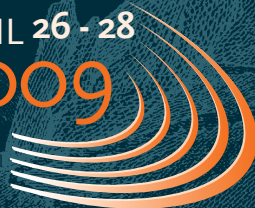




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welcome address



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

In April 2009 Taormina (Italy) will host the fourth edition of the **Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting (MCM)** whose main target is to give the latest update on:

Patient Care & Monitoring in Cardiology

Over one thousand participants attended our last meeting with a strong international attendance which confirmed the highest interest aroused in so few years by this biannual meeting.

An excellent multi-disciplinary program includes the state of the art on the emerging pathologies as: Atrial Fibrillation, Sudden Cardiac Death, Heart Failure, Acute Coronary Syndromes, Global Cardiovascular Prevention and Syncope, over which several investigators are involved to develop many and more sophisticated pharmacological, electrical or mechanical therapies, and it is developed thorough Courses, Symposia, Debates on Controversial Topics, Clinical Tutorials, Luncheon Panels, Focus on, Meet-the-Expert Sessions, Interactive Cases-Review from Faculty and Attendance, Televoter Sessions, Intercultural Exchanges (Free Communications Sessions) and Poster Session.

An outstanding Faculty, selected among 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.

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

Taormina, as one of the historical and cultural world's most famous and warm cities, is the ideal venue for this meeting. It will enchant you with the special kind hospitality of its citizens, the magnificent natural and historical sites as the blue sea and the ancient Greek Theatre, and also with the sounds, colours and flavours of the Sicilian cuisine.

I invite you to join us in Taormina in 2009,

Michele M. Gulizia, MD, FESC
President Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting



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G. Boriani	(Bologna, Italy)	R. De Ponti	(Varese, Italy)
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M. Brignole	(Lavagna, Italy)	A. Di Guardo	(Mascalucia, Italy)
J. Brugada	(Barcelona, Spain)	G. Di Pasquale	(Bologna, Italy)
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S. Raciti	(Catania, Italy)	A. Tomassini	(Rome, Italy)
C. Rapezzi	(Bologna, Italy)	C. Tondo	(Rome, Italy)
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P. Ritter	(Saint Cloud, France)	M. Traina	(Palermo, Italy)
V. Romano	(Naples, Italy)	B. Trimarco	(Naples, Italy)
C. Ronconi	(Rimini, Italy)	M. Tritto	(Castellanza, Italy)
T. Rossenbacker	(Leuven, Belgium)	D. Vaccari	(Montebelluna, Italy)
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M. Santomauro	(Naples, Italy)	F. Zhang	(Shanghai, China)
B. Sassone	(Bentivoglio, Italy)	J.F. Zhang	(Rome, Italy)
M. Scherillo	(Benevento, Italy)	M. Zecchin	(Rome, Italy)
H. Schmidinger	(Vienna, Austria)	P. Zeppilli	(Rome, Italy)
A. Schuchert	(Hamburg, Germany)	G.B. Zito	(Rome, Italy)



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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting is **English**.

Some sessions will be translated in Italian.

Some special events (only in Ulisse Room) will be in original faculty language (see program for details).

EXHIBITION

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

Companies that are interested in presenting their products or taking up other sponsorship options can contact the Organizing Secretariat, Adria Congrex.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

An official invitation letter for visa may be requested to the Organizing Secretariat. This invitation will not imply any obligation from the Organization to provide any kind of financial contribution.

SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION DESK OPENING HOURS

For Groups

April 25, 2009 2.30 pm - 6.30 pm

For appointment please contact the Organizing Secretariat

For Individuals

April 26, 2009 8.00 am - 7.00 pm

April 27, 2009 8.00 am - 7.00 pm

April 28, 2009 8.00 am - 5.00 pm

ABSTRACT

The authors of the accepted abstracts will receive notification of acceptance by March 15, 2009 together with information regarding their presentation. All the accepted abstracts (if the presenter is regularly registered within **March 30, 2009**) will be printed in a book available at the time of the Congress. The Scientific Committee will review all the submitted abstracts and the selected ones will be accepted as oral communications or posters.

There will be special awards given to **“THE BEST COMMUNICATIONS”** selected by the Scientific Committee among accepted oral communications and posters

PROJECTION

PC data projection is available in all the rooms. All projections must be **worded in English only**.

LUNCHEON PANELS

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

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

We will request to be granted educational credits (CME) by the National Commission for Continuing Medical Education.

Credits will be for Cardiologists, Family Doctors and Internists.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Attendance certificates will be distributed to all registered delegates at the end of the Meeting.

PROGRAM CHANGES

The information published in this program is correct at time of print. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to change the program at any time.



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program at a glance

	TINDARI room	NETTUNO room	ULISSE room
8.00 - 9.00	Registration	Registration	Registration
9.00 - 10.30	Minicourse PM & ICD therapy: update 2009	Minicourse Primary Cardiovascular Prevention	Minicourse Syncope: do we really know everything about it?
10.30 - 11.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		Joint Session with SIMG Punti critici nella gestione del paziente con patologia cardiovascolare in MG <i>Caring for the cardiovascular patients in primary care: common problems and improving strategies. (Italian Session)</i>
10.30 - 12.00			
11.00 - 12.30	Joint Session with SICOA The CRT Therapy in Heart Failure Patients: When, How and Why?	Joint Session with ICPES Major Determinants of Differences in Sudden Death Prevention Worldwide	Experts Round Table on Crescita Sostenibile in Aritmologia: Progetti e Risorse Sustainable Growth in Arrhythmology: Projects and Resources (Italian Session)
12.00 - 13.30			
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel The Hemodynamic Approach in CRT: Concepts & Applications	Luncheon Panel Latest Options to Optimize Patient Outcome in AF Treatment	
14.30 - 15.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
15.00 - 16.30	Symposium Digital Technology: a Driver for Clinical Benefits	Joint Session with EHRA-ESC Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: the Real World	
17.00 - 18.00	Opening Ceremony		
18.00 - 18.30	Plenary Lecture Practice of Interventional Electrophysiology in the 21 st Century		
19.00	Welcome Cocktail		

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BLS-D Course - part I	Critical Care in Cardiology <i>from Simulation to Reality</i> Hands-on Live Course part I	Advanced ECHO Course <i>Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients</i> Pros and Cons of New and Old Echo Techniques part I
P O S T E R S E S S I O N S & C O F F E E B R E A K		
BLS-D Course - part II	Critical Care in Cardiology <i>from Simulation to Reality</i> Hands-on Live Course part II	Advanced ECHO Course <i>Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients</i> Pros and Cons of New and Old Echo Techniques part II
L U N C H		
& P O S T E R S E S S I O N S		
BLS-D Course - part III	Critical Care in Cardiology <i>from Simulation to Reality</i> Hands-on Live Course part III	Advanced ECHO Course <i>Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients</i> Pros and Cons of New and Old Echo Techniques part III

SUNDAY, April 26

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	TINDARI room	NETTUNO room	ULISSE room
8.00 - 9.00	Intercultural Exchanges on: Acute Coronary Syndromes: clinical management	Intercultural Exchanges on: Pacing/ICD: complications & therapy	Intercultural Exchanges on: Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment & Prevention
9.00 - 10.30	Symposium Patient Care and Remote Monitoring: Real Life Experience	Symposium Therapeutic Innovations in Lipids and Acute Heart Failure	Joint Session with ARCA <i>Malfunzioni e pseudo-malfunzioni dei pacemaker e degli stimolatori biventricolari: presentazione ed analisi interattiva di casi clinico-elettrocardiografici critici</i> <i>Pacemaker and CRT-device malfunctions and pseudo-malfunctions: presentation and interactive analysis of clinical-EKG cases.</i> (Italian Session)
10.30 - 11.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
11.00 - 12.30	Symposium New Opportunities and Advantages for Home Monitored Patients	Symposium Great Clinical Trials: what they taught us and what they changed	Joint Session with SIC Sport New Strategies in Sports Arrhythmology
12.30 - 13.00	Lecture The Early Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation: existing therapies are still enough?	Lecture Statins and Atherosclerosis: from Comprehensive Lipid Management to Dual Target Therapy	Lecture A. Menarini <i>Stress ossidativo: ruolo importante nelle patologie cardiovascolari</i> <i>Oxidative Stress: Main Role in Cardiovascular Pathologies</i> (Italian Session)
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel The New Frontiers of the Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy	Luncheon Panel Atrial Fibrillation & Heart Failure: All You Need to Know to "Stay in the Art"	
14.30 - 15.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
15.00 - 16.30	Symposium New Developments in Permanent Hemodynamic Sensing	Meet the Experts Atrial Fibrillation and its 'Clinical Burden': New Drugs for a New Approach	Joint Session with ISE Clinical Impact of Electrocardiography in Cardiac Arrhythmias
16.30 - 17.00	Lecture Update on Percutaneous Heart Valve Therapy	Meet the Experts New Perspectives in the Hypertension Treatment: Can The CCBs Replace Diuretics in Combination Treatment?	Joint Session with ANCE <i>Riabilitazione del paziente cardiopatico</i> <i>Rehabilitation of patient with cardiopathy</i> (Italian Session)
16.30 - 17.30			
17.00 - 18.30	Joint Session with AIAC Follow Up Management After AF Ablation	Controversies Electrical Therapy in Heart Failure	
17.30 - 18.30			

