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Dear Colleague,

for the first time, our three international meetings will be merged and collectively referred to as a "Multidisciplinary Conference". This new paradigm will redirect our focus to the integration of many different medical subspecialties in order to solve important clinical problems. Furthermore, topics in translational medicine will be presented to advance our own research and educational programs. This approach has gained popularity, especially in the international arena, by incorporating divergent thoughts, practices and cultures within the global scientific and medical community. It is hoped that new ideas will emerge from this conference rather than fragmented information with limited applicability and interest.

One example of a topic that will be discussed is senology, which has traditionally been a surgical subspecialty devoted to diseases of the breast. However, with significant advances in molecular medicine and novel imaging technologies, a multidisciplinary tactic to solving these clinical problems seems optimal. In general, clinical problems in oncology, also including thyroid and neuroendocrine malignancies, will be preceded by relevant discussions in biomaterial technologies and endothelium physiology. Formal dialogues among participants will foster innovation and progress.

In addition to formal discussions among participants, a culturally-rich and engaging social program is including in this meeting. This includes stimulating talks in historical venues, wonderful Italian cuisine, and other things are in preparation. Our experience with the informal and

extemporaneous interactions among our international faculty and attendees has been successful in the past and this tradition will continue. Overall, we offer an intriguing program spanning a broad area of topics with relevant clinical problems that is paired with a social program to make a delightful, energizing and intellectually gratifying experience. If this program meets your approval, I look forward to meeting you in Pisa in October 2008.

Angelo Carpi

October 26, 2008
Museum of the Ancient Ships – Via Ranuccio Bianchi Bandinelli
(formerly: Via Andrea Pisano, 64)

18.00 Welcome Reception and Registration

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8.00 Registration

8.30 Opening Ceremony

- Local Authorities
M. Pasquali, Rector of Pisa University
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- *G. Pagliarini*, ViceRector of Parma University
- *A. Carpi*, President of the Conference
- *R. Giardino*, President of the Italian Society for Biomaterials

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Biomaterials

Chairpersons: B. Li (China), T. Groth (Germany)

- 9.30 *T. Groth (Germany)*
Development of bioactive surface coating for tissue engineering applications
- 9.45 *B. Li, X. Liu (China)*
Novel bioactive ceramic coating prepared by plasma spraying technology
- 10.00 *M. Mattioli-Belmonte (Italy)*
A comparative study of porous and engineered biomaterials
- 10.15 *Discussion*
- 10.25 *K. Mottaghy (Germany)*
Haemocompatibility improvement of biomaterials

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10.40 *B. Tawil (USA)*
The use of fibrin matrix for tissue engineering

10.55 *A. Crawford (UK)*
Cell-Biomaterial Interaction in skeletal tissue engineering

11.10 *Discussion*

Regenerative medicine

Session I

Chairpersons: R. Giardino (Italy), E. Chiellini (Italy)

11.20 *M. Fini (Italy)*
Tendon regeneration with decellularized matrices

11.35 *M. Petrini (Italy)*
Tendon and bone repair by mesenchymal cells

11.50 *G. Vozzi (Italy)*
Nerve regeneration using novel biomaterial supports

12.05 *Discussion*

12.15 *M.L. Brandi (Italy)*
Cell therapies in bone regeneration

12.30 *M. Marcacci (Italy)*
Bioengineering of muscle-skeletal tissue: state of the art

12.45 *Discussion*

Session II

Chairpersons: A. Ahluwalia (Italy), M. Russo (Italy)

12.50 *A. Ahluwalia (Italy)*
In-vitro engineering of the liver using multiple axis stimuli

13.05 *E. Goossens (Belgium)*
Spermatogonial stem cells. An update on spermatogonial stem cell banking and transplantation

13.20 *E. Sabanegh (USA)*
Advances in bioengineering for microsurgery of male infertility

13.35 *Discussion*

13.45 *Lunch*

14.40 *C. Ventura (Italy)*

Stem cells for repairing myocardial infarction and improving heart failure

14.55 *F. Recchia (USA, Italy)*

Vascular function in the regenerated myocardium

15.10 *M. Russo (Italy)*

Molecular repair of cardiomyocytes as an alternative to the use of stem cells

15.25 *Discussion*

Medical devices, instruments and techniques

Session I

Chairpersons: D. De Rossi (Italy), M. Morra (Italy)

