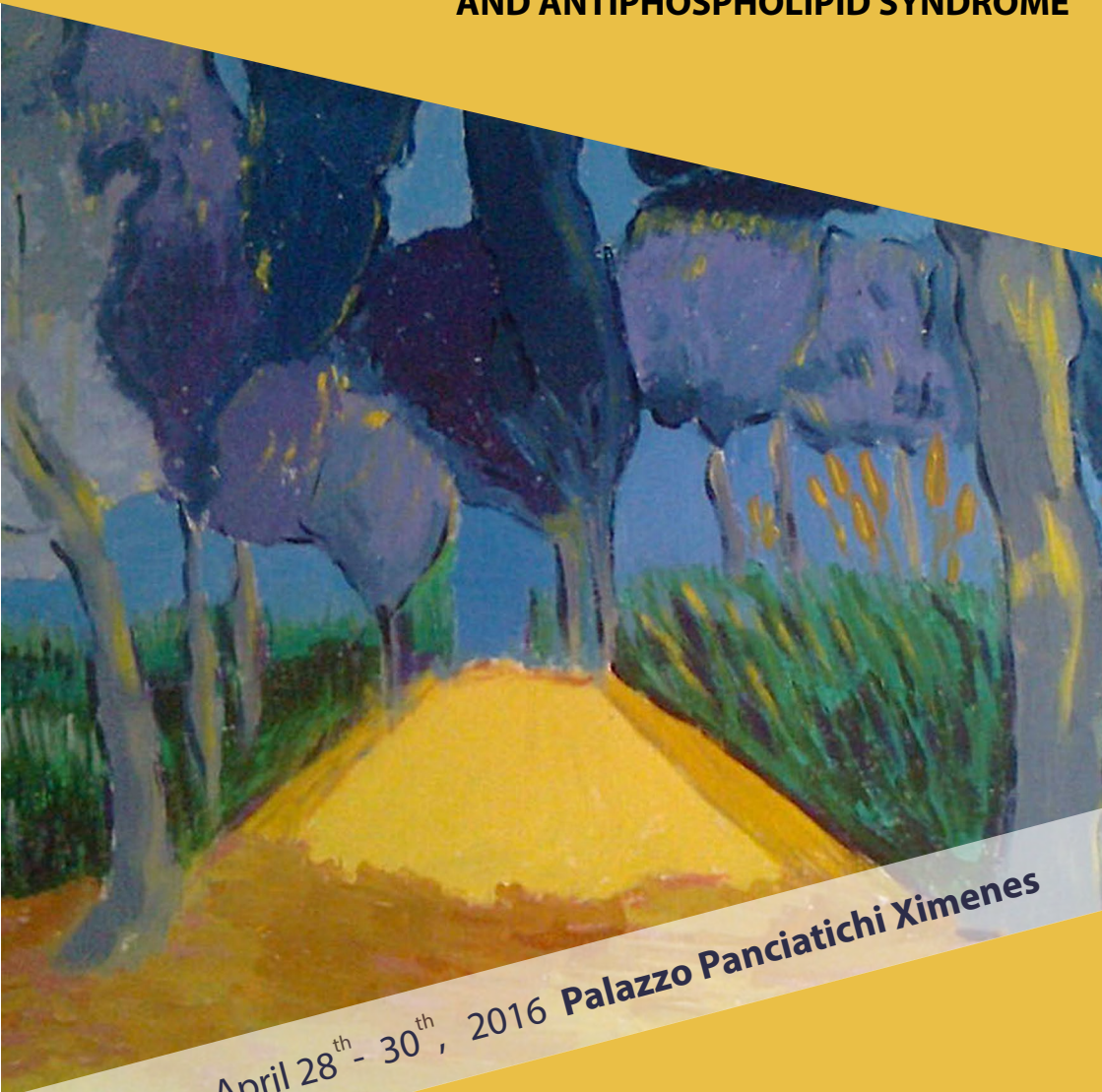


INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON
**CONTROVERSIES IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS
AND ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME**



Florence April 28th - 30th, 2016 Palazzo Panciatichi Ximenes



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Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome (APS) are the main autoimmune diseases of internal medicine, providing a perennial challenge for basic researchers and clinicians from different specialty areas.

In fact, the complex dialogue between the immune system and the interaction between environmental and genetic factors (epigenetics) presents its clinical counterpart in the enormous heterogeneity of manifestations of these diseases, which can affect any organ and system in patients, often young in age.

In light of this high complexity, the approach to these clinical entities must provide for debate amongst numerous specialised professions, such as experts in laboratory work, internal medicine, basic and clinical immunology, rheumatology, as well as nephrologists, dermatologists, neurologists, gynecologists and experts in hemostasis and thrombosis.