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MONDAY, April 27

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	TINDARI room	NETTUNO room	ULISSE room
8.00 - 9.00	Intercultural Exchanges on: Acute Coronary Syndromes: revascularization	Intercultural Exchanges on: Atherosclerotic Diseases & Drug Therapy	Intercultural Exchanges on: Atrial Fibrillation & Supraventricular Arrhythmias
9.00 - 10.30	Joint Session with EHRA-ESC Genetic Determinants of Sudden Death	Joint Session with SIMG Cardiovascular Research in Primary Care	Joint Session with CHRS Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Disease Educational Exchanges Between Italy and China in the Perspective of China Health Care Reform
10.30 - 11.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
11.00 - 12.00			
11.00 - 12.30	Symposium Clinical Appropriateness in the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes: from Guidelines to Patient's Bed	Symposium Clinical Value and Logistic Models for Remote Patient Management: the Latitude Experience	Meet the Experts A. Menarini <i>La disfunzione endoteliale: dalla fisiopatologia alla clinica</i> <i>Endothelial Dysfunction: from Physiopathology to Clinical Application (Italian Session)</i>
12.30 - 13.00	Lecture The Percutaneous Closure of Patent Ductus Arteriosus and of Interatrial Communications: State of the Art 2009	Lecture Omega-3 in Cardiology	Lecture <i>Ivabradina: applicazioni cliniche in cardiologia</i> <i>Ivabradine: Clinical Application of Cardiology (Italian Session)</i>
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel New Frontiers in Cardiac Pacing Therapies		
14.30 - 15.00	E X H I B I T I O N V I S I T		
15.00 - 16.30	Symposium Where does Clinical and Interventional Search go?	Symposium AF Ablation in different clinical settings	
16.30 - 18.00	Intercultural Exchanges on: Syncope: non-invasive evaluation and management	Intercultural Exchanges on: Heart Failure: electrical treatment	

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Basic Life Support Defibrillation (BLS-D)

Directors of the Courses:

S. Campione (Catania), M.M. Gulizia (Catania), G. Palazzo (Catania)

	SUNDAY, April 26	MONDAY, April 27	TUESDAY, April 28
9.00 - 13.00	BLS-D Course Part I <i>Instructors:</i> S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania)	BLS-D Course Part I <i>Instructors:</i> S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania)	BLS-D Course Part I <i>Instructors:</i> S. Campione (Catania) G.M. Francese (Catania) G. Palazzo (Catania)
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch		
14.30 - 18.30	BLS-D Course Part II	BLS-D Course Part II	BLS-D Course Part II

- Educational credits (CME) upon request
- The Course duration is one day
- See page no. 75 for details



Critical Care in Cardiology from Simulation to Reality Hands-on Live Course

Directors: **S. Perlini (Pavia)**, **M.M. Gulizia (Catania)**

Tutor: **G. Ferrara (Cefalù)**

Although invaluable, traditional medical learning based on academic study and formal lessons has several shortcomings, particularly when its practical application has to be performed in a context of urgency / emergency. For example, when facing a cardiac arrest the rescuer's "efficiency" not only does rely on his theoretical knowledge of "what should be done", but also critically depends on his practical experience, that allows to manage in the best possible way the available resources and to put into practice all the maneuvers that could be lifesaving in that very moment.

As taught by other non-medical professionals who have safety as the cornerstone of any action (such as in the aviation field), simulation may give a fundamental contribution. Without any claim of substituting the value of clinical practice, this didactic tool allows to acquire experience and clinical competence without exposing the patient to any unnecessary risk, via the reconstruction of specific "real-life" medical scenarios. This is particularly important in those high-risk conditions that leave no room for formal clinical teaching owing to the life-threatening situation.

By inserting a computerized mannequin robot (simulator) in a setting that reproduces the actual environment of an Emergency Department with all its equipments and personnel, it is possible to simulate in a very realistic fashion several emergency medicine scenarios. From a hidden control room the instructors may modify the vital parameters of the simulator and "give voice" to the mannequin making it as a real patient, thereby stimulating the learner to take initiative in that specific clinical scenario. The case is then discussed (the so-called "debriefing") with the aid of a real-time video recording, with the specific aim of identifying the key points of the scenario and to improve the clinical competence of both the learners and the instructors in a "risk-free" realistic situation, as recommended by the International Societies on Medical Simulation.

- 8.30** Welcome Address
- 8.45** Quick revision of the current guidelines on diagnosis and treatment of the main cardiovascular urgencies / emergencies
- 9.45** Clinical scenarios (2-3 learners per 20-minute scenario, followed by a 40-minute plenary session debriefing):
 - **ST elevation acute myocardial infarction**
 - **Sustained ventricular tachycardia**
 - **Angina pectoris in a previously revascularized diabetic patient**
- 12.45** Lunch
- 13.45** Clinical scenarios:
 - **Pulmonary edema associated with hypertensive crisis**
 - **Atrial fibrillation in a patient with depressed ejection fraction**
 - **Syncope associated with torsade de pointes**
- 16.45** CME questionnaire
- 17.30** Conclusions

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Advanced ECHO Course Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients Pros and cons of new and old echo techniques

Directors: **L.P. Badano (Udine), M. Galderisi (Naples), D. Mele (Ferrara)**

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome and course presentation

9.15 - 10.00 Interactive assessment of a pre-recorded clinical case
using workstations

*This case will be analyzed by the audience under supervision of course directors.
It will be used to identify the strength and weakness of the audience in assessing
heart failure patients and as a guide to target next presentations on specific
audience needs.*

10.00 - 10.30 Left ventricular systolic function

10.30 - 11.30 Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)

11.30 - 12.00 Left ventricular diastolic function and the importance
of left atrium

12.00 - 13.00 Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch



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Advanced ECHO Course *Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients* Pros and cons of new and old echo techniques

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- 14.00 - 14.30** Inter- and intra-ventricular dyssynchrony: myths and facts
- 14.30 - 15.30** Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)
- 15.30 - 16.00** How to assess the right ventricle?
- 16.00 - 17.00** Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)
- 17.00 - 17.30** Non-invasive hemodynamic assessment of heart failure patients
- 17.30 - 18.30** Interactive work on workstations * (ALL participants)
- 18.30** CME questionnaire
- 19.00** Course closure

* The concepts and statements made by the previous speaker will be demonstrated on pre-recorded cases. Attendance should be able to reproduce the same results through a step-by-step interactive session on workstations under supervision of the speaker.

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AIAC Course for Competence in Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology for Allied Professionals - Remote Control of Implanted Devices

Directors: **R.P. Ricci (Rome)**, **S. Sermasi (Rimini)**, **M.M. Gulizia (Catania)**

- 9.00 - 9.20** Introduzione: Controllo remoto dei dispositivi impiantabili: una necessità per le strutture ospedaliere e una opportunità per il paziente e per il personale infermieristico e tecnico
Introduction: Remote control of implanted devices: a need to deal with outpatient burden and an opportunity for Patients and Allied Professionals.
R.P. Ricci (Rome)
- Sessione 1: Tecnologie disponibili e aspetti organizzativi**
Session 1: Available Technology and Organization
Chairmen: G. Cassoni (Rome), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)
- 9.20** Tecnologie attualmente disponibili sul mercato: principi generali e modelli applicativi
Market released technology: general aspects and applications
D. Igidbashian (Gorizia)
- 9.50** Come organizzare un sistema di monitoraggio remoto dei dispositivi impiantabili
How to organize remote monitoring of implanted devices
C. Ronconi (Rimini)
- 10.10** Training del paziente, accettazione e aspetti psicologici
Patient training, acceptance and psychological aspects
P. Campanella (Ferrara)
- 10.30** Implicazioni di tipo medico-legale: sicurezza dei dati, consenso informato e tutela della privacy
Legal aspects: data safety, informed consent and privacy care
M. Landolina (Pavia)
- 10.50** Consumo di risorse sanitarie e sistemi di rimborso
Health care source consumption and reimbursement
M. Accogli (Tricase)
- 11.10 - 11.30** Coffee break



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Sessione 2: Applicazioni cliniche

Sessione 2: Clinical aspects

Chairmen: L. Plebani (Novara), S. Sermasi (Rimini)