15.35 *M. Morra (Italy)*

Surface modification of medical devices by novel bioactive plant polysaccharides

15.50 *D. Pezzoli, G. Candiani, S. Cabras, C. Giordano, F. Daniele, A. Cigada (Italy)*

Liposomes versus micelles as gene delivery vectors

16.05 *C. Cassinelli (Italy)*

Combining micro and nanotopography with biomedical modification of bone contacting devices

16.20 *Discussion*

16.30 *R. Giardino (Italy)*

New devices for management of osteomyelitis

16.45 *G. Guido, S. Giannotti, M. Ghilardi, V. Bottai (Italy)*

A biodegradable scaffold for osteochondral lesion of the knee: technique, clinical and histological results

17.00 *F. Carpi, C. Pappone (Italy)*

Robotic magnetic manoeuvring of gastrointestinal endoscopic capsules

17.10 *Discussion*

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Session II

Chairpersons: P. Salvadori (Italy), L. Landini (Italy)

17.20 *E. Ricciardi, C. Gentili, S. Casarotto, D. Bonino, L. Sani, N. Vanello, L. Landini, M. Guazzelli, P. Pietrini (Italy)*

Towards an in vivo biochemistry of the mind

17.35 *N. Martini, N. Vanello, M. Milanese, M.F. Santarelli, V. Positano, V. Hartwig, G. Giovannetti, A. Gemignani, D. Menicucci, B. Ghelarducci, L Landini (Italy)*

Advanced methods for the analysis of event-related brain dynamics

17.50 *G. Cioni (Italy)*

Clinical studies of brain plasticity in children: electrophysiological and Imaging approaches

18.05 *P. Salvadori (Italy)*

Molecular imaging with new radiopharmaceuticals

18.20 *Discussion*

18.30 Bus departure to San Romano

20.00 Social dinner in the Franciscan Convent, San Romano

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Bioengineering: Oral Communications

Chairperson: E. Chiellini (Italy)

8.15 *N. Barbani, C. Cristallini, M. Gagliardi, G. Guerra, D. Silvestri (Italy)*
Bioartificial chitosan-poly(vinyl alcohol) blends as biomaterials

8.20 *D. Puppi, N. Detta, A.M. Piras, F. Chiellini, E. Chiellini (Italy)*
Electrospun polymeric meshes for applications in tissue engineering

8.25 *M. Domingos, F. Chiellini, P. Bartolo, E. Chiellini (Italy)*
Polycaprolactone scaffolds for tissue engineering applications fabricated via Bioextrusion

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8.30 *N. Detta, D. Puppi, F. Chiellini, E. Chiellini (Italy)*
Preparation of small diameter vascular grafts by electrospinning of biodegradable/bioerodible polymers

8.35 *Discussion*

Bioengineering and the Cardiovascular System

Chairpersons: L. Donato (Italy), C. Pappone (Italy)

8.40 *F. Dini (Italy)*
Cardiac mass-to-maximum power output: A novel index to assess left ventricular efficiency during exercise stress echocardiography

8.55 *C. Pappone (Italy)*
Robotics in cardiovascular pathology

9.10 *M. Glauber (Italy)*
Ventricular assist devices: State of the art

9.25 *G. Pedrizzetti (Italy)*
Myocardial deformation and ventricular vortices: physically-based imaging in clinical practice.

9.40 *Discussion*

9.50 *A. Seifalian (UK)*
Endothelialisation of bio-functionalised nanocomposite with progenitor stem cells

10.05 *R. Autschbach (Germany)*
New approaches to 'inoperable' end-stage aortic valve disease: transapical aortic valve implantation and apico-aortic conduits

10.20 *Discussion*

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Chairpersons: G. Gensini (Italy), A. Salvetti (Italy)

Lectures

- 10.25 **A.R. Pries** (Germany)
The vascular endothelium: Structural, functional and pathophysiological aspects
- 10.40 **Louis J. Ignarro** (USA)
Endothelium, nitric oxide and vascular function
- 11.00 **Walk to Palazzo della Sapienza**

