, in Mantua in 2001, in Turin in 2003 and in Trieste in 2005, has convinced us to host a fifth GIO meeting.

This tradition of meetings so far allowed to enhance the awareness for the problem worldwide, enhance quality of clinical practice, learn about methods and results of basic science.

We expect an other wide forum in which specialists from different areas of clinical medicine will meet with experts in bone biology and osteoporosis to discuss new ideas for the research on glucocorticoid action and the management of patients with GIO. The aim of the meeting is to continue the successful work of the previous editions and to continue to keep alive the sensitivity of clinicians toward GIO. The panel of experts who will convene in Naples ensures a multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach to GIO. The program has been developed with attention to the scientific quality and to the participation of young investigators.

Basic scientists will discuss the molecular and cellular mechanisms of action of glucocorticoids in bone; clinical lectures will focus on relevance to specific settings, prevention and treatment of GIO. Don't miss this opportunity to meet 200 clinicians and researchers from around the world and to visit one of the most prestigious Italian cities.

We look forward to meeting you in Naples.

Alberto Angeli, MD - Ernesto Canalis, MD
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Thursday October 11, 2007

SATELLITE LECTURE

Chairperson: G. Crepaldi, Padua - Italy

- 15.30 **The critical role of the RANK/RANKL/OPG pathway in bone biology.**

N. Franchimont, Zug - Switzerland

OPENING SESSION

Current concepts and controversies on glucocorticoid action on bone and muscle cells.

Chairpersons: L. Moro, Trieste - Italy

A. Zallone, Bari - Italy

- 16.30 • **Actions of glucocorticoids on the osteoblast and their reversal by anabolic therapies.**

E. Canalis, Hartford - U.S.A.

- 17.00 • **Effects of glucocorticoids on osteocytes.**

R. Weinstein, Little Rock - U.S.A.

- 17.30 • **Effects of glucocorticoids on osteoclasts.**

M. Grano, Bari - Italy

- 18.00 • **Mechanisms of glucocorticoid-induced myopathy.**

J. P. Thissen, Brussels - Belgium

- 18.30 **LECTURE**

Chairpersons: A. Colao, Naples - Italy

C. Marcocci, Pisa - Italy

Osteoporosis and osteonecrosis in systemic lupus erythematosus.

N. Lane, Sacramento - U.S.A.

- 19.10 **OPENING CEREMONY**

- 19.45 *Welcome cocktail*

Friday October 12, 2007

- 8.30 **Meet-the-expert - Basic.**

S. Manolagas, Little Rock - U.S.A.

Diagnosis of GIO.

Chairpersons: G. C. Isaia, Torino - Italy

M. Salvatore, Napoli - Italy

- 9.10 • DXA vs QUS in the diagnosis of GIO.
S. Gonnelli, Siena - Italy
- 9.40 • μ QCT and μ MR. Their use in GIO.
H. K. Genant, San Francisco - U.S.A.
- 10.10 *Coffee break*
- GIO: selected clinical topics I.**
Chairpersons: A. Bellastella, Napoli - Italy
F. Mantero, Padua - Italy
- 10.30 • Endogenous hypercortisolism.
M. Boscaro, Ancona - Italy
- 11.00 • Osteoporosis in bone marrow transplantation.
L. Tauchmanova, Naples - Italy
- 11.30 • GH deficiency and therapy in GIO.
A. Giustina, Brescia - Italy
- 12.00 • Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Osteoporosis - EOLO Study.
R. Nuti, Siena - Italy
- 12.30 **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
Chairpersons: G. Luisetto, Padua - Italy
S. Minisola, Rome - Italy
- 13.30 *Lunch*
- POSTER SESSION**
Chairpersons: G. Iolascon, Naples - Italy
A. Scillitani, S. Giovanni Rotondo - Italy
- SEMINAR**
“Hot topics in therapy of GIO”
Chairpersons: F. Cigala - G. Valentini, Naples - Italy
- 14.30 • Novel approaches to underlying diseases.
A. Del Puente, Naples - Italy
- 15.00 • Vertebroplasty.
C. Ruosi, Naples - Italy
- GIO: selected clinical topics II.**
Chairpersons: G. Bianchi, Genoa - Italy
R. Scarpa, Naples - Italy
- 15.30 • Mechanisms of bone erosion in rheumatoid arthritis.
C. Montecucco, Pavia - Italy

- 16.00 • Effects of glucocorticoid treatment on focal and systemic bone loss in rheumatoid arthritis.
O. Di Munno, Pisa - Italy
- 16.30 • Multifactorial pathogenesis of falls and fractures.
M. Runge, Esslingen - Germany
- 17.00 *Coffee break*
- 17.20 **LECTURE**
Chairpersons: L. Annunziato, Naples - Italy
D. Cocchi, Brescia - Italy
New and improved glucocorticoid receptor ligands.
A. Negro-Vilar, San Diego - U.S.A.