11.30

Gestione dei dispositivi in "recall" e delle malfunzioni tecniche

Management of "recalls" and malfunctions

A. Castro (Rome)

11.50

Diagnosi precoce e terapia della fibrillazione atriale

Early detection and treatment of atrial fibrillation

C. Giannessi (Pisa)

12.10

Gestione delle tachiaritmie ventricolari nel portatore di ICD

Management of ventricular tachyarrhythmias in ICD patients

M. Lunati (Milan)

12.30

Il monitoraggio remoto nel trattamento dello scompenso cardiaco nei portatori di dispositivo per la resincronizzazione cardiaca

Remote monitoring in heart failure management in CRT-D patients

L. Morichelli (Rome)

12.50

Flusso dei dati e coinvolgimento delle diverse professionalità mediche (medico di medicina generale, specialista dello scompenso, elettrofisiologo)

Data flow and different specialist role (general practitioner, heart failure specialist, electrophysiologist)

E. Locati (Milan)

13.10 - 15.00 Lunch



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Sessione 3: Sessione pratica interattiva con i diversi sistemi disponibili

Session 3: Practical session using market released systems

Chairmen: M.R. Salpietro (Catania), E. Feraco (Cosenza)

15.00 Sistema Housecall - Merlin Net
Housecall System - Merlin Net
A. Sagone (Milan)

15.45 Sistema Home Monitoring
Home Monitoring System
T. Toselli (Ferrara)

16.30 - 17.00 Break

17.00 Sistema CareLink
CareLink System
G.B. Perego (Milan)

17.45 Sistema Latitude
Latitude System
G. Mascioli (Bergamo)

18.30 Questionario ECM
CME questionnaire

19.00 Chiusura del Corso
End of the course

Questo Corso è parte della formazione continua effettuata da AIAC per la Telecardiologia nel controllo dei dispositivi impiantabili per il Personale Infermieristico

This Course is part of the Continual Education to substatin the AIAC Clinical Competence in Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology for Allied Professionals

La durata del Corso è di un giorno
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8.00 - 9.00 Registration

Secretariat Desk

9.00 – 10.30 *Minicourse*

Tindari

PM & ICD Therapy: Update 2009

Chairmen: **G. Chiarandà (Augusta), B. Lüderitz (Bonn)**

Which Clinical Benefits in the Maintenance of
Spontaneous Ventricular Activation?

V. Calvi (Catania)

Do the Use of PM and ICD Integrated Sensors Modified
our Way of Managing the Patient in the Clinical Practice?

G. Pizzimenti (Milazzo)

Does Echocardiography really play a Role in Optimizing
CRT Response?

B. Sassone (Bentivoglio)

Is left Ventricular Ejection Fraction Alone Sufficient to
justify ICD Implantation?

W. Jung (Villingen)

ICD Implantation in HCM Patients: How to Select the
Right Candidate

B.J. Maron (Minneapolis)

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Primary Cardiovascular Prevention

Chairmen: **R. Evola (Taormina), F. Naccarella (Bologna)**

Global Cardiovascular Prevention in High Risk Patients
C. Borghi (Bologna)

Role of Antidiabetic Medications on Primary Outcomes
in Diabetic Patients with Acute Coronary Syndromes
TBD

Antithrombotic Therapy in Atrial Fibrillation and Heart
Failure Patients: is all clear?
C. Rapezzi (Bologna)

Heart Rate Variability and Risk of Arrhythmic Death in
Subjects with and without Evidence of Cardiac Disease
Practicing Sporting Activity.
M. Traina (Palermo)

Early Cardiac Defibrillation in Italy: are we Ready to Start
with a Network?
M. Santomauro (Naples)

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Syncope: Do We Really Know Everything About it?

Chairmen: **C.P. Lau** (Hong Kong), **C. Menozzi** (Reggio Emilia)

A Miliar Stone for the Diagnosis: Taking Patient History
G.M. Francese (Catania), **M.M. Gulizia** (Catania)

Diagnostic Strategy: Which Tests and When
M. Lunati (Milan)*

Implanting a Loop Recorder: Extended Indications with
the Newest Devices?
M. Brignole (Lavagna)

When to Reassure the Patient, When to Implant a
Pacemaker
A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)

Management of Unexplained Recurrent Syncopal
Episodes
P. Alboni (Cento)

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11.00 - 12.30 *Joint Session with SICOA*

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Società Italiana
Cardiologia Ospedalità Accreditata
Italian Society of Cardiology of Accredited Hospitals

The CRT Therapy in Heart Failure Patients: When, How and Why?

Chairmen: **R. Cappato (San Donato Milanese),
C. Proto (Brescia)**

Consequences of Desynchronize and of
Resynchronization Therapy in the Failing Heart
R. Cappato (San Donato Milanese)

Measurement of Desynchronize: Still a Must for CRT
Patient Selection?
A. Curnis (Brescia)

What is the Patient Profile Who Can Benefit from CRT?
E. Gronda (Milan)

Using Monitoring Devices Systems to Optimize Patient
Care
G. Stabile (Maddaloni)



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Nettuno

International Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology Society

Major Determinants of Differences in Sudden Death Prevention Worldwide

Chairmen: C.P. Lau (Hong Kong), M. Santini (Rome)

Scientific Knowledge: Do we Have Clear Ideas?

K. Seidl (Ludwigshafen)

Financial Constraint: How Much Does it Impact on Clinical Practice?

R. Sutton (London)

Gender: Are Women Undertreated?

A.J. Moss (Rochester)

The Role of ICPES in Implementing Sudden Death Prevention Worldwide

P.E. Vardas (Heraklion)



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Società Italiana di Medicina Generale
Italian Society of General Practitioners

Punti critici nella gestione del paziente con patologia cardiovascolare in MG

***Caring for the Cardiovascular Patients in Primary Care:
Common Problems and Improving Strategies***

Chairmen: U. Alecci (Messina), L. Galvano (Palermo)

L'ipertensione resistente

Hard to Control Hypertension

L. Spicola (Palermo)

L'uso della misurazione pressoria a domicilio e del monitoraggio pressorio

Home Blood Pressure Monitoring and Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring in Primary Care

A. Di Guardo (Mascalucia)

I più frequenti errori nella diagnosi di scompenso cardiaco in MG

Heart Failure Diagnosis: Common Problems in Primary Care

V. Milazzo (Alcamo)

I più frequenti errori nella terapia dello scompenso cardiaco in MG

Heart Failure Treatment: Common Problems in Primary Care

A. Campisi (Messina)

I più frequenti errori nella profilassi del tromboembolismo nella fibrillazione atriale in MG

*Prevention of Thromboembolism in Atrial Fibrillation:
Common Problems in Primary Care*

D. Grimaldi (Catania)

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12.00 - 13.30 Expert Round Table on

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Crescita Sostenibile in Aritmologia: Progetti e Risorse Sustainable Growth in Arrhythmology: Projects and Resources

M.M. Gulizia, Presidente AIAC (Catania)

R. Lombardo, Presidente Regione Sicilia (Palermo)

U. Ortelli, Vice-Presidente Assobiomedica (Milan)

**G. Ruocco, Direttore Ufficio III Direzione Generale
dei Farmaci e dei Dispositivi Medici (Rome)**

**A. Tomassini, Presidente della XII Commissione
Permanente Igiene e Sanità del Senato della Repubblica (Rome)**

**Autorità invitate: Assessore Sanità Regione Siciliana,
Deputati della Commissione Sanità**

Fortunatamente, come in ogni altro settore, anche la medicina continua a progredire contribuendo a migliorare e prolungare la vita dei cittadini-pazienti.

In ambito aritmologico, dove le relative patologie mietono il maggior numero di vittime, questo avviene in modo ancora più evidente e significativo anche grazie allo straordinario contributo evolutivo di sofisticate, ma anche apparentemente costose, tecnologie.

Allora come coniugare il diritto dei cittadini ad accedere alle cure più adeguate ed ottimali con le limitazioni di risorse economiche alle quali ogni giorno veniamo richiamati?

In che modo o con quali progettualità creare più efficienza nel sistema o comunque rendere disponibili più risorse per assicurare l'accesso a cure o interventi di prevenzione adeguati a tutti quei pazienti (aritmologici) che, pur essendo indicati secondo riconosciute linee guida internazionali, oggi non le ricevono?

Parole chiave: aree terapeutiche, ricerca della salute, ausilio della tecnologia. **Sessione ad invito.**



Fortunately, as in every other sector, also medicine continues its progress contributing to improve and to prolong the life of all people.

In Arrhythmology, where relative pathologies gather the most greater number of victims, this happens even more in evident and meaningful way thanks to the extraordinary evolutionary contribution of sophisticated, but also apparently expensive, technologies.

Then how to conjugate the right of the citizens to access the most suitable and optimal cares with the limitations of economic resources to which every day we are recalled?

How or with which planning can we create more efficiency in the system or however can we make available more resources to assure the access to adequate prevention cares or interventions to all that patient (arrhythmological) that, even if indicated according to recognized international guidelines, don't they receive those today?

Key words: therapeutic areas, health's search, technology's aid. Admission upon invitation.

