



Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting

TAORMINA APRIL 7-9

2005



Emerging Pathologies in Cardiology

President: Michele M. Gulizia

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT





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Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina - Italy

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Following the success obtained during previous edition of Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting held in Taormina (Italy) last April 2003, we decided to organize the second edition whose main target is to give *the state of the art* on the **Emerging Pathologies in Cardiology**.

Acute Coronary Syndromes, Sudden Cardiac Death, Heart Failure, Atrial Fibrillation and Syncope are some of the emerging pathologies which are involving investigators to develop many and more sophisticated pharmacological, electrical or mechanical therapies.

This three days cardiology meeting is intended to reach the objectives of giving the latest information about the epidemiology, the pathophysiology, the diagnosis and the novel treatment of these pathologies.

It is addressed to cardiologists, internists, physicians, first aid clinicians, fellows, nurses and technicians with high interest in the whole management of the emerging cardiac pathologies.

A Faculty, selected between the leading experts on these fields, will provide the highest quality teaching highlighting the current state and limitation of scientific knowledge and presenting a detailed analysis of the most recent developments in the treatment of one, two or most of all the above mentioned cardiac pathologies.

The scientific program will be developed thorough courses, symposia, debates on controversial topics, luncheon panels, focus on, cases-review from Faculty and Attendance, Intercultural Exchanges and free communications.

I hope to meet you during the Meeting in Taormina 2005.

Michele M. Gulizia

President of the Meeting

	ETNA room	TAORMINA room	
8.30 - 9.00	Registration	Registration	
9.00 - 10.30	Minicourse Doppler Echocardiography in the Management of Heart Failure	Minicourse Syncope: Practical Issues of Diagnosis and Treatment	
10.30 - 11.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
11.00 - 12.30	Minicourse International Guidelines: Practical Applications in ACS, AF, HF and Sudden Death	Minicourse Coronary Artery Imaging: the Latest Technologies	
12.30 - 13.00	Merck Sharp & Dohme Lecture Dual Inhibition: A New Approach in Cholesterol Reduction		
13.00 - 14.00	Medtronic Luncheon Panel New Trends in Physiological Pacing and Optimal Pacing Sites	St. Jude Medical Luncheon Panel CRT: New Therapeutic and Diagnostic Perspectives in Heart Failure Management	
15.00 - 17.00	Bard Satellite Symposium Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation: Present and Future	Symposium Emerging Concepts in the Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease	
17.00 - 17.30 17.30 - 18.30 19.00	Opening Ceremony Plenary Lecture Welcome Cocktail		

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BLS-D Course - part I	CHF Live Implantation Course	ECHO-CRT Course	
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BLS-D Course - part III	CHF Live Implantation Course	ECHO-CRT Course	

THURSDAY, April 7

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ETNA room		TAORMINA room	
8.30 - 9.30	Intercultural Exchanges Free Communications Session	Intercultural Exchanges Free Communications Session	
9.30 - 10.30	Meet the Experts <i>Interactive Session on</i> Managing Sudden Death: the Selection of Patients, Drugs and Devices	Meet the Experts <i>Interactive Session on</i> Drug-Eluting Stents. Current Practice and Major Challenge: but Are They All the Same?	
10.30 - 11.00 E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T			
11.00 - 13.00	Medtronic Satellite Symposium State of the Art in High Energy Device Therapy for Sudden Cardiac Death and Heart Failure	Symposium Global Cardiovascular Risk: Assessment and Prevention	
13.00 - 14.30	Medico Luncheon Panel Clinical Experience with a New Hemodynamic Pacemaker relying on Trans-Valvular Impedance Sensing	Sanofi-Synthelabo Luncheon Panel New Aspects in Cardiology	
15.00 - 16.30	Guidant Satellite Symposium Advances in Managing Heart Failure and Sudden Cardiac Death	Symposium Vaso-Vagal Syncope: Soft Treatment for a Soft Disease?	
16.30 - 17.00 E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T			
17.00 - 17.30	AstraZeneca Lecture Lipid Lowering Treatment in Heart Failure		
17.30 - 19.00	ISHNE Joint Session	Merck Sharp & Dohme Satellite Symposium Tirofiban: New Therapeutical Prospectives	