HONOURING CEREMONIES

Louis J. Ignarro, Nobel Prize

- 11.20 (Aula Magna, Palazzo della Sapienza, Via Curtatone e Montanara, 15)
Laurea Honoris Causa in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology,
- 12.40 (Sala delle Baleari, Town Hall, Via degli Uffizi), Town Hall
Welcome Reception at the Town Hall
- 14.30 Centro Maccarrone, Via Silvio Pellico, 1

Basic Aspects

Chairpersons: M. Collins (UK), P. Evans (UK)

- 14.30 *M. Collins (UK)*
Introduction
- 14.40 *P. Evans (UK)*
Effects of shear stress on endothelial activation and vascular inflammation
- 14.55 *Discussion*

- 15.00 *V. Ridger (UK)*
Leukocyte-endothelial interactions with respect to the adhesion cascade
- 15.15 *I. Halliday, C. Care (UK)*
Applying lattice Boltzmann modelling: wall shear stress measurements from flowing suspensions composed of explicitly represented, multiple deformable particles
- 15.30 *R. Hose, P. Lawford (UK)*
Characterisation of shear stress on the endothelium of a major artery; the superior mesenteric and its root
- 15.45 *Discussion*
- 15.50 *M. Atherton, A. Khir, M. Collins (UK)*
Vascular device interaction with the endothelium
- 16.05 *Y. Ventikos (UK)*
The interplay of arterial wall dynamics, haemodynamics and endothelial responses in the growth of cerebral aneurysms: a computational framework for modelling the evolution of the disease
- 16.20 *Discussion*

Experimental and clinical aspects

Session I

Chairpersons: M. Pontieri (Italy), K. Umezawa (Japan)

- 16.25 *K. Umezawa (Japan)*
Screening of microbial secondary metabolites that inhibit endothelial cell growth
- 16.40 *F. Bari (Hungary)*
The cerebrovascular endothelium: a target for neuroprotection
- 16.55 *Discussion*
- 17.00 *N. Abraham (USA)*
Significance of heme oxygenase in cardiovascular diseases
- 17.15 *M. Laniado Schwartzman (USA)*
Cytochrome P450-eicosanoids: endothelial dysfunction and arterial hypertension
- 17.30 *M. Russo (Italy)*
Inflammatory-reparative response in hypoxic myocytes in humans and in animal models

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17.45 *Discussion*

The Cardiovascular System : Oral Communications

Chairperson: R. Autschbach (Germany)

17.50 *J. Spillner, O. Oster, A. Amerini, R. Huenecke, T. Repas, R. Autschbach (Germany)*

A low resistance lung assist device in a pulmono-atrial shunt reverses right ventricular failure, an experimental study

17.55 *A. Goetzenich, A. Amerini, N. Hatam, G. Dohmen, D. Aibibu, R. Autschbach, J. Spillner (Germany)*

A 'left atrial mitral-valve prosthesis' for interventional mitral valve (re)placement

18.00 *N. Hatam, A. Amerini, F. Otte, L. Tewarie, G. Krombach, R. Autschbach, J. Spillner (Germany)*

Stentbased, off-pump creation of an apicoaortic conduit

18.05 *N. Hatam, S. Christiansen, R. Autschbach (Germany)*

A new assist device for short term right ventricular support. A case report

18.10 *Discussion*

18.15 Bus departure to Lucca

20.00 Social dinner

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Experimental and clinical aspects

Session II

Chairpersons: R. Abbate (Italy), F. Bari (Hungary)

8.45 *F. LoGerfo (USA)*

Gene silencing in vascular surgery: development of RNA interference therapeutics to prevent intimal hyperplasia in vein bypass graft

9.00 *R. Abbate (Italy)*

The role of circulating blood cells in vascular diseases

9.15 *M. Rossi (Italy)*
Vasomotion investigation: an useful tool in clinical evaluation of microvascular endothelial function?