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13.00 - 14.30 Luncheon Panel

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The Hemodynamic Approach in CRT: Concepts & Applications

Chairmen: J.C. Deharo (Marseille),
N. Marrazzo (Mercogliano)

The Role of Endocardial Acceleration Signal in HF Patients
Management

P.P. Delnoy (Zwolle)

Optimizing CRT from Implant to Follow-Up

J. Brachmann (Coburg)

Multi-Sensors Strategies to Predict Acute HF Episodes
in CRT Patients

A. Sagone (Milan)

Clinical Perspectives of the SonR™ Sensor

R. Mantovan (Treviso)



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Latest Options to Optimize Patient Outcome in AF Treatment

Chairmen: **H. Klein (Rochester),
A. Raviele (Mestre-Venice)**

Patient Selection for AF Ablation
A. Pappalardo (Rome)

Different Ablation Techniques for Different AF
G. Carreras (Naples)

Image Integration to Support AF Ablation
E. Soldati (Pisa)

Optimal Setting for Safe Use of Irrigated Technology
M. Faustino (Pescara)

Optimal Anticoagulation and Antiarrhythmic Treatment
After Successful AF Ablation
K. Seidl (Ludwigshafen)



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Digital Technology: a Driver for Clinical Benefits

Chairmen: S. Favale (Bari), R. Sutton (London)

Inappropriate and Unnecessary Shocks: What we Really Know

J.O. Schwab (Bonn)

Total Shock Reduction: a Comprehensive Strategy

A. Proclemer (Udine)

MRI in Patients with Implantable Device: Potential Risks and First Clinical Experience

H. Puererfellner (Linz)

MRI Safe Systems: the New Standard

M.G. Bongiorno (Pisa)



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Nettuno

European Heart Rhythm Association

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: the Real World

Chairmen: J. Brugada (Barcelona), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

CRT Indications in the Evidence Based Era: the
Recommendations of the Guidelines

A. Auricchio (Lugano)

The Cost and Effectiveness of CRT-P and CRT-D Devices
Based on the Guidelines

N. Maniadakis (Drosia)

CRT in Mild Heart Failure

C. Linde (Stockholm)

CRT in Heart Failure Patients with Narrow QRS

I. Fernandez Lozano (Madrid)



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17.00 - 18.00 **Opening Ceremony**

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18.00 - 18.30 **Plenary Lecture**

Practice of Interventional Electrophysiology in the 21st Century A. Natale (Austin)



A native of Siracusa, Italy, Dr. Natale graduated *summa cum laude* from the Medical School of the University of Florence, Italy, and *summa cum laude* from the Catholic University School of Cardiology in Rome, Italy. He received his clinical training in cardiology at Methodist Hospital, Baylor College in Houston and at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. After completing a clinical fellowship in cardiology (electrophysiology) at the University of Western Ontario in 1991, he further trained in cardiology (electrophysiology) at the University of Wisconsin, Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee.

Dr. Natale was head of the cardiovascular physiopathology section at the Italian Air Force's Aerospace Research Centre. He has served as director of the electrophysiology laboratory at Duke University and director of the electrophysiology program at the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He also headed the cardiac electrophysiology section of the cardiology department at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Natale is now currently Executive Medical Director of Texas Cardiac Arrhythmia Institute at St. David's Medical Center in Austin Texas.

Dr. Natale has served as a professor at a variety of prestigious universities, including Duke University and Stanford University. He has been an invited lecturer at more than 275 symposiums and conferences around the world, and is the author or co-author of hundreds of published articles on pacing and electrophysiology. In addition to serving on the editorial boards of numerous medical journals, he is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Atrial Fibrillation*. Dr. Natale believes the greatest thing he can give his patients is a normal life, free of medication. Dr. Natale pioneered a new circumferential ultrasound vein-ablation system to correct atrial fibrillation and performed the procedure on the world's first five patients. He also developed some of the current catheter-based cures for atrial fibrillation and was the first electrophysiologist in the nation to perform percutaneous epicardial radiofrequency ablation, which is a treatment for people who fail conventional ablation. Dr. Natale feels it is crucial to continue to test new devices and concepts in order to move forward with the field of EP.

18.30

Welcome Cocktail



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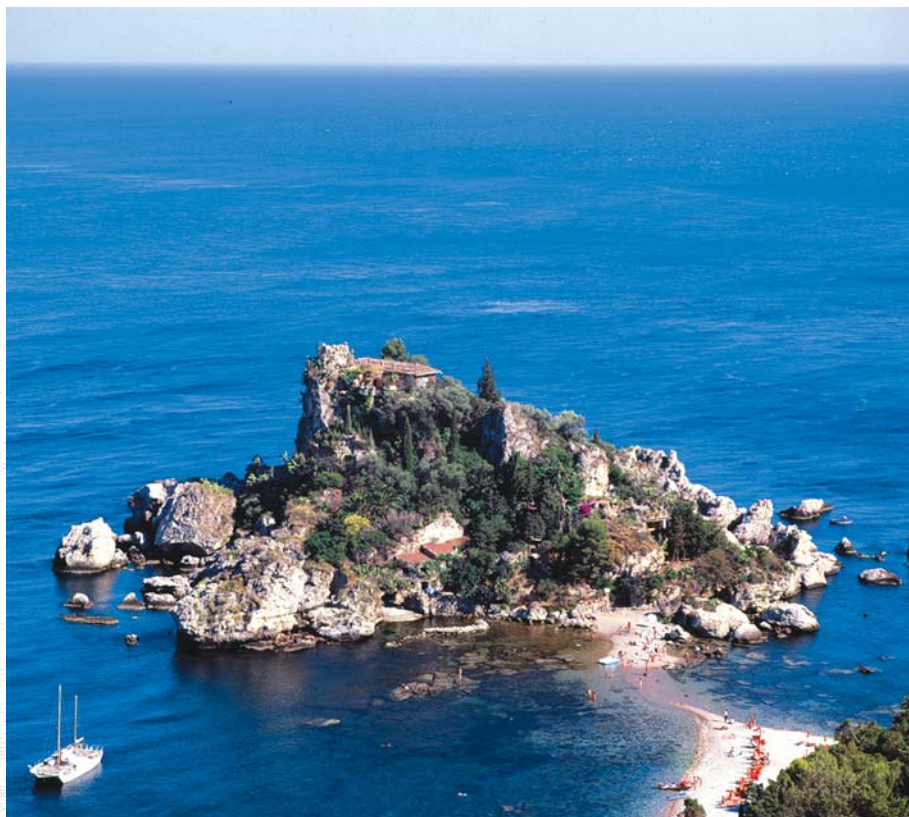
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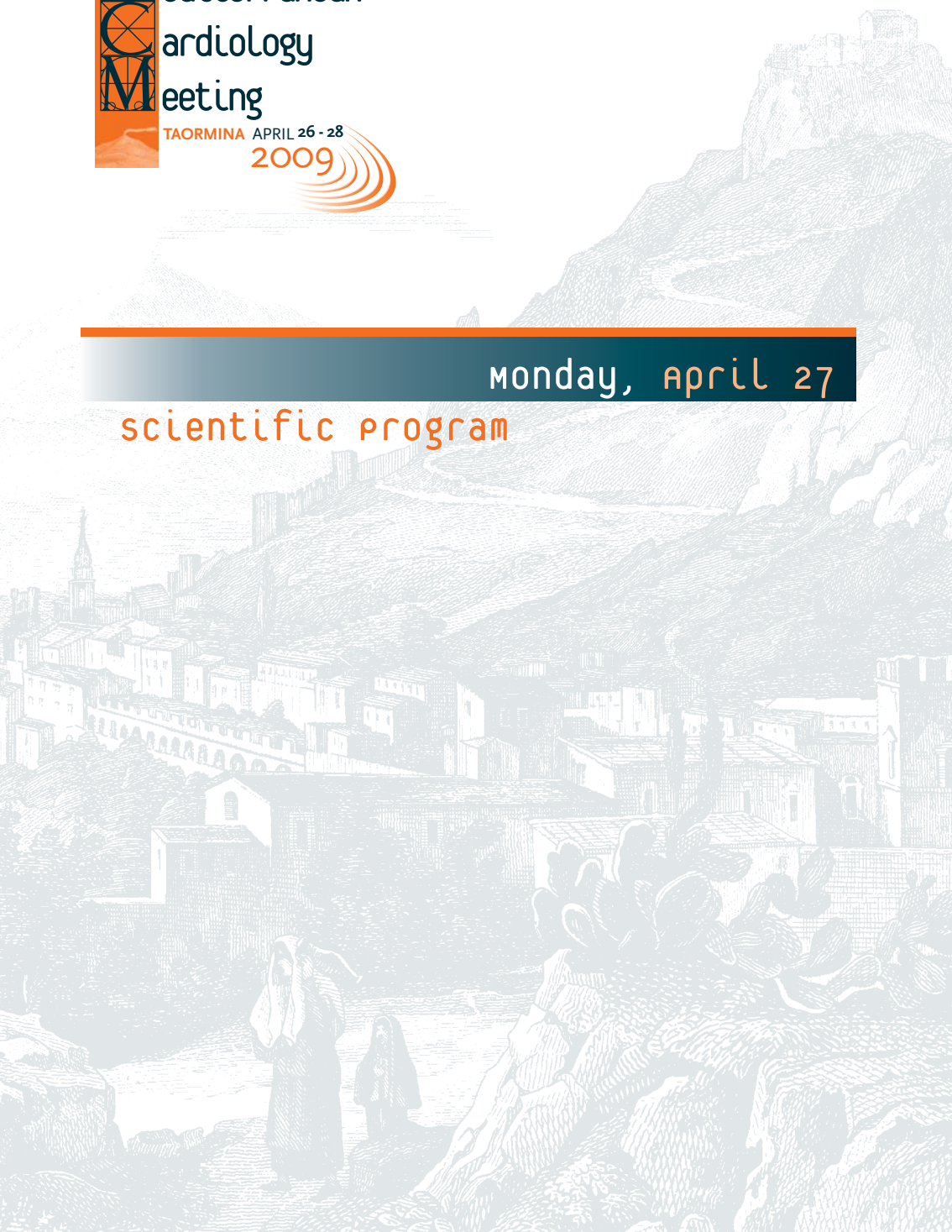
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Acute Coronary Syndromes: clinical management