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FRIDAY, April 8

programme at a glance

ETNA room		TAORMINA room	
8.30 - 9.30	Intercultural Exchanges Free Communications Session	Intercultural Exchanges Free Communications Session	
9.30 - 10.30	Meet the Experts <i>Interactive Session on</i> Managing Acute Coronary Syndromes: is all so clear?	Meet the Experts <i>Interactive Session on</i> Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation	
10.30 - 11.00 EXHIBITION VISIT			
11.00 - 12.30	Biotronik Seda Satellite Symposium How to Approach CRT Today	Symposium Mapping and Ablation of Complex Arrhythmias	
12.30 - 13.00	Merck Sharp & Dohme Lecture New Approach in the Prevention of New Onset of Atrial Fibrillation: Role of AII-Antagonist		
13.00 - 14.30	3M Luncheon Panel Pharmacological Therapy of Atrial Fibrillation: from Guidelines to Real Life	Luncheon Panel Protagonists of Global Cardiovascular Risk: role of PUFAn-3	
14.30 - 15.00 EXHIBITION			
15.00 - 16.30	AIAC Joint Session	Symposium Hybrid Therapy in AF: more drugs or devices?	
16.30 - 18.00	Symposium Future New Indications for PM/CRT/ICD	Symposium Late Breaking Trials	

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SATURDAY, April 9

per ongoing attendance



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main topics

- Epidemiology and risk stratification in healthy and sick population
- Genetics, arrhythmogenesis and cardiomyopathies
- Cellular and molecular mechanism of conduction disease and apoptosis
- New non-invasive markers for risk stratification
- New insights into the electrophysiological mechanism of AF initiation and perpetuation
- The ionic basis underlying the trigger of AF
- New drugs in development for the treatment of recurrent AF
- The comparative efficacy and safety of drug therapy vs catheter ablation for atrial flutter
- Limitations of current guidelines for anticoagulation in AF
- The prevalence and clinical significance of silent AF
- The interaction of AF and CHF and its clinical implications
- Drug-device interaction in the management of pacing, prevention and treatment of atrial tachyarrhythmias
- Echocardiography in the evaluation of the induced AF-mechanical remodelling
- Electrical or chemical implantable atrial defibrillator: always fancy or a new tool?
- New surgical strategies for AF
- Pulmonary Veins anatomy variability
- Ablation of AF in Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Foci
- Circumferential PV isolation: morbidity, mortality, QoL and long term outcomes
- The efficacy and safety of the cryosurgical maze procedure for refractory AF
- Role of drug therapy in the prevention of recurrence of AF
- Echo optimisation of atrial-ventricular delay in paced AF patients
- Atrial Fibrillation in children
- Latest indication to Cardiac Pacing
- New Pacing, Prevention and Cardioversion algorithms
- Telemedicine for the home follow-up of PM/ICD patients
- Latest pacing and ICD leads technology
- New generation of implantable cardiac haemodynamic sensors
- Advanced and expanded role of atrial and dual ICD

