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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON:

# PRETERM BIRTH

prevention & treatment

## PROGRAMME

**ORGANIZED BY:**

Department of Obstetrics  
and Gynecology  
University of Parma  
(Italy)

**NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**SALA IPOGEA, AUDITORIUM PAGANINI  
PARMA, ITALY**

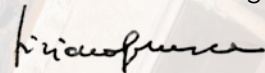
**AT THE SAME TIME AS WORLD PREMATURETY DAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Premature birth is currently among the first causes of perinatal mortality and childhood disability. Even if the remarkable advances in the last decades in neonatological care have allowed an important improvement in survival at very early gestational ages and among babies weighing less than 1000g, the number of unresolved neurological sequelae and clinical outcomes is still high. This situation significantly affects the lives of families who have had a severely preterm infant, considering also the cost involved for neonatal and pediatric care. From an obstetrical point of view, the ability to intercept pregnant women at high risk of premature delivery has improved, but our ability to handle such cases, to establish effective preventive strategies or to launch targeted treatments to delay the delivery or to prolong the gestation as long as possible is still suboptimal.

Among the main problems we certainly include premature birth prevention in an increasing number of multiple pregnancies and treatment of patients with premature membrane rupture well before the due date. In these cases patient surveillance protocols are still lacking due to the poor understanding of the pathophysiology of adverse pregnancy outcomes affecting the mother and the fetus.

The idea for this conference came from this awareness. Bringing together many international experts to see where we stand on a consolidated knowledge and to discuss the most promising research lines in obstetrical strategies for managing early delivery. The ultimate goal is to be able to contribute progressively and effectively to the global population health and well-being, a commonly shared and ambitious goal that starts at birth and that can only be achieved through scientific evolution and the foundations generously supporting it.

**Prof. Tiziana Frusca**  
President of the Meeting



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**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

## **Opening Ceremony**

- 08.30 **Registration**
- 09.00 **T. Frusca** (Parma, I), **G. Scambia** (Rome, I)  
*Congress Opening*
- 09.30 **W. Grobman** (Chicago, USA)  
*Inaugural lecture: New insight on preterm labour*

## **Session I - Screening for preterm labour**

Chairpersons: **T. Frusca** (Parma, I)  
**P. Martinelli** (Naples, I)

- 10.30 **V. Berghella** (Philadelphia, USA)  
*Cervical length as a universal screening test in singleton gestations without a previous preterm birth: the reasons why it should be implemented*
- 11.00 **F. Prefumo** (Brescia, I)  
*Screening for preterm labor in twins*
- 11.30 Coffee break

## **Session II - Prevention of preterm birth: medical treatment**

Chairpersons: **E. Ferrazzi** (Milan, I)  
**W. Grobman** (Chicago, USA)

- 12.00 **A. Conde-Agudelo** (Detroit, USA)  
*Update on vaginal progesterone for preventing preterm birth in singleton and twin pregnancies*
- 12.30 **J. O'Brien** (Lexington, USA)  
*Why progesterone should be useful, hypothesis on mechanism of action*
- 13.00 *Open Discussion with Opinion Leaders*
- 13.30 Lunch

### Session III - Prevention of preterm birth: surgical treatment

Chairpersons:

**V. Berghella** (Philadelphia, USA)  
**A. Conde-Agudelo** (Detroit, USA)

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| 14.30 | <b>J.J. Duvekot</b> (Rotterdam, NL)<br><i>Tocolysis for preterm labor without premature preterm rupture of membranes</i>                              |
| 15.00 | <b>W. Grobman</b> (Chicago, USA)<br><i>Arabin pessary or cervical cerclage in singleton: a stitch in time or a waste of time</i>                      |
| 15.30 | <b>T. Frusca</b> (Parma, I)<br><i>Cervical cerclage in twins: is there a role?</i>  |
| 16.00 | <b>V. Berghella</b> (Philadelphia, USA)<br><i>Technique of cerclage: vaginal vs laparoscopic? Which threads?</i>                                      |
| 16.30 | <b>A. Locatelli</b> (Milan, I)<br><i>Over treatment or under treatment of preterm labour: the role of cervical length vs quantitative fibronectin</i> |
| 17.00 | <i>Open Discussion with Opinion Leaders</i>   |
| 17.30 | Welcome Cocktail  |