9.30 *Discussion*

Oxidative stress and endothelium

Chairpersons: D. Seals (USA), M. Lainado Schwartzman (USA)

9.40 *F. Regoli (Italy)*
Measurement of total oxyradical scavenging capacity as an useful tool for understanding susceptibility to oxidative stress conditions

9.55 *D. Seals (USA)*
Aging, oxidative stress and vascular endothelial dysfunction

10.10 *F. Cosentino (Italy)*
Clinical aspects

10.25 *Discussion*

Coronary microcirculation in cardiac diseases

Chairpersons: F. Coceani (Italy), A. L'Abbate (Italy)

10.35 *C. Kusmic (Italy)*
Role of HO-1 pharmacological over-expression in modulating ischemic myocardial damage in a rat model of myocardial infarction

10.50 *C. Vecoli (Italy)*
HO-1 pharmacological over-expression in a rat model of Type II diabetes: implications for microvascular tone and the genesis of ischemia

11.05 *V. Lionetti (Italy)*
Coronary microvascular function and myocardial metabolism in the pig model of pacing induced progressive LV dysfunction

11.20 *A. De Caterina (Italy)*
Coronary microvascular function and myocardial metabolism in patients with dilated cardiomyopathy

11.35 *Discussion*

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Endothelial dysfunction and cardiovascular risk

Chairperson: A. Salvetti (Italy)

- 11.45 *T. Simoncini (Italy)*
Sex hormones and the endothelium
- 12.00 *R. Napoli (Italy)*
Pituitary hormones and vascular endothelium
- 12.15 *A. Viridis (Italy)*
Inflammation and endothelial dysfunction
- 12.30 *L. Ghiadoni (Italy)*
Treatment of endothelial dysfunction
- 12.45 *Discussion*
- 12.55 *Lunch*

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Basic and experimental

Chairpersons: K.D. Tew (USA), H. Tapiero (France)

- 14.20 *K.D. Tew (USA)*
Glutathione S-transferases and S-glutathionylation in cancer
- 14.35 *D. M. Townsend (USA)*
NOV-002, a glutathione disulfide mimetic, is a pleiotropic modulator of cellular redox balance
- 14.50 *Discussion*
- 14.55 *K. Sales (UK)*
Cancer stem cells
- 15.10 *R. De Maria, A. Eramo (Italy)*
Therapeutic potential of cancer stem cell targeting

15.25 *Discussion*

Cancer and immune system

Chairperson: V. Barak (Israel)

15.30 *E. Suzuki, K. Umezawa (Japan)*

Management of malignancies by reduction of systemic immune reactions

15.45 *J.L. Teillaud (France)*

Immune control of tumors: host immune response and antibody-based immunotherapy

16.00 *Discussion*

Tumor markers, Receptors, Target Therapy

Breast cancer

Chairpersons: R. Molina (Spain), P. Stieber (Germany)

16.05 *J. Martens (Holland)*

Methylated genes as prognostic and predictive markers in breast cancer

16.20 *G. Bevilacqua (Italy)*

Viruses and breast cancer

16.35 *M. Nap (Holland)*

Flow cytometric measurement of tumormarkers in activated macrophages: a novel approach for the determination of tissue derived tumor markers in blood

16.50 *Discussion*

17.00 *V. Barak (Israel)*

Prognostic significance of cytokeratin markers in breast cancer – a meta analysis

17.15 *P. Stieber (Germany)*

Tumor markers in the early diagnosis of recurrence

17.30 *A. Nicolini (Italy)*

Comparison between two different dynamic methods for evaluating CEA-TPA-CA15.3 tumor marker (TM) panel specificity in the post-operative follow-up of disease-free breast cancer patients: preliminary results

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17.45 *R. Molina (Spain)*
Tumor markers in breast cancer – European Group on Tumor Markers (EGTM)
recommendation

18.00 *Discussion*

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Genitourinary, gastrointestinal and squamous

Chairpersons: H. Bonfrer (Holland), J. Duffy (Ireland)

9.00 *W. Albrecht (Austria)*
Markers in management of testicular cancer

9.15 *S. von Mensdorff (Holland)*
Biomarkers in ovarian cancer

9.30 *G. Mariani (Italy)*
PET of prostate cancer: beyond [¹⁸F] FDG

9.45 *Discussion*

9.55 *J. Duffy (Ireland)*
Tumour markers in colorectal cancer, EGTM guidelines for clinical use

10.10 *H. Bonfrer (Holland)*
Squamous cell carcinomas antigen (SCC)

10.25 *Discussion*

Thyroid tumors

Chairpersons: R.M. DeMay (USA), A. Bartolazzi (Italy, Sweden)

10.35 *J. Mechanick (USA)*
Rational use of molecular markers in the preoperative evaluation of thyroid malignancies