- New physiological ICD therapies
- Primary Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death in different populations
- Percutaneous catheter ablation of ventricular arrhythmias
- Results of five years experiences of Cardiac AED Resuscitation programs
- Advances in the prevention of SCD with non-antiarrhythmic drugs
- Home defibrillation strategy in high risk patients
- Syncope: practical issues of diagnosis and treatment
- Physical treatment of neurally-mediated syncope
- Organizational models of Syncope Unit in 2005
- Modern management of chest pain and unexplained palpitations
- Neurohumoral activation in CHF patients
- Latest pharmacological therapy of CHF
- The HF doctor: still a role for clinicians?
- What results from new positive inotropic drugs in HF
- What lessons from the early terminated trials?
- Hybrid therapy in CHF and AF
- The optimal candidates to biventricular pacing
- Doppler echocardiography in the management of the resynchronisation in HF
- ICD backup in biventricular paced CHF patients: need of multiples therapy in a single device?
- Surgical transepiscardic approach to CRT
- Management of hypertrophic and dilated cardiomyopathies
- New developments in cardiac imaging
- Role of surgery in end-stage CHF
- Data-banks in cardiology: an useful tool in the follow-up
- Expanding the target population for anti-platelet/coagulation therapy
- Global Cardiovascular Risk assessment and prevention
- Insulin Resistance Syndrome, type 2 Diabetes and Atherosclerosis: an explosive mixture
- Lipid-lowering therapy: do we need statins for all the life?
- Management of STEMI and non-STEMI patient
- Evolving therapies for Acute Myocardial Infarction: when PTCA, which stent?
- Hybrid myocardial revascularization therapy
- Fibrinolytics, IIb/IIIa inhibitors: till now beyond any expectation?
- Nuclear cardiology in CAD and CHF patients
- Spinal Cord Stimulation in refractory CAD: the last resort?
- Controversial issues: from clinical studies to real life
- Cost-effectiveness of drug/devices interaction
- Guidelines for AF, Arrhythmias, ACS, HF and Syncope
- Drug interaction, gender, age and comorbidities
- Elderly in cardiology: do we treat all patients in the same way?
- Late-breaking and ongoing clinical trials
- Sport and cardiac pathologies



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general information scientific information

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTERS

The abstracts must be submitted in English to the following Internet web-site: www.adriacongrex/mcm2005 or on the official abstract form together with a win-word format diskette. The font size should be 12 points, Times New Roman font (maximum 2,485 characters). **Deadline: December 15 2004.**

The presentation of an abstract requires the registration of at least one of the authors.

Adria Congrex will send the official confirmation to authors by February 2005

There will be special awards given to "the best communication" selected by the Scientific Committee between accepted oral communications and posters

LUNCHEON PANELS

Attendance at all luncheon panels (limited to seat availability) is free for all registered participants.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

We have requested to be granted educational credits (CME) by the National Commission for Continuous Education. We are waiting for the confirmation by the Ministry of Health.

CONGRESS VENUE

Hotel Villa Diodoro

Via Bagnoli Croci, 75 - 98039 Taormina (Me)

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Web site: www.gaishotels.com/diodoro

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting is **English**. Some sessions will be translated into Italian.

EXHIBITION

The technical and pharmaceutical exhibition will be located at the Congress Venue, close to the Conference rooms. The exhibition hours will follow the timetable of the scientific sessions.

INFORMATION DESK

An information desk will be available at the Congress Venue for restaurant reservations, travel services and general information about Taormina.

REGISTRATION

Delegate

CHF Live Implantation Course

ECHO-CRT Course

BLS-D Course

Accompanying person

Before October 15 2004

Euro 360,00 VAT incl.

Euro 300,00 VAT incl.

Euro 200,00 VAT incl.

Euro 140,00 VAT incl.

Euro 150,00 VAT incl.

After October 15 2004

Euro 420,00 VAT incl.

Euro 350,00 VAT incl.

Euro 250,00 VAT incl.

Euro 180,00 VAT incl.

Euro 200,00 VAT incl.

The delegate registration fee includes:

Attendance at all scientific sessions including luncheon panels (limited to seat availability), entrance to the exhibition area, meeting proceedings, attendance certificate, CME certificate, badge and congress kit, welcome cocktail, and coffee breaks at the Venue.

The CHF Live Implantation registration fee includes:

Participation at one day theoretical/practical course with live practice of biventricular pacemaker implantation (comprehensive of different leads for coronary sinus pacing on manikin that resembles the venous system of the art provided with the highest technology and software simulating a real implantation of pacing leads), utilized materials, surgery kit, technical and scientific assistance by an individual tutor, entrance to the exhibition area, attendance certificate, CME certificate, badge and congress kit. Maximum 45 participants assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge with date and timetables to be respected.