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### Session IV - Managing specific critical situations

Chairpersons:

**T. Todros** (Turin, I)  
**G.H.A. Visser** (Utrecht, NL)

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| 08.30 | <b>V. Berghella</b> (Philadelphia, USA)<br><i>The management of patients after threatened preterm labor: Is there a role for a maintenance therapy?</i>            |
| 09.00 | <b>K.O. Kagan</b> (Tuebingen, D)<br><i>Clinical management in pregnancy with early pPROM (22-34 wks): How to monitor? When to delivery?</i>                        |
| 09.30 | <b>J. Thornton</b> (Nottingham, UK)<br><i>Clinical management of late pre labour, preterm rupture of membranes (34-37 weeks): How to monitor? When to deliver?</i> |
| 10.00 | <b>P. R. Bennett</b> (London, UK)<br><i>The interaction between vaginal microbiota and the preterm birth risk</i>  |
| 10.30 | <i>Open Discussion with Opinion Leaders</i>  |
| 11.00 | Coffee Break   |

## Session V - What's new in drug therapy?

Chairpersons:	<b>D. Arduini</b> (Rome, I) <b>G.H.A. Visser</b> (Utrecht, NL)
11.30	<b>V. Fanos</b> (Cagliari, I) <i>New insights in the pathophysiology of preterm birth and prematurity: the role of Metabolomics</i>
12.00	<b>G.H.A. Visser</b> (Utrecht, NL) <i>Steroids in women at risk for preterm birth: the good, the bad, the unknown</i>
12.30	<b>P. Vergani</b> (Monza, I) <i>Magnesium sulfate for neuroprotection</i>
13.00	<i>Open Discussion with Opinion Leaders</i>
13.30	Lunch

## Session VI - Preterm birth: mode of delivery and perinatal outcomes

Chairpersons:	<b>I. Cetin</b> (Milan, I) <b>P. Vergani</b> (Monza, I)
14.30	<b>T. Ghi</b> (Parma, I) <i>How to deliver the preterm neonate: vaginal vs cesarean delivery? Low transverse vs vertical CD?</i>
15.00	<b>E. Ferrazzi</b> (Milan, I) <i>Is umbilical cord milking in preterm birth a good option?</i>
15.30	<b>M. Di Tommaso</b> (Florence, I) <i>Umbilical cord clamping and cord milking: Italian experience and recommendations</i>
16.00	<b>F. Facchinetti</b> (Modena, I) <i>The burden of morbidity in the late preterm birth</i>
16.30	<b>N. Marlow</b> (London, UK) <i>Current perspectives on short and long term outcome of preterm births</i>
17.00	<i>Open Discussion with Opinion Leaders and Closing Remarks</i>

## FACULTY LIST

- Domenico Arduini** (Rome, I)  
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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Meeting venue**

The venue for the Meeting will be Auditorium Paganini (Sala Ipogea)  
Via Toscana, 5/a - 43121 Parma – Italy

## **Secretariat during the Meeting**

The Secretariat will be open at the following times:  
Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 07.30 to 18.00  
Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 07.30 to 17.30

## **Official language**

The official language of the Meeting will be English.

## **CME Accreditation**

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## **CME Accreditation – for Italian delegates only**

For the Italian participants the symposium has been accredited by the Italian Ministry of Health, in relation with the Italian Continuing Medical Educational program (CME).

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- Ostetrica/o
- Psicologo (discipline: psicoterapia; psicologia)

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## **Registration**

The Meeting is free to attend.

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## **Technical facilities**

Facilities will be available for computer presentations and overhead projections. A slide center with PC (Powerpoint for Windows) will be available for check and preview of presentations. It is essential that speakers take their presentation to the slide center at least one hour before the session starts.

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## **Lunches and coffee breaks**

Lunches and coffee breaks will be served in the Meeting area.



NOTES

# NOTES

The background of the page is a photograph of the interior of a large dome, likely the dome of St. Peter's Basilica. The image shows the intricate ribbed structure of the dome, with several ribs radiating from a central point at the top. The interior surface is covered in detailed frescoes and mosaics, depicting various religious scenes and figures. The lighting is soft, highlighting the architectural details and the vibrant colors of the artwork.

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