The 'Controversies in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and Antiphospholipid Syndrome' meeting, due to take place in Florence from 28 to 30 April 2016, is aimed at all those who, for various reasons, are concerned with these two systemic diseases which are linked. Leading international experts will meet in Florence to ignite interdisciplinary discussions, involving the audience in an interactive way and equipping them with the main pathogenetic and clinical bases; a necessary prerequisite in order to correctly classify and therefore provide the correct follow-up and treatment.

We expect to see many of you in Florence,

Domenico Prisco
Lorenzo Emmi

Opening ceremony

16.00

Welcome addresses

Domenico Prisco, Lorenzo Emmi, Augusta Canzona

16.30

Chairpersons: **Aurora Parodi** (Genoa), **Gian Marco Ghiggeri** (Genoa)

Opening Lectures

Ricard Cervera (Barcelona)

Lessons from the Euro-Phospholipid and Euro-Lupus projects

Zahir Amoura (Paris)

Pathogenesis of SLE: new players for new targets

Philip G. de Groot (Utrecht)

New insights in the pathogenesis of APS

Rolando Cimaz (Florence)

SLE and APS in pediatric age

18.30

Welcome cocktail

Friday, April 29th, 2016 – Morning Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)

Session I – Pathogenesis and diagnosis of SLE

Chairpersons: **Armando Gabrielli** (Ancona), **Roberto Giacomelli** (L'Aquila)

09.00

Marta Mosca (Pisa)

Diagnosis and disease activity in SLE

09.30

Lecture – Ole Petter Rekvig (Tromsø)

Anti-DNA in SLE: dogmas and controversies

10.00

Discussion

10.15

Coffee break

Session III – Clinical features of SLE (I)

Chairpersons: **Stefano Bombardieri** (Pisa), **Angelo Manfredi** (Milan)

10.45

Fulvia Ceccarelli (Rome)

Articular involvement in SLE

11.15

Marzia Caproni (Florence)

Cutaneous involvement and skin photosensitivity in SLE

11.45

Mario Milco D'Elios (Florence)

Infections, T cells, SLE and APS: from bedside to bench

12.15

Discussion

12.30

Lecture – Michelle Petri (Baltimore)

Management of pregnancy in SLE patients

13.00

Lunch

Session III – Clinical features of SLE (II)

Chairpersons: **Gabriella Moroni** (Milan), **Antonella Afeltra** (Rome)

14.15 **Giacomo Emmi** (Florence)
Cardiovascular involvement in SLE

14.45 **Augusto Vaglio** (Parma)
Renal involvement in SLE

15.15 **Marcello Govoni** (Ferrara)
Neurological and neuropsychiatric involvement in SLE

15.45 **Lorenzo Emmi** (Florence)
Hematologic involvement in SLE

16.15 Discussion

16.45 Coffee break

Session IV – Treat to Target in SLE

Chairpersons: **Maurizio Benucci** (Florence), **Lino Cirami** (Florence)

17.15 **Dario Roccatello** (Turin)
Traditional therapy for SLE

17.45 **Andrea Doria** (Padova)
New therapeutic targets: from biologicals to small molecules

18.15 Discussion

Saturday, April 30th, 2016 – Morning
Antiphospholipid antibody syndrome (APS)

Session I – Diagnosis and clinical features of APS

Chairpersons: **Armando Tripodi** (Milan), **Mario Bazzan** (Turin)

08.30 **Savino Sciascia** (London)
Diagnostic criteria and risk assessment of APS

09.00 **Pierluigi Meroni** (Milan)
Laboratory in the antiphospholipid syndrome: certainties and novelties

09.30 **Domenico Prisco** (Florence)
Venous thromboembolism: diagnosis and differential diagnosis in APS

10.00 **Danilo Squatrito, Elena Silvestri** (Florence)
Atherothrombosis in APS: cardio and cerebrovascular risk

10.30 Discussion

11.00 Coffee break

Session II – Clinical features and treatment of APS

Chairpersons: **Antonio Brucato** (Bergamo), **Federico Mecacci** (Florence)

11.30

Angela Tincani (Brescia)

Pregnancy in APS: management and treatment

12.00

Vittorio Pengo (Padova)

Treatment of APS: from prophylaxis to the new oral anticoagulants

12.30

Discussion

12.45

Chairpersons: **Maria Tiziana Bertero** (Turin), **Amedeo Amedei** (Florence)

Lectures

Maurizio Cutolo (Genoa)

Vitamin D, autoimmune diseases and SLE: osteoporosis and beyond

Laura Bertolaccini (London)

The unmet needs in SLE and APS in 2016

13.45

Concluding Remarks

Domenico Prisco, Lorenzo Emmi

14.30

Light Lunch

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONGRESS VENUE

Palazzo Ximènes-Panciatichi
Borgo Pinti 68
50121 Firenze
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REGISTRATION

No registration fee is required to attend the conference.

Congress has 150 spaces available and they will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Registration form is also available on the web site www.eve-lab.it.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION C.M.E

The congress is accredited for the italian physicians only, in accordance with existing national laws on CME.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Italian - Simultaneous translation will be provided.

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