ECHO-CRT Course registration fee includes:

Participation at one day theoretical/practical course with practical training based on real clinical cases. The course foresees individual stations to performe echo-color Doppler and TDI practice in a model simulating a patient with heart failure and CRT. It also includes: personal handbook of the course, utilized materials, technical and scientific assistance by an individual tutor, free practice on a last generation cardiac echographer, entrance to the exhibition area, attendance certificate, CME certificate, badge and congress kit. Maximum 48 participants assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge with date and timetables to be respected.

The BLS-D Course registration fee includes:

Participation to the Course (from 9.00 to 18.30), entrance to the exhibition area, BLS-D licence, CME certificate, coffee breaks and light lunch taken at the Venue. Maximum 20 participants assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge.

The accompanying person registration fee includes:

Entrance to the exhibition area, welcome cocktail and half day excursion.

To register (also for BLS-D, CHF live implantation and ECHO-CRT courses) it is necessary to fill in the registration form, send it to Adria Congrex with the full payment. Post mark certifies mailing date.

**DELEGATES FAILING TO REGISTER BY MARCH 20 2005
MAY BE ABLE TO REGISTER AT THE CONGRESS VENUE.**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The hotel accommodation form must be filled in and sent to Adria Congrex with the hotel deposit. As Taormina is a world-wide famous tourist resort, and April is the opening holiday season, it is highly recommended to book well in advance, in any case **no later than October 30, 2004**. Adria Congrex will make every effort to place you in the hotel category of your choice. Hotels in Taormina have very few single rooms at disposal, therefore, in case single rooms are no longer available, double rooms will be assigned as single. Once hotel availability in Taormina is over, they will be assigned in Taormina Mare. A confirmation will be sent starting from November 15, 2004. **Please note that hotel categories and rooms are assigned on a first come first served basis.** A deposit for the first night is required to process your reservation. The deposit paid will be deducted from the hotel bill, payment in full of the balance is due at check out. The hotel will provide official receipt for the whole amount.

Rates and deposit	Double	Single	Deposit
Five Stars	Euro 350,00 / 430,00	Euro 190,00 / 290,00	Euro 290,00
Four Stars superior	Euro 225,00 / 300,00	Euro 190,00 / 280,00	Euro 290,00
Four Stars	Euro 210,00 / 250,00	Euro 130,00 / 250,00	Euro 200,00
Three stars	Euro 120,00 / 180,00	Euro 85,00 / 120,00	Euro 150,00

All prices include: taxes, service, continental breakfast and are per room per night.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

Accepted payments are: cheque written on Italian Banks, credit cards, Bank transfer in Euro (made out to Adria Congrex Banca Carim ag. 14 IBAN code IT81Bo628524214 001402118559 – swift code CRRN IT 2R) **All costs to transmitter's charge.**

Please indicate clearly and in full your name, address and MCM2005 on cheques and money orders. Registration and hotel reservation will be confirmed only on receipt of the amounts due. Adria Congrex will provide regular invoice for registration and reservation fees. The form should therefore be fully completed with the European VAT code (only for EU countries) and the invoice address.



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practical information

CANCELLATION POLICY

Any cancellation should be notified in writing to Adria Congrex and will be subject to the following conditions:
Before October 30, 2004 - Refund of registration is subject to a 30% administrative charge, while for hotel deposit no refund will be made. All refunds, if any, will be made after the congress (**all costs to receiver's charge**).

After October 30, 2004 - No refund of any kind.

No refund in any case will be made for BLS-D, CHF Live Implantation and ECHO-CRT Course registrations

CHANGES in PROGRAM

For scientific and/or technical reasons the Scientific Committee and the Organising Secretariat reserve the right to make any change in the Meeting program.

ELECTRICITY

The electric current in Italy is 220 Volts.

TIPPING

Service is generally included in the bill, tips are welcome if you wish to show your appreciation for a good meal or special service.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops. Should you wish to use your credit card to pay for a taxi, please inform the driver before starting the journey.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Taormina is as safe as any other European tourist resort and delegates are advised to take the usual sensible precautions. All the hotels can offer security facilities for valuable goods.