*Chairmen: A. Ajello (Palermo), C. D'Agostino (Bari)**

8.00 - 9.00 *Intercultural Exchanges on:*

Nettuno

Pacing/ICD: complications & therapy

Chairmen: C. Puntrello (Trapani), E. Ovsyshcher (Beer-Sheva)

8.00 - 9.00 *Intercultural Exchanges on:*

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Global Cardiovascular Risk Assessment & Prevention

Chairmen: M. Bono (Sciacca), L. Toivonen (Helsinki)**

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Patient Care and Remote Monitoring: Real Life Experience

Chairmen: P. Geelen (Aalst), J. Morgan (Southampton)

Integrated Clinical Solutions for:
(cases presentation)

Arrhythmic Event Management
M. Zecchin (Trieste)

AF Management
G. Boriani (Bologna)

HF Management
C. D'Agostino (Bari)

AF/HF Management
G.B. Perego (Milan)

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Therapeutic Innovations in Lipids and Acute Heart Failure

Chairmen: **F. Fedele (Rome), M. Scherillo (Benevento)**

Patients at High Risk of Cardiovascular Disease: a New Paradigm in Comprehensive Lipid Management

A. Corsini (Milan)

The Challenge of Renal Protection in Acute Heart Failure

M. Metra (Brescia)



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Associazioni Regionali Cardiologi Ambulatoriali
Regional Associations of Outpatient Cardiologists

Malfunzioni e pseudo-malfunzioni dei pacemaker e degli stimolatori biventricolari: presentazione ed analisi interattiva di casi clinico-elettrocardiografici critici

Pacemaker and CRT-Device Malfunctions And Pseudo-malfunctions: Presentation And Interactive Analysis Of Clinical-ekg Cases

President: **G.B. Zito (Rome)**

Chairmen: **G. D'Antoni (Palermo), A. Dato (Catania)**

Elettrocardiografia normale della stimolazione mono- e bicamerale e della stimolazione biventricolare

Normal Electrocardiography in Single and Dual Chamber Pacing and in CRT

G. Oreto (Messina)

Malfunzioni e pseudo-malfunzioni dei pacemaker

Pacemaker Malfunctions and Pseudo-malfunctions

V. Carbone (Naples)

Presentazione e analisi interattiva di elettrocardiogrammi con malfunzioni vere o apparenti di stimolatori mono- e bicamerali
Presentation and Interactive Analysis of Single and Dual Chamber Pacemaker EKGs with Real or Seeming Malfunctions

V. Carbone (Naples), G. Oreto (Messina)

Principali espressioni elettrocardiografiche di malfunzione dei sistemi biventricolari

Main EKG Expressions of Biventricular Pacing System Malfunctions

G. Oreto (Messina)

Presentazione e analisi interattiva di elettrocardiogrammi con malfunzioni vere o apparenti di stimolatori biventricolari
Presentation and Interactive Analysis of Biventricular Pacemaker EKGs with Real or Seeming Malfunctions

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New Opportunities and Advantages for Home Monitored Patients

Chairmen: V. Bulla (Modica), G. Maglia (Catanzaro)

Organization and Management of PM/ICD Patients
Follow-Up: Benefits from Home Monitoring
D. Vaccari (Montebelluna)

Experience with Continuous Monitoring in ICD Patients
L. Ottaviano (Naples)

Silent AF Diagnosis: from Occasional ECG to Permanent Monitoring
A. Duparc (Toulouse)

The Advantage of Continuous Automatic Monitoring on CHF Patients
S. Caico (Varese)



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Great Clinical Trials: what they taught us and what they changed

Chairmen: G.F. Gensini (Florence), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Clinical Guidelines.

Do we need them? Do you follow them?

J.L. Zamorano (Madrid)

Evidence Based Medicine and its application respecting
therapeutic appropriateness

F. Drago (Catania)

ONTARGET and Transcend studies Case History

F. Mach (Geneva)

Right Reasons to Choose ARB Drugs for the Prophylaxis
of Cardiovascular Risk

P. Verdecchia (Perugia)

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Società Italiana
di Cardiologia dello Sport
Italian Society of Sport Cardiology

New Strategies in Sports Arrhythmology

Chairmen: G. Inama (Crema), B.J. Maron (Minneapolis)

Usefulness of Italian Pre-participation Screening in the
Prevention of Sport-Related Sudden Cardiac Death
P. Zeppilli (Rome)

Risk of "Silent" Arrhythmogenic Substrates in Athletes
P. Delise (Conegliano)

Ventricular Arrhythmias in Athletes: When Do We Worry
About?
A. Biffi (Rome)

Exercise Prescription in Cardiology: Need of Common
Guidelines
F. Giada (Mestre-Venice)

Physical Activity in Patients with Implantable Devices
H. Klein (Rochester)

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The Early Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation: Existing Therapies Are still Enough?

Presenter: A. Capucci (Ancona)

Lecturer: G.L. Botto (Como)

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Statins and Atherosclerosis: from Comprehensive Lipid Management to Dual Target Therapy

Presenter: G.F. Gensini (Florence)

Lecturer: C. Rapezzi (Bologna)

12.30 - 13.00 *Lecture A. Menarini*

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Stress Ossidativo: ruolo importante nella patologie cardiovascolari Oxidative Stress: Main Role in Cardiovascular Pathologies

Presenter: B. Trimarco (Naples)*

Lecturer: L. Cominacini (Verona)

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The New Frontiers of the Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy

Chairmen: **L. Padeletti (Florence), J. Sperzel (Bad Nauheim)**

The Future of Pacing: the Biventricular Pacing as the
Best Option for Every Patient

M. Lunati (Milan)

AF and HF: Treating the Former to Improve the Latter

A. Schuchert (Hamburg)

Does the Left Ventricular Pacing Stimulation Give the
Same Benefits as Biventricular Pacing?

G. Boriani (Bologna)

Frequent Device Optimization: Is It Needed to Improve
the Patient Outcome?

L. Calò (Rome)



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Atrial Fibrillation & Heart Failure: All You Need to Know to “Stay in the Art”

Chairmen: **W. Jung (Villingen)***, **E. Mossuti (Siracusa)**

In the management of AF which different therapeutic strategies are indicated between symptomatic and asymptomatic patients?

J. Brachmann (Coburg)*

When to pace, where to pace, how much to pace HF patients with concomitant AF?

S. Saksena (Warren)*

How much useful is resynchronization in mildly symptomatic HF patients and/or in asymptomatic ones with LV dysfunction and previous HF symptoms.

C. Linde (Stockholm)

Usefulness of pacemaker and ICD remote control in AF and/or HF patients. Does it really improve QoL?

M. Santini (Rome)

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New Developments In Permanent Hemodynamic Sensing

Chairmen: **M.G. Bongiorno (Pisa), A. Natale (Austin)**

Reliability and Clinical Value of TVI Hemodynamic Warning in the Follow-Up of Pacemaker Patients
M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Ejection Surveillance in Cardiac Pacing: Two Years Experience with TVI

P. Delise, E. Moro (Conegliano)

Ejection Check Can Optimize ICD Specificity
C. Pandozi (Rome)

Hemodynamic Optimization of Pacing Configuration in CRT

F. Dorticós Balea (La Havana)

LV Mechanical Activation Detected by Impedance Recording

M. Taborsky (Prague)

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Atrial Fibrillation and its 'Clinical Burden': New Drugs for a New Approach

Chairmen: R.P. Ricci (Rome), S. Saksena (Warren)

Pharmacological Basis for AF Treatment: the Unresolved Questions

M. Lunati (Milan)

How recent Clinical Trials could impact on AF Management tomorrow?