Saturday October 13, 2007

- 8.20 **Meet-the-expert - Clinical.**
A. Angeli, Turin - Italy
Introduction: F. Cavagnini, Milan - Italy
GIO: therapy I.
Chairpersons: G. Fenzi, Naples - Italy
L. Sinigaglia, Milano - Italy
- 9.00 • Awareness of GIO.
S. Maggi, Padua - Italy
- 9.30 • Bisphosphonates in the treatment of GIO.
J. Compston, Cambridge - U.K.
- 10.00 • Future antiresorptive agents and their use in GIO.
S. Adami, Verona - Italy
- 10.30 *Coffee break*
GIO: therapy II.
Chairpersons: M. Passeri, Parma - Italy
G. Tolis, Athens - Greece
- 10.50 • Teriparatide and PTH in the treatment of GIO.
J. Bilezikian, New York - U.S.A.
- 11.20 • What is known about bone quality in GIO?
M. Bouxsein, Boston - U.S.A.
- 11.50 **POSTER AWARDS - ADJOURN**

Abstracts

Topics

1. Cellular and molecular mechanisms of glucocorticoid action.
2. Effects of glucocorticoids on osteotropic hormones.
3. Bone microenvironment and pathophysiology of GIO.
4. GIO: clinical aspects.
5. Systemic diseases and glucocorticoid therapy.
6. GIO: prevention and treatment and written according to the instructions (see the submission form).

- Abstracts written in English, must be submitted on-line using the appropriate form according to the instructions available at the congress web site.
Abstracts sent by fax or post will not be accepted.
- Methods of presentation will be oral communication or poster. Authors are requested to indicate their preference on the abstract form.
- Authors presenting an accepted abstract must register for the congress. The name of the first author must be also the presenting author.
- All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee, who will select the abstracts for either oral or poster presentation and designate them to the appropriate sessions. Abstracts that are not selected for either poster or oral presentation will be rejected.
- Rejection or acceptance together with the approved presentation method will be notify to the e-mail address written on the abstract form.
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the official congress abstract book.

Deadline for abstract submission: July 27, 2007



How to register for the Congress

Those who wish to attend the Congress should register by filling in the registration form available on line (see the congress web site) and faxing it to the Organising Secretariat. Each registrant must fill in a separate form.

Registration fees

Delegate: early registration: € 480,00 (until July 31, 2007);
late registration: € 600,00 (after July 31, 2007).

Student: € 240,00.

A student is defined as a holder of a student identification card from a recognised tertiary education institution or international student card.

Please note: a copy of your student identification card must be attached to the registration form.

Without this copy, the full registration fee will be charged.

All amounts include 20% Value Added Tax.

The registration fee entitles to the following: scientific sessions, abstract book, coffee breaks and lunches as described in the congress programme, welcome cocktail.

Payment

Registration will not be processed or confirmed until payment in full is received.

Payment may be made:

- with credit card. MasterCard and Visa are the only credit cards accepted at the congress;
- by money order (see bank coordinates on the registration form).

The wire transfer must be made in full free of bank charges.

Copy of the registration form duly filled in must be faxed to the Organizing Secretariat (0039 011 9224992).

In case of payment by wire transfer, copy of it must be attached.

Written confirmation will be e-mailed to all regularly enrolled participants.

Cancellations and refunds

Cancellation must be notified in writing to the Conference Organizer. Cancellation received within July 31, 2007 will incur a 50% cancellation fee of the total amount.

Cancellation received within september 14, 2007 will incur a 70% cancellation fee of the total amount.

After september 14, 2007 there will be no refund.

Refunds will be carried out after the Congress.

Bank costs will be deducted.

CME credits

The congress will apply for inclusion in the Italian Health Ministry's programme for Continuous Medical Education (ECM).

The hosting city, Naples

Naples, Napoli, the largest city in southern Italy and the capital of the Campania region, is located in a wonderful position facing the Mediterranean sea, halfway between the volcano, Vesuvius and a separate volcanic area, the Campi Flegrei. Thanks to its impressive history and rich cultural traditions, Naples offers a lasting memory of castles, old beautiful palaces, churches and monuments as well as a wide choice of museums, such as the famous National Museum of Capodimonte and the National Archaeological Museum.

Moreover, Naples is one of the undisputed world capital of taste with a famous food tradition and one of the best Italian cuisines. And around Naples several excursion opportunities: the islands of Ischia and Capri, the Amalfi Coast, the Vesuvian archaeological area with famous historic sites such as Pompeii, the Caserta Royal Palace, Posillipo and many others.

For more information visit:

www.comune.napoli.it

www.inaples.it

www.regione.campania.it

www.turismoregionecampania.it

The congress venue

The Royal Continental Hotel, via Partenope 38, located on one of the world's finest promenades facing the Mediterranean sea, offers elegant and comfortable rooms as well as a fully equipped congress centre.

Hotel accommodation

For room reservations at the congress venue Hotel Royal Continental please see the "accommodation" page of the congress web site.

Language

The congress official language will be English.

No simultaneous translation provided.



Climate

Naples has a typical mediterranean climate with mild winters and hot summers. Rains concentrate during November and December and between March and April.

Average high temperature in October is 21° C. (71° F.).



Currency

The Euro is the official currency in Italy.

How to reach Naples



From Rome or from the North: highway A1 up to Naples.
From the South: highway A3 or A16 up to Naples.



The railway central station of Naples is very well connected to the rest of Italy also by high-speed lines. Distance from the hotel: 3,7 Km.



Naples Capodichino International Airport offers daily connections to all Italian cities and major European destinations with traditional or low-cost airline companies. Distance from the hotel: 10 Km.
The nearest Intercontinental Airport is Rome's Fiumicino with the possibility of getting to Naples by air besides the train.

For more information visit:

www.autostrade.it

www.trenitalia.com

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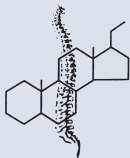


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