

"Fourth International Conference on Sex Hormones, Pregnancy and the Rheumatic Diseases"

Organized by SIR
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Preliminary programme

*Stresa, Palazzo dei Congressi
September 20-22, 2004*

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Dear Colleague,

on behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the **"Fourth International Conference on Sex Hormones, Pregnancy and the Rheumatic diseases"** which will be held in Stresa from September 20 through 22, 2004.

Pregnancy is a physiological but at the same time extraordinary event, crucial in the life of many women and many couples. This is particularly true for women with rheumatic diseases. In these conditions a complex but fascinating interplay exists between disease activity, its possible effects on the pregnancy, controversies on the use of drugs, and uncertainties regarding the newborns health.

Physicians in different medical fields are increasingly involved: rheumatologists, gynecologists, pediatricians, neonatal intensivists, anaesthesiologists, genetists, cardiologists, hematologists, etc.

Main topics covered will be:

- Physiology and pathology of placental and fetal development;
- Autoimmunity as cause of pregnancy loss;
- The counselling in patients with rheumatic diseases;
- Neonatal outcome in patients with rheumatic disease;
- Drugs in pregnancy
- The long term outcome of children born to patients with rheumatic disease.

The conference will be opened by a *pre-congress session on drugs used in these pregnancies*: a consensus report regarding the use of each specific drug will be prepared.

There will be also a *post congress section: the Fifth International Workshop on Neonatal Lupus Syndromes and the Ro/SSA-La/SSB system*, that will provide as usual the most updated findings regarding this fascinating topic, with the contributions of the main experts in the field.

We hope to meet you in Stresa, that is a lovely place on lake "Maggiore", located just 30 minutes from the International Milano Malpensa airport.

The Congress Chairmen:

Bianca Canesi
President SIR (Italian Society of Rheumatology)
and
Carlomaurizio Montecucco
*Chairman National Congress of the
Italian Society of Rheumatology*

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Stresa 20 – 22 September, 2004

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Monday, September 20, 2004

Plenary hall

Pre congress session

14.00-18.00

Workshop on drugs in pregnancy

18.00-19.00

Welcome in Stresa

B. Canesi - President of Italian Society of Rheumatology (SIR),

*E. Imperato - President of Italian Society Obstetrics and
Gynecology (SIGO)*

Chairman

C.M. Montecucco (Pavia, Italy)

Opening lecture

G.R.V. Hughes (London, UK)

Physiology and pathology of placental and fetal
development

- 08.30 Placental physiology
R. Rai (London, UK)
- 08.50 Feto-maternal immune interaction at the placental
level
F. Tedesco (Trieste, Italy)
- 09.10 Cytokines in the pathogenesis of pregnancy loss
H. Carp (Tel Hashomer, Israel)
- 09.30 Sex hormones influence on the immune system
M. Cutolo (Genova, Italy)
- 09.50 Progesterone supplement in pregnancy: an
immunologic therapy?
A. Ragusa (Milano, Italy)
- 10.10 Oral selected presentations
- 10.30 Coffee - break

Autoimmunity as cause of pregnancy failure

- 11.00 Autoantibodies involved in pregnancy loss
Y. Shoenfeld (Tel Hashomer, Israel)
- 11.20 Antiphospholipid antibodies as cause of pregnancy loss
P.L. Meroni (Milano, Italy)
- 11.40 Thyroid autoimmune diseases and pregnancy
- 12.00 Celiac disease and inflammatory bowel disease
S. De Carolis (Roma, Italy)
- 12.20 Pregnancy, microchimerism and autoimmunity: an update
A. Turco (Verona, Italy), L. Bambara (Verona, Italy)
- 12.30 Antiphosphatidylserine antibodies and reproductive failure
M. Blank (Tel Hashomer, Israel)
- 12.50 Oral selected presentations
- 13.00 Lunch and posters viewing

The counselling for patients with rheumatic diseases

- 14.30 Pregnancy in patients with rheumatic diseases:
psychological implication of a chronic disease and
neuropsychological evaluation of the children
F. Neri (Brescia, Italy)
- 14.50 Contraception and hormone replacement therapy
J.C. Piette (Paris, France)
- 15.10 Autoimmunity, infertility and ovulation induction for
in vitro fertilization
M. Lockshin (New York, USA)
- 15.30 Risk of sustained amenorrhea in SLE patients
treated with Cyclophosphamide
A.G. Tzioufas (Athens, Greece)
- 15.50 Oral selected presentations
- 16.30 Coffee - break

The pregnancy in patients with rheumatic disease

- 17.00 Disease evaluation in pregnancy
M. Khamashta (London, England)
- 17.20 The management of pregnant patients with antiphospholipid syndrome
R. Cervera (Bercelona, Spain)
- 17.40 Hopkins Lupus Pregnancy Center: an update
M. Petri (Baltimore, USA)
- 18.00 Pregnancy in rare rheumatic disease (UCTD, MCTD, vasculitis, myositis, Behcet)
A. Doria (Padova, Italy)
- 18.20 Obstetric management and monitoring
W. Branch (Utah, USA)
- 18.40 Anaesthesiological aspects
R. Wetzl (Milano, Italy)
- 19.00 Posters discussion

