

The Menarini Series on Pneumology
Upper and lower airways relationships
Genoa (Italy), September 24-25, 1999

Sala del Maggior Consiglio - Palazzo Ducale
Piazza Matteotti, 5

Friday, September 24, 1999 - Morning

09.00 Opening of the Meeting

Session I - Epidemiology and genetics

Chairmen: **C. Giuntini** (Pisa,I)
A. Mistretta (Catania,I)

09.15 **C.E. Baena-Cagnani** (Córdoba, RA)
Epidemiology of asthma

09.40 **M.P. Borres** (Göteborg, SW)
Epidemiology of the allergic diseases

10.05 **S. Bonini** (Rome, I)
Genetics and pharmacogenetics of bronchial asthma

10.30 **R.W. Dal Negro** (Bussolengo - VR, I)
Pharmacoeconomy of asthma

10.55 Discussant: **G. Viegi** (Pisa, I)

11.05 Coffee break

Session II - Immune inflammation

Chairmen: **E. Maggi** (Florence, I)
V. Fogliani (Milazzo - ME, I)

11.20 **E. Maggi** (Florence, I)
The Th1/Th2 paradigm and asthma

11.45 **A.M. Vignola** (Palermo, I)
Cytokines and mediators

12.10 **G.F. Joos** (Ghent, B)
Tachykinin antagonists and the airways

12.35 **C. Vancheri** (Catania, I)
Fibroblasts and the regulation of the immune response

12.50 Discussant: **F. Levi-Schaffer** (Jerusalem, IL)

13.10 Lunch

Friday, September 24, 1999 - Afternoon

- Chairmen: **L. Allegra** (Milan, I)
C.F. Donner (Veruno - NO, I)
- 15.00 **G.W. Canonica** (Genoa, I)
New molecular knowledges and future therapeutical perspectives
- 15.20 **R. Djukanovic'** (Southampton, UK)
Lower airways inflammation
- 15.40 **N. Crimi** (Catania, I)
Neurogenic inflammation
- 16.00 Discussant: **P.L. Paggiaro** (Pisa, I)
- 16.15 Coffee break

Session III - Clinical functional relationships

- Chairmen: **D. Passali** (Siena, I)
N. Principi (Milan, I)
- 16.30 **M. Saetta** (Padua, I)
Structure-function relationships
- 16.55 **A. Togias** (Baltimore, USA)
The concept of united airways disease
- 17.20 **V. Brusasco** (Genoa, I)
Rhinitis and asthma: similarities and differences
- 17.45 Discussant: **G. D'Amato** (Naples, I)

Saturday, September 25, 1999 - Morning

Session IV - The role of infections

- Chairmen: **E. Pallestrini** (Genoa, I)
E. Pozzi (Turin, I)
- 09.00 **C. Bucca** (Turin, I)
A diagnostic approach
- 09.25 **S.L. Spector** (Los Angeles, USA)
Sinusitis and asthma
- 09.50 **F. Blasi** (Milan, I)
Asthma and infections
- 10.15 Discussant: **P.M. Matricardi** (Rome, I)
- 10.30 Coffe break

Session V - Therapeutical aspects

- Chairmen: **M. Miraglia Del Giudice** (Naples, I)
D. Olivieri (Parma, I)

- 11.00 **G.W. Canonica** and **G. Ciprandi** (Genoa, I)
ICS in the nose or in the bronchi?
- 11.25 **L. Businco** and **P. Meglio** (Rome, I)
ETAC study: a new perspective in the prevention of asthma onset
- 11.50 **E.J. Valovirta** (Turku, FL)
Clinical outcomes of the PAT study
- 12.15 Discussant: **L.M. Fabbri** (Ferrara, I) / **E. Novembre** (Florence, I)
- 12.30 **C. Grassi** (Pavia, I)
Closing remarks
- 13.00 Lunch

Respiratory diseases are acquiring more and more the connotation of social diseases both for their high epidemiological impact and for their increasing pharmaceutical and economic costs. In particular, bronchial asthma has been showing a steady rate of increase and it appears increasingly important also to assess its effects on the quality of the life of both the patients and their relatives.

In particular, one aspect that is emerging more and more clearly is the relationship between diseases of the upper respiratory tract and bronchial asthma. In fact, a number of studies have provided clear evidence of how an inflammatory and/or infectious disease of the upper airways can have a negative influence on the symptomatology, respiratory function and hyperreactivity in asthmatic patients. On the other hand, it has also been shown that adequate treatment of these diseases has a significant effect on the progress of asthmatic pathologies. It therefore appears fundamental to have a correct and clear picture of the situation of the upper airways in all asthmatic patients. Clearly, this concept presupposes a close collaboration among different areas of specialization that have to relate to one another and compare notes.

The conference entitled "Upper and lower airway relationships" that will be held in Genoa on September 24-25, 1999, will undoubtedly provide a fundamental opportunity for the construction of a multi-disciplinary opinion movement designed to foster greater consideration of these important physio-pathological relationships. The presence of the greatest international experts on the subject will make it possible to achieve more profound knowledge and will also provide a useful update for the specialists in the discipline.

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President of the Meeting*

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