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Reggio Emilia, ITALY November 8-10, 2002

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FINAL PROGRAM

Reggio Emilia, ITALY November 8-10, 2002

Reggio Emilia:
the Cathedral of San Prospero

a view of the town

Friday, November 8, 2002**ROOM 1 ARIOSTO**2.30-3.00 pm **Opening Ceremony**

3.00-4.00 pm

Lecture**Topic**

State of the Art: Neuroendocrine Tumors

Chairman

Massimo Falconi (Verona, Italy)

Speakers

Orlo Clark (San Francisco, USA); Paola Tomassetti (Bologna, Italy)

Language

English/Italian - Simultaneous translation

4.00-4.30 pm Break

4.30-6.00 pm

Meet the Expert**Topic**ROOM 1 ARIOSTO
Treatment of
Erectile Dysfunction**Expert**Andre Guay
(Peabody, USA)**Language**English/Italian
Simultaneous translation**ROOM 2 BOIARDO**Thyroid Carcinoma:
Diagnostic DilemmasEnrico Papini,
Anna Crescenzi
(Albano, Rome, Italy)

English

ROOM 3 MATILDEManagement
of Short StatureMarco Cappa
(Rome, Italy)

Italian

18.30 pm

Welcome Cocktail

ROOM 1 ARIOSTO

8.30-10.00 am	Clinical Symposium
Topic	Therapeutic Options in Obesity
Chairman	Antonino Cartabellotta (Palermo, Italy)
Participants	Francesco Giorgino (Bari, Italy); Richard Dickey (Winston-Salem, USA)
Language	English/Italian - Simultaneous translation
10.00-10.30 Break	

10.30-12.00 am	Clinical Symposium
Topic	Hyperlipidemia
Chairman	Antonino Cartabellotta (Palermo, Italy)
Participants	Angela Rivellesse (Naples, Italy); Om Ganda (Boston, USA)
Language	English/Italian - Simultaneous translation

12.00-1.30 pm	AME Assembly - election of the new Executive Committee
12.00-2.00 pm Lunch	

2.00-6.30 pm	Courses		
	ROOM 1 ARIOSTO	ROOM 2 BOIARDO	ROOM 3 MATILDE
Topic	Thyroid and Parathyroid Ultrasound Imaging	Evidence Based Medicine in Endocrinology	Diabetic Complications
Teachers	Roberto Valcavi, Andrea Frasoldati (Reggio Emilia, Italy)	Antonino Cartabellotta (Palermo, Italy) Michele Zini (Reggio Emilia, Italy)	Massimo Veglio, Roberto Sivieri (Turin, Italy)
Language	English/Italian Simultaneous translation	Italian	Italian

9.00 pm	Social dinner
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9.00-10.30 am	Meet the Expert		
	ROOM 1 ARIOSTO	ROOM 2 BOIARDO	ROOM 3 MATILDE
Topic	Treatment of Osteoporosis	Treatment of Erectile Dysfunction	Thyroid Carcinoma: Diagnostic Dilemmas
Expert	Silvano Adami (Verona, Italy)	Andre Guay (Peabody, USA)	Enrico Papini, Anna Crescenzi (Albano, Rome, Italy)
Language	English/Italian Simultaneous translation	English	Italian

10.30-11.00 am Break

ROOM 1 ARIOSTO

11.00-12.00 am	Lecture
Topic	State of the Art: Diagnosis and Treatment of Benign Thyroid Nodular Disease
Chairman	Riccardo Vigneri (Catania, Italy)
Speaker	Hossein Gharib (Rochester, USA)
Language	English/Italian - Simultaneous translation

ROOM 1 ARIOSTO

12.00-12.30 pm	Presentation of the new AME Executive Committee
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12.30 pm	Closing Ceremony
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CONFERENCE FORMAT

PLENARY SESSIONS

Language AACE experts will be involved in all plenary sessions. Italian – English simultaneous translation will be available. All slides will be in English.

Lectures These will be held by AACE and AME speakers, followed by a 20-minute discussion. In order to facilitate the interaction, question cards will be handed out to participants before the session, selected, and reported by the chairman during discussion.

Clinical Symposia Participants will be an AME and an AACE expert, chaired by an Italian Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) expert. The AME expert will present a clinical case and will poll the audience for their answers to clinical questions and problem solving. Audience will use a remote control to vote. Results will be immediately available. The EBM expert will summarize evidence-based data on the topic. The AACE expert will be invited to comment on the answers provided by the audience according to literature data and his or her personal opinion on the item. The audience will be asked to participate in the discussion.

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Language As indicated in the program. All slides will be in English.

Meet the Expert Clinical cases will be presented by the physician who is in charge of the patient and discussed by an AME or AACE expert.

Courses Three afternoon courses will be simultaneously held by AME experts. The courses will have an educational format.

SPECIFICATIONS ABOUT THE COURSES

1. Thyroid and parathyroid ultrasound imaging

An audio-video link between the ultrasonography hall and conference room 1 will allow a direct, real-time view of the operator's actions and the US screen. Live images of thyroid and parathyroid diseases will be shown and discussed with participants. Some ultrasound-guided invasive techniques, including thyroid/parathyroid fine-needle aspiration biopsies, percutaneous ethanol injection for thyroid cysts treatment and other invasive procedures, will be performed.