M. Tritto (Castellanza)

Atrial Fibrillation & Stroke: an Interdisciplinary Way of Thinking

G.L. Lenzi (Rome)

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International Society of Electrocardiology

Clinical Impact of Electrocardiography in Cardiac Arrhythmias

Chairmen: L. De Ambroggi (Milan), B. Gorenek (Eskisehir)

Clinical Use of Body Surface Potential Mapping in Cardiac
Arrhythmias

L. De Ambroggi (Milan)

Initiation Pattern of Ventricular Arrhythmias

B. Gorenek (Eskisehir)

Electrocardiographic Predictors of Sudden Cardiac Death
in Acute MI

M.M. Gulizia (Catania), D. Mangiameli (Catania)

Differential Diagnosis of Wide QRS Tachycardias

D. Catanzariti (Rovereto)

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Update on Percutaneous Heart Valve Therapy

Presenter: F. Arrigo (Messina)

Lecturer: C. Tamburino (Catania)

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New Perspectives in the Hypertension Treatment: Can The CCBs Replace Diuretics in Combination Treatment ?

Chairman: C. Borghi (Bologna), B. Gorenek (Eskisehir)

**Are all the Anthypertensive Combinations Equipotent?
R. Asmar (Paris)**

**Cardiometabolic Prevention from RAAS Inhibitors
Combined with Calcium Channel Blockers
C. Ferri (Chieti)**

**Second Line Therapy in Type 2 Diabetes: ACE/ARBs plus
Diuretics or ACE/ARB plus CCB?
A. De La Sierra (Barcelona)**



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Associazione Italiana
di Aritmologia e Cardioritmo
Italian Association of Arrhythmology & Pacing

Follow Up Management after AF Ablation

Chairmen: N. Bottoni (Reggio Emilia), R. De Ponti (Varese)

Early and Late Recurrences of AF
A. Natale (Austin)

"Iatrogenic" Left Atrial Flutter/Tachycardia
M. Tritto (Castellanza)

Oral Anticoagulation Therapy
S. Themistoclakis (Mestre-Venice)

Complications Occurring After AF Ablation
R. Cappato (San Donato Milanese)

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Associazione Nazionale
Cardiologi Extraospedalieri
Italian Association of Extra-hospital Cardiologists

Riabilitazione del paziente cardiopatico
Rehabilitation of cardiac patient

Chairmen: V. Romano (Naples), P. Teoni (Arezzo)

Il paziente ad alto rischio di scompenso cardiaco
Heart Failure High-risk Patient
C. Fernandez (Palermo)

Gli effetti del training fisico nell'insufficienza cardiaca cronica
Effects of Physical Training in Chronic Heart Failure
M. Vannucci (Florence)

Indicazioni e selezione del paziente con scompenso cardiaco al trattamento riabilitativo
HF Patients: Selection and Indication to Rehabilitative Treatment
O. Di Cillo (Bari)

Modelli gestionali dello scompenso cardiaco nel territorio
HF Management Models in the Territory
A.V. Panno (Palermo)

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Electrical Therapy in Heart Failure

Chairmen: A. Auricchio (Lugano), S. Sermasi (Rimini)

Does CRT prevent the Development of Heart Failure
in At-Risk Cardiac Patients?

Pro: A.J. Moss (Rochester)

Cons: E. Ovsyscher (Beer-Sheva)

Does Symptomatic Heart Failure Patients Benefit
most by ICD Therapy ?

Pro: O. Oseroff (Buenos Aires)

Cons: A. Oto (Gankaya Ankara)

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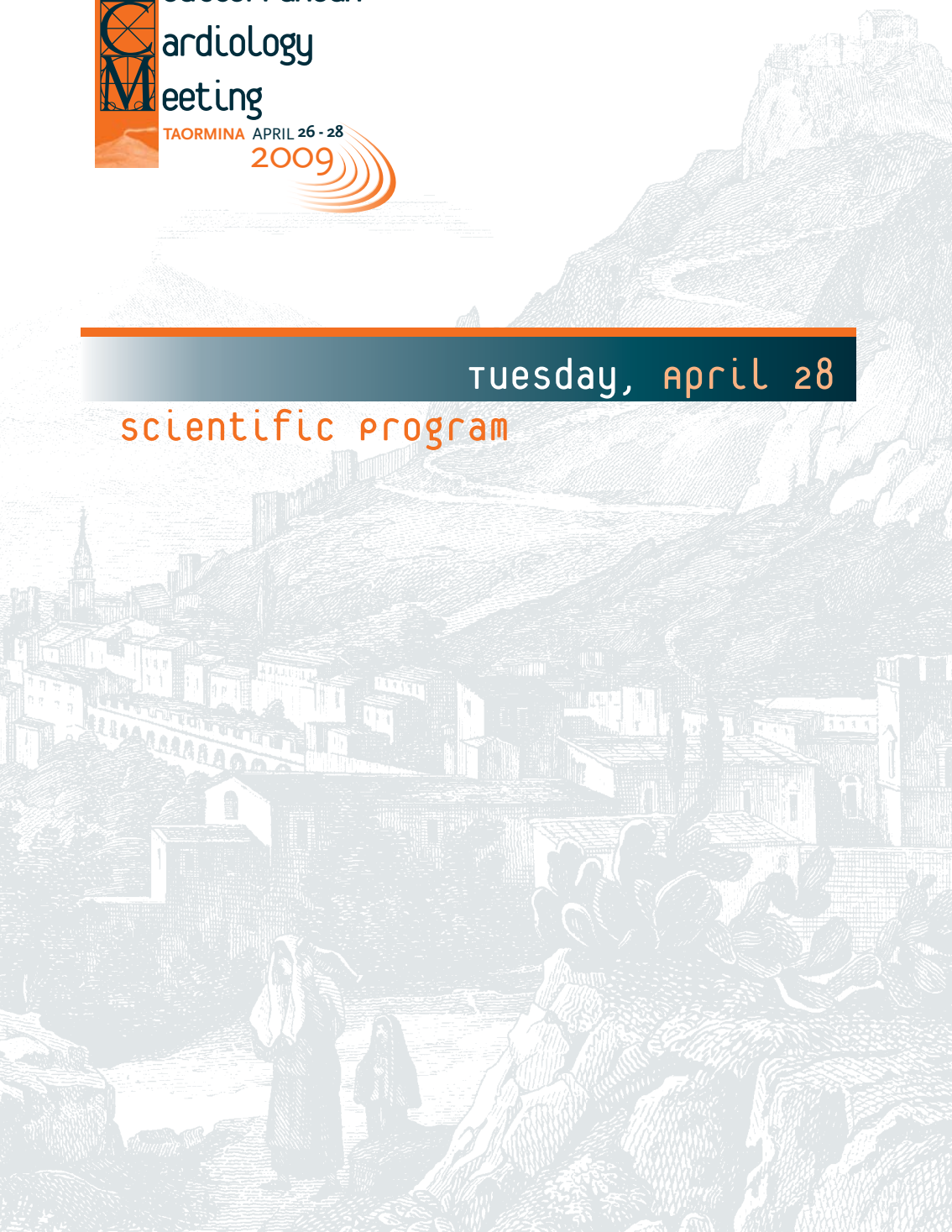
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Acute Coronary Syndromes: revascularization

Chairmen: E. Mossuti (Siracusa), TBD

8.00 - 9.00 *Intercultural Exchanges on:*

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Atherosclerotic Diseases & Drug Therapy

*Chairmen: S. Felis (Catania), H. Yang (Beijing)**

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Atrial Fibrillation & Supraventricular Arrhythmias

Chairmen: L. Vasquez (Milazzo), A. Oto (Gankaya-Ankara)

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European Heart Rhythm Association

Genetic Determinants of Sudden Death

Chairmen: S. Priori (Pavia), P.E. Vardas (Heraklion)

Genetic Bases and Risk Stratification in the Long QT Syndrome

T. Rossenbacker (Leuven)

Genetic Bases and Risk Stratification in the Brugada Syndrome

J. Brugada (Barcelona)

Genetic Bases and Risk Stratification in the CPVT

C. Napolitano (Pavia)

Genetic Risk Factors for Sudden Cardiac Death

L. Toivonen (Helsinki)*

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Società Italiana di Medicina Generale
Italian Society of General Practitioners

Cardiovascular Research in Primary Care

Chairmen: C. Cricelli (Florence), M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

Monitoring Drug Safety in Clinical Practice: the
PharmaSearch Network

A. Sessa (Arcisate)

Cardiovascular Epidemiology: the role of General
practitioners' networks

F. Samani (Trieste)

Cardiovascular drugs in real practice: the Health Search-
Thale database

G. Mazzaglia (Florence)

Improving Cardiovascular Prevention in Primary Care

A. Filippi (Mozzanica)

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*Chinese Society of Cardiology &
Chinese Heart Rhythm Society*

Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Diseases. Educational Exchanges between Italy and China in the Perspective of China Health Care Reform

Chairmen: M.M. Gulizia (Catania), TBD

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J.F. Zhang (Rome)*

Initial Address

TBD

Initial Address

W.P. Guo (Beijing)*

*Life style education, early screening and prevention of
cardiovascular diseases in the China Health Care Reform*

W.L. Liu (Beijing)

*AIAC and Italian Educational Activities for Foreign and
Chinese Students*

M.M. Gulizia (Catania)*

*Electrocardiography and Clinical Data Base in
Epidemiologic Research. The Largest Chinese Experience*

H. Yang (Beijing)*

*Educational Projects in China including
Electrocardiography and Echocardiography*

F. Naccarella (Bologna), F. Zhang (Shanghai)*,

F. Iacopi (Faenza)*

*Scientific and Educational Activities with China in both
Milan and Chinese Towns*

R. Cappato (Milan)*

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Clinical Appropriateness in the Management of Acute Coronary Syndromes: from Guidelines to Patient's Bed

Chairmen: **G. Di Pasquale (Bologna), A.J. Moss (Rochester)**

Chest Pain Management in the Emergency Room
A. Fiscella (Catania)

Appropriate Reperfusion Strategy according to Guidelines:
State of Art and Recommendations
TBD

High Risk Patient: Risk Stratification and Appropriate
Pharmacological Treatment in ACS
L. Bolognese (Arezzo)

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Clinical Value and Logistic Models for Remote Patient Management: the Latitude Experience

Chairmen: L. Padeletti (Florence), H. Schmidinger (Vienna)

The US Experience with the Latitude System: Lessons from Over 100.000 Patients Cases

G. Mascioli (Bergamo)

The Remote Patient Management:
Possible Working Models

T. Toselli (Ferrara)

Remote Patient Management: a Tool to Manage Device Follow Up Burden in the Era of Primary Prevention?

C. Morais (Amadora)

Remote Patient Management of HF Patients Implanted with CRTD: How this Technology Can Help Electrophysiologists and Clinicians?

L. Calo' (Rome)

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La disfunzione endoteliale: dalla fisiopatologia alla clinica

Endothelial Dysfunction: from Physiopathology to Clinical Application

Chairman: F. Bovenzi (Lucca)

La disfunzione endoteliale nell'ipertensione arteriosa e nello scompenso cardiaco

Endothelial Dysfunction in patients affected by Arterial Hypertension and/or Heart Failure

G. Ambrosio (Milan)

L'endotelio come target della terapia: ruolo del nebivololo

Endothelium as Target of Pharmacological Therapy: role of Nebivolol

E. Gronda (Milan)

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The Percutaneous Closure of Patent Ductus Arteriosus and of Interatrial Communications: State of the Art 2009

Presenter: A. Silvia (Catania)

Lecturer: G. Pongiglione (Genoa)

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Omega-3 in Cardiology

Presenter: A.P. Maggioni (Florence)

Lecturer: R. Griffo (Genoa)

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Ivabradina: Applicazioni Cliniche in Cardiologia Ivabradina: Clinical Application in Cardiology

Presenter: A. Circo (Catania)

Lecturer: F. Arrigo (Messina)

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New Frontiers in Cardiac Pacing Therapies

Chairmen: **C. D'Ascia (Naples), A. Duparc (Toulouse)**

Physiological Pacing in Selected RV Stimulation Sites
D. Igdbashian (Gorizia)

Is Triple Ventricular Cardiac Resynchronization in Very Dilated Cardiomyopathy Safe and Efficient?
P. Mondoly (Toulouse)

Closed Loop Stimulation in Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia
P. Scipione (Ancona)

RV Bifocal vs. Biventricular Pacing: an Alternate Approach to CRT
P. Diotallevi (Alessandria)

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Where does Clinical and Interventional Search go?

Chairmen: **M. Brignole (Lavagna), S. Mangiameli (Catania)**

In Non-ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes
G. Di Pasquale (Bologna)

In the Early Treatment of Heart Failure
A.P. Maggioni (Florence)

In “Physiological” Cardiac Pacing
E. Occhetta (Novara)

In New Population for CRT: which Brady Pacing Patients
should be Considered for CRT?
S. Nisam (Diegem)

In the Prevention of Sudden Death
G. De Fabrizio (Lecce)

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AF Ablation in different clinical settings

Chairmen: **A. Bonso (Mestre), A. Capucci (Ancona)**

AF Ablation in Elderly Patients

A. Raviele (Mestre)

AF Ablation in Patients with Heart Failure and/or Left
Ventricular Dysfunction

A. Natale (Austin)

AF Ablation in Patients with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

C. Tondo (Rome)

AF Ablation in Patients with History of Cardiac Surgery

R. De Ponti (Varese)

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Sincope: non-invasive evaluation and management

Chairmen: S. Sermasi (Rimini), P. Mondoly (Toulouse)**

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Heart Failure: electrical treatment

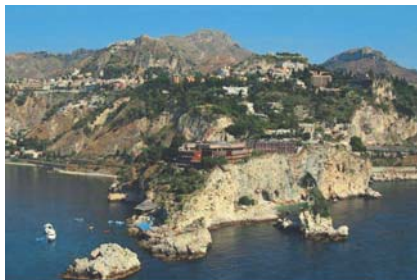
Chairmen: M. Accogli (Tricase), P.P. Delnoy (Zwolle)**

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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

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Alternatively, the form can be downloaded from the web site and faxed to the Organizing Secretariat. The registration will be confirmed only if accompanied by payment.

GROUP REGISTRATION

Companies that would like to sponsor the registration fees of a group of participants attending the Meeting should contact the Organizing Secretariat, Adria Congrex (booking@mcmweb.it).

A group consists of minimum 10 participants. Registration shall be coordinated by one identified group contact person representing a pharmaceutical/product company or a travel agency.

CONGRESS REGISTRATION MODALITIES

Delegate

€ 520,00 Vat 20% included

The 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 (for the Italian participants), badge and congress kit, welcome cocktail buffet, and coffee breaks at the Venue.

Accompanying Person

€ 300,00 Vat 20% included

The registration fee includes: entrance to the exhibition area, welcome cocktail buffet and half day excursion.

COURSES REGISTRATION MODALITIES

BLS-D Course

€ 240,00 Vat 20% included

Basic Life Support - Defibrillation Course

The registration fee includes: participation to the Course entrance to the exhibition area, BLS-D licence, CME certificate (for the Italian participants), coffee breaks and light lunch taken at the Venue. Maximum 36 participants (12 per day) assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge with date and timetables to be respected.

ADVANCED ECHO Course

€ 336,00 Vat 20% included

Echocardiographic Assessment of Heart Failure Patients Pros and cons of new and old echo techniques

The registration fee includes: participation at one day theoretical/practical course with practical training based on real clinical cases.

The course foresees individual stations to perform echocolor Doppler, TDI and 3D practice in a model simulating a patient with heart failure, including 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 ultrasound scanner, entrance to the exhibition area, attendance certificate, CME certificate (for the Italian participants), badge and congress kit.

Maximum 60 participants (20 per day) assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge with date and timetables to be respected.

CRITICAL CARE IN CARDIOLOGY € 360,00 Vat 20% included

From Simulation to Reality

The registration fee includes: participation at one day theoretical/practical course with live practice on a last generation manikin (Advanced Life Support Simulator) for the realistic and interactive training in a simulation of a wide choice of medical emergencies so to improve physician ability in the advanced management of critical cardiac events. The Course is provided with the highest technology and the simulator patients able to react to clinical interventions: he answers to the control of the tutor and he is programmed with different sceneries (Acute Atrial Fibrillation, Ventricular Arrhythmias, Sudden Death, Acute Heart Failure, etc.) for a clinical practice and live individual management addressed to the patient diagnosis and treatment. Through the spontaneous respiration, the control of the breath, the voice, the sounds, ECG and a lot of other clinical parameters, this manikin is the most functional patient simulator to learn the right assistance to the cardiac emergencies.

It also includes: learning group time, individual practice on patient simulator, dual practice on patient simulator, utilized materials, surgery and emergency kit and drugs, technical and scientific assistance by an individual tutor, entrance to the exhibition area, light lunch, attendance certificate, CME certificate, badge and congress kit.

Maximum 45 participants (15 per day) assigned on first come first served basis, after the full payment of the charge with date and timetables to be respected.

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As Taormina is a world-wide famous tourist resort, and April is the high season, it is highly recommended to book well in advance. Adria Congrex will make every effort to place you in the hotel category of your choice. A confirmation will be sent starting from February 2009.