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- 10.50 *R.M. DeMay (USA)*
Tumor markers on fine needle aspiration
- 11.10 *F. Basolo (Italy)*
BRAF in thyroid tumors
- 11.25 *A. Carpi (Italy)*
Galectin-3 immunodetection on large needle aspiration biopsy of thyroid tumors
- 11.40 *Discussion*
- 11.50 *M.R. Pelizzo (Italy)*
Differentiated thyroid carcinoma in childhood: a monoinstitutional experience
- 12.05 *A. Antonelli (Italy)*
Dedifferentiated thyroid cancer, molecular markers and new targeted therapies
- 12.20 *Discussion*
- 12.25 *J. Allendorf (USA)*
Commemoration of Prof. Paul LoGerfo:
Thyroid surgery under local anesthesia
- 13.00 *Lunch*

Medullary thyroid carcinoma

Chairpersons: M.R. Pelizzo (Italy), J. Mechanick (USA)

- 14.00 *G. Opocher (Italy)*
Familial and hereditary MTC
- 14.15 *C. Mian (Italy)*
MEN2A/FMTC and the V804M RET mutation
- 14.30 *D. Casara (Italy)*
Nuclear medicine imaging in medullary thyroid carcinoma
- 14.45 *P. Bernante (Italy)*
General surgery vs radioguided surgery in MTC
- 15.00 *Discussion*

Neuroendocrine Tumors

Chairpersons: L. Bodei (Italy), F. Mottaghy (Belgium)

- 15.10 *T. Korse (Holland)*
Biomarkers in management of carcinoid tumors
- 15.25 *L. Bodei (Italy)*
Peptide receptor radionuclide therapy with radiolabelled somatostatin analogues:
ten years experience
- 15.40 *F. Mottaghy (Belgium)*
Positron emission tomography for functional imaging of neuroendocrine tumours
- 15.55 *Discussion*

Target therapy

Chairpersons: G. Curigliano (Italy), R.M. Moresco (Italy)

- 16.05 *G. Curigliano (Italy)*
Angiogenesis as a target therapy for breast cancer
- 16.20 *R.M. Moresco, F. Fazio (Italy)*
PET TC for target therapy
- 16.35 *C. Chiesa, E. Bombardieri, G. Mariani (Italy)*
Dosimetry planned RIT with radiolabelled antifibronectin antibody L19-SIP
- 16.50 *Discussion*

Management of Malignancies: Oral Communications

Chairpersons: G. Curigliano (Italy), R.M. Moresco (Italy)

- 17.00 *A.A. Romani, S. Desenzani, P. Soliani, A.F. Borghetti (Italy)*
HSP27 expression is associated with increased gemcitabine resistance in
cholangiocarcinoma cell lines
- 17.05 *C. Errico, F. Chiellini, A.M. Piras, E. Chiellini (Italy)*
Preparation and characterization of retinoic acid loaded nanoparticles for cancer
therapy

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*17.10 A. Toniato, I. Merante Boschini, A. Piotto, C. Pagetta, E. Casal Ide, M.R. Pelizzo
(Italy)*

Laparoscopic adrenalectomy for incidentaloma: a single -institution retrospective study

17.15 Discussion

17.25 Closing Ceremony

SOCIAL EVENTS

October 26, 2008

18.30 Welcome Reception and Registration

Visit to the Museum of the Ancient Ships

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18:30 Bus departure from the meeting place to San Romano

Celebration of the Nobel Prize, Louis Ignarro

Visit to the Museum of the Franciscan Convent

20:00 Social dinner at the Franciscan Convent, San Romano

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18:15 Bus departure from the meeting place to Lucca

Meeting with and celebration of the Nobel Prize L. Ignarro

20.00 Social dinner

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Commemoration of Ivano Maffei, Administrator of the National Association of Volunteers 'Fratres'

G. Maffei

L. Cardini

G. Tarro

A. Carpi

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The scientific programme will consist of lectures, panels, oral presentations. A limited number of posters will be accepted; the instructions will be provided. Abstracts of works on the principal topics of the meetings (bioengineering, endothelial function, tumor markers-receptors, target therapy) or all the related topics can be submitted to Prof. A. Carpi, Dipartimento di Medicina della Procreazione e dell' Età Evolutiva, Via Roma 67, 56126, Pisa, Italy before May 31, 2008.