2. Evidence-Based Medicine in Endocrinology

Participants will be introduced to a skilful use of the Evidence-Based Medicine methodology in everyday endocrine practice. Topics will discuss how to:

- formulate answerable clinical questions,
- efficiently search the best evidence available through the main databases (MEDLINE, Cochrane Library, Clinical Evidence),
- critically appraise the evidence (clinical trials, systematic reviews, practice guidelines), and
- apply evidence to individual patients and/or to health care.

Informal, extemporaneous questions from attendants will be encouraged, in order to allow teachers to demonstrate practical search strategies.

3. Diabetic complications

Attendants will experience a practical approach to diabetic patients with foot lesions, retinopathy, autonomic failure, renal disease, acute complications and risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Participants, subdivided into groups, will work on each of these items. Experts will teach how to examine patients with the help of the necessary materials and instrumentation. The goal is to achieve skills that are mandatory for clinical endocrinologists caring for diabetic patients.

PRE-REGISTRATIONS FOR PARALLEL SESSIONS

Participants are required to register for the parallel sessions by means of the registration form. Participants who have not registered in advance for the parallel sessions will be allowed to attend the session according to the number of seats available.

ECM (Educazione Medica Continua)

Italian ECM
Each session in the scientific program has been assigned credits by the Italian Ministry of Health. Therefore participants who wish to receive credits have to testify their attendance by signing the relevant form before and after each session, as well as fill in and hand over to the Organizing Secretariat a learning evaluation test.

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

The conference rooms will be equipped with:

- double projecting facility for hard-mounted slides (size 5x5 cm);
- videotape projection (VHS);
- video projection from laptop/CD ROM;
- overhead projector;
- televoting system (Room 1 only).

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

All regularly registered participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the Meeting.

EXHIBITION

A wide exhibition area will be arranged in the proximity of the working sessions; coffee breaks and working lunches will be served in this area.

VENUE

Congress Center Classic Hotel

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REGISTRATION

Registration entitles participants to:

- attend the Meeting;
- receive the participants' kit;
- participate in welcome cocktail reception, working lunch and coffee breaks.

Registration fees

AME/AACE members:
€ 290,00 (VAT included)

AME/AACE non members:
€ 380,00 (VAT included)

special fee for residents/students*
€ 180,00 (VAT included)

* Residents are required to present their School/University attendance certificate.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Friday 8 November

18.30 Welcome Cocktail Reception

Saturday 9 November

21.00 Social Dinner at "Acetaia del Cavazzone"

Bus transportation will be organized with departure from the main Hotels in Reggio Emilia.

The "Acetaia del Cavazzone" is one of the famous "vinegar farms" of Reggio Emilia. The families of the town have always been very proud of their production of Balsamic Vinegar. This is the product not only of an ageing process of at least 12 years, but also of ancient production techniques which will be illustrated during a short visit of the Acetaia before dinner takes place.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAM

Friday 8 November (afternoon)

guided tour of Reggio Emilia € 25,00

Saturday 9 November (full day)

sightseeing tour of Florence € 140,00

sightseeing tour of Emilia Castles € 95,00

Guided tours will take place if a minimum number of 20 participants is reached. Please, register for the tours using the registration form. Registrations on-site will be accepted according to the number of available seats.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Participants will be offered a complimentary shuttle bus service connecting the hotels in downtown Reggio Emilia with the Congress Center on a daily basis.

Public transportation serves the Congress Center by bus No. 2 (from the town center in the direction of Ritiro or Rubiera). Tickets may be purchased at tobacco shops and newsstands.

RadioTaxi: Phone No. 0522.452545

Rent-a-car: The major car rental companies (Avis, Hertz) are present in all Italian airports.

All European driving licences and the US driving licence are accepted in Italy. From other extra-European countries the international driving licence may be required.

GETTING TO THE MEETING SITE

Reggio Emilia is accessible by the main Italian railway and highway systems.

BY CAR

If you take the **A1 highway**: leave at the Reggio Emilia exit and take the ring road (tangenziale) in the direction of Modena and follow this for about 9 Km; if you are coming from **Parma**: take the main road – Via Emilia – to Reggio Emilia and then take the ring road (tangenziale) in the direction of Modena; if you are coming from **Modena**: continue along the main road – Via Emilia – up to the start of the ring road (tangenziale Nord).

BY TRAIN

Get off at the **Reggio Emilia Railway Station**: it takes 5 minutes by taxi or 10 minutes by Bus No. 2 (direction Ritiro or Rubiera).

BY AIR

The nearest airport is the **Aeroporto Marconi** in Bologna at a distance of 55 Km (35 miles) from Reggio Emilia. Aeroporto Marconi is connected daily to the main European international airports. Then get to Bologna railway station by bus or taxi and take a train to Reggio Emilia. Make sure to take a train stopping at Reggio Emilia station.

Direct flights from USA to Italy usually land at **Aeroporto Malpensa** in Milan, 180 Km (110 miles) from Reggio Emilia. A shuttle flight connects Malpensa to Marconi Airport daily. You can also get to Reggio Emilia by ground transportation. Malpensa Airport is connected with Milan Central Railway Station by trains and by buses. From Milan Central Railway Station take a train to Reggio Emilia. Make sure to take a train stopping at Reggio Emilia station.

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