Please note that hotel categories and rooms are assigned on a first come first served basis.

Hotel reservation can be made by:

- Paying a deposit for one night accommodation. The deposit paid will be deducted from the hotel bill. The balance will be paid directly at check out. The hotel will provide official receipt for the whole sum.
- Sending your credit card details to be used as a guarantee. The total amount will be paid at check out.

5 Stars Hotels

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| 1) Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay | www.atlantisbay.it |
| 2) Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace | www.mazzaroseapalace.it |
| 3) Grand Hotel Timeo | www.taormina-hotel-framon.com |
| 4) San Domenico Palace | www.sandomenico.thi.it |

4 Stars Hotels

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| 5) Hotel Assinos Palace | www.assinospalacehotel.com |
| 6) Atahotel Naxos Beach Resort | www.hotelnaxosbeach.com |
| 7) Hotel Ceasar Palace | www.parchotels.it |
| 8) Hotel Corallo | www.hotelcorallotaormina.it |
| 9) Hotel Giardino dei Greci | www.giardinodeigreci.com |
| 10) Hellenia Yachting Hotel | www.hotel-hellenia.it |
| 11) Russott Hotel | www.russotthotels.it |
| 12) Hotel Sabbie D'Oro | www.hotelsabbiedoro.it |
| 13) Sant Alphio Garden Hotel | www.santalphiohotel.com |
| 14) Hotel Villa Diodoro | www.gaishotels.com/diodoro |
| 15) Hotel Villa Esperia | www.hotelvillaesperia.com |

3 Stars Hotels

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| 16) Hotel Baia Azzurra | www.hotelbaiaazzurra.com |
| 17) Hotel Isabella | www.gaishotels.com/isabella |
| 18) Hotel Palladio | www.hotelpalladiogiardini.com |
| 19) Hotel Villa Athena | www.sportingbeauty.com |
| 20) Hotel Villa Linda | www.hotelvillalinda.it |



hotels map



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Hotel accommodation

Rates* and deposit

5 Stars Hotels

	Double room as single use	Double room
Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay	€ 275,00	€ 332,00
Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace	€ 275,00	€ 332,00
Grand Hotel Timeo	€ 368,00	€ 441,00
San Domenico Palace	€ 325,00	€ 395,00

4 Stars Hotels

Hotel Assinos Palace	€ 123,00	€ 153,00
Atahotel Naxos Beach Resort	€ 120,00	€ 160,00
Hotel Ceasar Palace	€ 80,00	€ 99,00
Hotel Corallo	€ 105,00	€ 130,00
Hotel Giardino dei Greci	€ 75,00	€ 105,00
Hellenia Yachting Hotel	€ 180,00	€ 230,00
Russott Hotel	€ 150,00	€ 170,00
Hotel Sabbie D'Oro	€ 105,00	€ 130,00
Sant Alphio Garden Hotel	€ 105,00	€ 150,00
Hotel Villa Diodoro	€ 200,00	€ 260,00
Hotel Villa Esperia	€ 215,00	€ 240,00

3 Stars Hotels

Hotel Baia Azzurra	€ 103,00	€ 154,00
Hotel Isabella	€ 105,00	€ 156,00
Hotel Villa Athena	€ 68,00	€ 86,00
Hotel Villa Linda	€ 90,00	€ 90,00

All prices include: taxes, VAT, service, continental breakfast and are per room per night. Transfer service is not available.

Deposit Requested

Five stars	€ 441,00
Four stars	€ 260,00
Three stars	€ 156,00

* At the best price obtained for the Meeting



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Taormina & congress venue

Volcanic Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea provide the cinema worthy backdrop for Taormina, Sicily's legendary resort town (Italy). Twisting medieval streets and a second-century Greek theater add to its romantic air, which inspired the writings of D.H. Lawrence and Truman Capote. Take a cable-car to the nearby beaches or while away an afternoon on the car-free Corso Umberto I, the main shopping street. Panoramic views await those who stroll uphill behind the Church of St. Joseph to the village of Castelmola.



The Russott Hotel is an elegant stage by the sea, an extraordinary amphitheatre showing you the ancient and eternal Sicilian landscapes. Suggestive lights emphasize the luxury of the spaces. In the 296 rooms of the Russott Hotel, charme and style join the philosophy of comfort and usefulness. Live your space, across the colours, the

tastes and the smells of the Sicily to love. Russott Hotel is the focal point for important congress meetings and is also an ideal location for relaxing and chilling out under the hot Sicilian sun, the intense colours of the sea and the delightful fragrances of our Mediterranean garden.

WELCOME COCKTAIL
(included in the registration fee)

Sunday, April 26 2009

The Opening Ceremony, that will take place at 5.00 pm, will be followed by a Welcome Cocktail offered to all registered attendees, accompanying persons and exhibitors at the Congress Venue.



GALA FACULTY DINNER
(not included in the registration fee)

Monday, April 27 2009

A fine dinner will be organized in a beautiful location for enjoying together. As a **limited number of places is available** for this Gala Faculty Dinner, only persons with advance booking and payment may be certain attend.

Once seats availability is over, no more reservations will be accepted.





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excursions

TAORMINA SIGHTSEEING

Settled on a hill of the Monte Tauro, Taormina dominates two grand, sweeping bays on the southern side, the top of Mount Etna, offering a breathtaking, dramatic view over almost one hundred miles of Mediterranean sea. This itinerary will give you the possibility to discover the history and the magical atmosphere of Taormina walking through Corso Umberto I. It is a lively street that runs through the town linking Porta Messina to Porta Catania, flanked on either side by elegant shop and café. The civic and religious monuments are concentrated along and around Corso Umberto I: Vittorio Emanuele Square, Corvaja Palace, St. Caterina Church and the Roman Odeum, Roman Baths, Naumachie, IX Aprile Square, St. Agostino Church, Ciampoli Palace, Mother Church, Palace of the Dukes of St. Stephen. The visit will continue to the Greek-Roman Theatre. It was built in Greek times, later enlarged and almost entirely rebuilt by Romans in the second century AD. From the cave, set in bellow in Monte Tauro, you can admire the view that is as famous as it is beautiful.



ETNA SUNSET & LAVA CASTING

Excursion by bus, tour leader, alpine guide and jeep. Reaching Etna refuge 1800 mts, ascent by jeep to the proximity of the crater area. Stop until sunset and return.

Time for dinner (dinner not included in the excursion price) in a local restaurant at 1800 mts. Warm clothes are recommended and they are rentable on site with an extra charge.





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ETNA

One day excursion by bus with tour leader. Reaching Etna Refuge at 1900 mts. Time for trekking or optional ascent to the area of the main craters with authorized alpine guides. Optional lunch.



ETNA VALLEY - RANDAZZO and ALCANTARA

Our tour will take a first to the Alcantara Gorges for a short visit. Entry not included. Afterwards to the mediaeval town of Randazzo where we will visit the Cathedral and the typical Sunday market. Departure to Etna North Refuge at 1800 mts. Free time for lunch (Optional), trekking or reaching the main craters by jeep with authorized alpine guides.



SIRACUSA

One day excursion by bus with tour leader and local guide. Stop halfway before reaching Siracusa. Visit the Archaeological Area with the Greek Theatre, the Latomie's with Dionysius Ear.



For more information about prices and reservation modalities
please contact the Organizing Secretariat, Adria Congrex



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payment information

PAYMENT

Payments should be made by one of the following methods:

- by cheque made out to Adria Congrex in Euro
- by credit card. All major credit cards are accepted. For the hotel reservation the credit card will be used as guarantee.
- Bank transfer in Euro (made out to Adria Congrex Carim Bank Branch no. 14 IBAN code IT18 No628524214CC0142118559 swift code CRRN IT 2R).

All costs to transmitter's charge.

- By internet on www.mcmweb.it with payment by credit card in security certificate.

Please indicate clearly and in full your name, address and MCM2009 on cheques and money orders.

Registration and hotel reservation will be confirmed only on receipt of the amount due.

Adria Congrex will provide regular invoice for registration and gala dinner (if requested).

CANCELLATION POLICY

Any cancellation should be notified in writing to Adria Congrex and will be subject to the following conditions:

Before December 31st, 2008 - 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 January 1st, 2009 - no refund of any kind.

No refund in any case will be made for BLS-D, Advanced ECHO, CRITICAL CARE IN CARDIOLOGY Course Registrations.



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HOW TO ARRIVE TO TAORMINA

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



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. At Catania Airport: Direct bus to Taormina centre is available



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. 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.



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Sicily and Taormina can be reached by car through highways (green road signs) from the 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.



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).

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. If 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON INTERNET

about transport and weather in Sicily

www.aeroporto.catania.it

www.interbus.it

www.meteo.it

about Taormina & Sicily

www.aastgiardininaxos.it

www.giardini-naxos.com

www.gate2taormina.com

www.gotaormina.com

www.travelplan.it/taormina_guide.htm

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