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Abstracts should be written in English.

INSTRUCTION FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

1)The abstract, 1 page, in the typed form and within a computer disc, must be received before May 31, 2008 by Prof. Angelo Carpi, Dipartimento di Medicina della Procreazione e dell' Età Evolutiva, Spedali Riuniti Santa Chiara, Via Roma, 67, 56126 PISA; Tel-Fax: 050/992955

Abstract must be sent also by e-mail to a.carpi@med.unipi.it by May 31, 2008.

2)Abstracts without registration fee will not be examined. The registration fee concerning abstracts not accepted will be refunded if the registered author immediately cancels his participation.

The abstracts accepted will be published in the International Journal Biomedicine & Pharmacotherapy

All accepted contributions will be available at the meeting. The Scientific Secretaries will decide the journal in which to publish the accepted full papers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meeting Date and Venue

October 27-30, 2008: Auditorium della Provincia, Centro Maccarrone, Via S. Pellico, 1 - Pisa

Official Language

The official language is English

Presentations

Computer projection will be available

Registration and Secretariat

The "Welcome Desk" will be open at the Auditorium Centro Maccarrone, Via S. Pellico, 1 - 56125 Pisa, during the meeting.

Registration Fees

Before May 31, 2008

- active participant	300 euro
ISOBM member	200 euro
- accompanying person	100 euro
- ISOBM member	50 euro
- one day registration	180 euro
ISOBM member	150 euro
- students	130 euro

After May 31, 2008

- active participant	390 euro
- ISOBM member	300 euro
- accompanying person	150 euro
- ISOBM member	100 euro
- one day registration	210 euro
- ISOBM member	190 euro
- student	170 euro

The non Italian participants from the European Community countries, who represent a private Institution without VAT, and all the Italians who represent a private Institutions must add the cost of the 20% Italian IVA tax.

All active participants and accompanying persons are entitled to:

- admission to scientific session
- congress kit
- abstracts
- participation in the social events
- light lunch at the meeting place - participation in the Satellite Symposia

Social Events and Satellite Symposia

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San Romano, Franciscan Convent

18:30 Panel on Bioethics (in preparation)

20:00 Social dinner (with show, in preparation)

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Centro Studi e Ricerche Calabresi 'G. Righi' di Lucca, Lucca

18:30 Panel (topic to be defined)

20.00 Social dinner

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The Registration Form should be sent to: Prof. A. Carpi, Dipartimento di Medicina della Procreazione e dell' Età Evolutiva, Ospedale Santa Chiara, Via Roma, 67 - 56126 Pisa

Hotel Accommodation

In order to facilitate participation Hotel Accommodation will be made by the local organisers. No fee is required for this service.

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Rooms are available at the special price of € 85 for the double room and € 65 for the single room to the first registered participants (4 star Hotel, in the hystorical center, 15-20 minutes walking the Congress Place)

This special Hotel fare is reserved for the registered participants who will confirm their reservation before May 31, 2008 **

Hotel category	Double room, with bath	Single room, with bath
	€	€
**** special offer	85.00	65.00
****	210.00	175.00
***	135.00	110.00
**	120.00	100.00

CME Credits

CME credits for Physicians and Biologist have been applied for from

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Family name _____

First name _____

Mailing address _____

Postal code _____ City _____

Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

e-mail _____

Please book:

No _____ single _____ double room(s)

Hotel Category ** , *** , **** , ****special offer

date of arrival _____

date of departure _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Please return this form by May 31, 2008 to:

Prof. A. CARPI Dipartimento di Medicina della Procreazione e dell' Età Evolutiva

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Family name _____ First name _____

Title _____ Institute/Organization _____

Mailing address _____ Postal code _____

City _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Name of the accompanying person(s) _____

I paid the following amounts: _____

as registration for active participant _____

accompanying person (s) _____

by cheque herewith enclosed

by bank transfer

The invoice must be made out to:

Denominazione/Ragione Sociale (Company's name) _____

Domicilio Fiscale (Company's fiscal address) _____

Codice Fiscale (for Italians) _____

Partita IVA (for Italians) _____

VAT (for other European Community countries) _____

And sent to the attention to:

Date _____ *Signature* _____

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