Maternal and neonatal outcome in patients
with rheumatic disease

- 08.30 Long and short maternal outcome of antiphospholipid antibody pregnancies
A.L. Parke (Farmington, USA)
- 08.50 Fetal/neonatal injury and management in pregnant patients with anti Ro/SS-A antibodies
B. Clancy (New York, USA), J. Buyon (New York, USA)
- 09.10 European registry of babies from APS mothers
M.C. Boffa (Paris, France)
- 09.30 Neonatal outcome in patients with rheumatic disease
M. Motta (Brescia, Italy), A. Lojacono (Brescia, Italy)
- 09.50 Osteoporosis during pregnancy and lactation in patients with rheumatic diseases
O. Di Munno (Pisa, Italy)
- 10.10 IVIG in APS pregnancies
G. Triolo (Palermo, Italy)
- 10.30 Coffee - break

Wednesday, September 22, 2004 **Auditorium**

VI Session 11.00-12.30

The long term outcome of children born to patients
with rheumatic disease

- 11.00 Any increased risk of autoimmune disease?
R. Cimaz (Milano, Italy)
- 11.20 Drug exposure in pregnant women
A. Czeizel (Budapest, Hungary)
- 11.40 Disease specific problems related to drug therapy in
pregnancy
M. Oestensen (Bern, Switzerland)
- 12.00 Report of the Workshops on anti-rheumatic drugs in
pregnancy: the take home message
G. Valesini (Roma, Italy)
- 12.20 Concluding remarks

Lunch

Wednesday, September 22, 2004 **Hall B**

14.00-20.00

Workshop on Neonatal Lupus and the Ro-SSA/La-SSB
system

Scientific Information

Call for abstracts

The abstracts should be submitted **before May 20, 2004**, to the Organizing Secretariat OIC s.r.l. by e-mail at the following address: internationalconference2004@oic.it

The manuscript should be in English and should not exceed one A4 page. Text should be typed in single space, with 12-point-size Times New Roman font.

The Organizing Secretariat, on behalf of the Scientific Committee, will inform the Authors about the acceptance of the abstract. The most significant and interesting abstracts will be selected for oral presentation. Please note that the speaker must be registered at the conference in order to present the abstract. All correspondence will be sent to the first Author: please include telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address and complete postal address.

Official Language

The official language of the Conference is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Poster session

It will be possible to display posters throughout the meeting in the poster area. Posters discussion is scheduled on Tuesday, September 21 at the end of the last session of the day. The Organizing Secretariat will remove the posters left behind after the meeting and assumes no responsibility for damaged or lost artwork.

Dimensions: 80 cm. Width - 120 cm. Height.

Slide Center

A slide center will be available in the Congress area. It will be possible to support lectures with PC presentations only: pc projection supported by power point per Windows system will be available in every room. For further technical information or particular requests please advise the Organizing Secretariat.

To allow a smooth running of the sessions speakers are required to hand over the presentations to the slide center at least an hour before the beginning of the relevant session.

Certificate of attendance

The certificate of attendance will be given to all registered participants who will request it at the Organizing Secretariat desk.

Accreditation

ECM accreditation has been requested.

General Information

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Registration Fees

BEFORE May 30 , 2004	€ 280,00 (VAT 20% included)
AFTER June 1 st , 2004	€ 320,00 (VAT 20% included)
ON SITE	€ 320,00 (VAT 20% included)

The registration fee includes:

- ◆ access to the scientific sessions
- ◆ congress kit
- ◆ certificate of attendance
- ◆ coffee-breaks
- ◆ working lunch on September 21
- ◆ working lunch on September 22

Cancellations of registrations should be sent by fax (+ 39 026571270) or e-mail (internationalconference2004@oic.it) before JUNE, 11 in order to be refunded of the 50% of the paid registration fee.

Hotel Accommodation

Please note that hotel accommodation requests will be accepted by O.I.C. srl, only if received by May, 15 2004.

Hotel Regina Palace **** Piazza Marconi,6 – 28838 Stresa (VB)	Hotel Bristol**** Corso Umberto I, 72 – 28838 Stresa (VB)
Double Single Use Room € 175,00	Double Single Use Room € 200,00
Double Room € 240,00	Double Room € 250,00
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For more info about ***hotels and their availability please contact the Organizing Secretariat

General Information

In order to confirm your hotel reservation we need to receive the pre-payment of the whole reserved period (plus € 20,00 VAT 20% included, as handling fee for each booked room) together with the reservation form duly filled in BY MAY 15, 2004. All other requests, received after May 15, 2004, will be fulfilled according to hotel availability.

O.I.C. srl will confirm the reservation by sending the invoice to the address specified on the Hotel Accommodation form.

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Terms of payment

Payments should be made in Euro by:

- ◆ Cheque payable to OIC s.r.l.
- ◆ Bank transfer to the following Bank account: OIC srl – Banca Antonveneta – Ag.28 Milano
C/c n. 12211 M ABI 05040 – CAB 01619 – CIN Y
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- ◆ Credit card

Registration Form

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Deadlines

MAY 15, 2004	ACCEPTANCE OF HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND EARLY REGISTRATIONS
MAY 20, 2004	DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS
JUNE 11, 2004	CANCELLATIONS OF HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND REFUNDS

HOW TO REACH STRESA:

By car: from Milan take the highway A8 (Milano – Laghi), then the highway A26 to Gravelona Toce, exit BAVENO

By train: from Milan, one train every hour – direction Domo-dossola – Ginevra- Berna. Please check with the official Italian railway website www.trenitalia.it

By plane: Milano Malpensa International Airport, located 29 km far from Stresa. Public transportation from Malpensa airport to Stresa: Alibus bus service – Malpensa airport – bus stop located at Terminal 1, stop number 22 (**Verbania – Malpensa line**). Reservation required upon arrival and departure. Please call ++39 0323 552172.

As for timetables and fares please check the following website: www.safduemila.com, click on “ORARI” and then on “Servizio ALIBUS: Verbania/Malpensa 2000”.