INSURANCE

Responsibility for personal accidents or loss or damage to the private property of participants and exhibitors cannot be accepted. Participants and exhibitors are advised to make their own arrangements, with respect to insurance, if they consider it necessary.

HOW TO ARRIVE IN TAORMINA

Taormina can be easily reached by any means of transport from all over the world fitting any traveller budget.

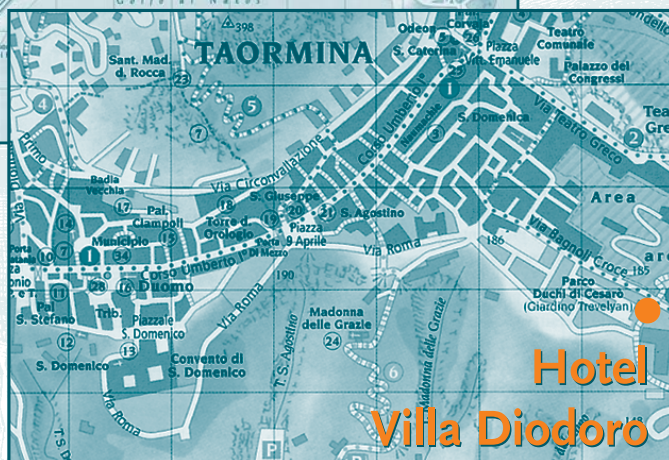
PLANE: Catania Fontanarossa International, the nearest and most convenient airport, is km 55 from Taormina. From Catania airport Taormina can be reached in one hour drive by highway A18 direction Messina, highway exit TAORMINA. Direct bus to Taormina centre is available at the following time: 08.45 - 10.45 - 13.45 - 15.45 - 17.45 - 19.45 every day and the ticket costs Euro 4,70 per person. By taxi the price is about Euro 80,00 (about 1 hour).

CAR: Sicily and Taormina can be reached by car through highways (green road signs) from every main Italian city. From Northern Italy, you can drive along the highway A1 through Naples and Salerno; then from Salerno (Amalfi coast & Capri area) take the free of charge highway A3 direction Reggio Calabria. Take exit "Villa S. Giovanni - Sicilia", and get to the harbour where very frequent ferries connect the mainland to Sicily 24 hours a day (city of Messina). Once in Messina, take highway A18 direction Catania, drive for about 30 minutes, and take exit "Taormina". If you come from Catania, just take highway A18 direction Messina and take exit "Taormina". If you come from Palermo take highway A20 to Messina, then highway A18 direction Catania and take exit Taormina.

TRAIN: For its charming Sicilian liberty decorative style Taormina's railway station is considered one of the most beautiful in Italy. It offers a large variety of trains, from the deluxe Eurostar to the simple, but very efficient, "Espresso train" normally departing from Milan, Turin and Rome, passing through Naples, Amalfi and Capri. The railway station is only 4 km from Taormina town centre. The taxi parking area and the bus terminal are just opposite the railway station main entrance.

SHIP: From Northern Europe & Italy, it is possible to take a comfortable ship from Genoa port (company Tirrenia) and reach Palermo in about 17/18 hours. From Palermo, Taormina can be reached by highway A19 (about 2 hours drive). Frequent ferries from Naples to Milazzo (one hour drive to Taormina) and one daily from Ravenna (Adriatic northern coast) to Catania as well as modern speed boats and catamarans daily from Malta to Catania and Pozzallo are also available.

BUS: Taormina's modern bus terminal is situated right in the town centre. Frequent buses (Company "Interbus") run from Palermo, Catania (airport included) and Messina. Moreover, there are easy connections from Rome and Amalfi (company Interbusiness), Bari, Brindisi (ferries from Greece) and Taranto (company Etna).



FURTHER INFORMATION ON INTERNET

about Taormina & Sicily
www.comune.taormina.it
www.taormina-network.it
www.taormina-ol.it

about transport and weather in Catania
www.aeroporto.catania.it
www.saisautolinee.it
www.tempoitalia.it/previsione



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