

Welcome



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Dear Colleagues,

It is our privilege and pleasure inviting you to the 247th Symposium of the International MENARINI Foundation, devoted to **Globesity and Its Metabolic & Digestive Consequences**.

The topic was selected by the President of the Foundation, Dr. Alessandro Casini, and ourselves taking into account the high impact of obesity on public health as well as its high socio-economic costs.

Until recently, obesity was a public health problem only in Western countries. However, over the past two decades, it has become truly a global problem—a “globesity epidemic,” as some have called it—affecting countries rich and poor. An estimated 500 million adults worldwide are obese and 1.5 billion are overweight or obese. And, if recent trends continue unabated, nearly 60 percent of the world’s population—3.3 billion people—could be overweight (2.2 billion) or obese (1.1 billion) by 2030. In this Symposium (the first of a series devoted to obesity), world renown, topflight experts will discuss the metabolic and digestive consequences of obesity and will set-up key strategies for preventing and treating this worldwide epidemic.

Because of its major impact and its high educational formula, this Congress represents a unique opportunity to update your knowledge in the rapidly evolving field of globesity. We hope to have the chance of gathering established and young investigators from all over the World in what we feel will be a stimulating experience. We also hope it may encourage friendship, mutual knowledge and cooperation going beyond the limits of the meeting itself.

Parma is a lovely town of the Northern Italy, famous for its history, architecture and surrounding countryside. It is the home of one of the oldest European Universities and the seat of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Parma is a well-known city of art, being the hometown of great artists such as Benedetto Antelami, Francesco Mazzola (commonly known as Parmigianino), Arturo Toscanini and Giuseppe Verdi, to mention a few. Finally, it is the so-called Food Valley Capital, well known all over the world for its local delicacies.

Therefore, make your way to Parma next April.

We are waiting for you!

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