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World Congress of Perinatal Medicine

Florence (Italy), 9-13 September 2007
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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Symposia
as been announced
to be organised by:

1. CHINESE MEDICAL SOCIETY
2. EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
3. EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH
4. INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PERINATAL MEDICINE
5. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MATERNAL AND NEONATAL HEALTH (IAMANEH)
6. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEDIATRIC LABORATORY MEDICINE
7. INTL ASS THERAPEUTIC DRUG MONITORING & CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
8. MEDITERRANEAN SOCIETY OF ULTRASOUND IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY (MED-UOG)
9. SOCIEDAD IBERO-AMERICANA DE DIAGNOSTICO PRENATAL
The 8th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine will be held in Florence from 9th to 13th September 2007. The Congress will be held at:

PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI
Piazza Adua 1,
50123 Florence
Italy

The “Palazzo dei Congressi” is located in the city centre, walking distance from the major historical sites and 15 minutes drive from the airport.
Why Florence?
- One of the most beautiful cities in the world, an open sky museum famous worldwide.
- Everything at hand, small, clean and safe with a unique art and historical heritage.
- No restriction from any country to reach Italy, politics and economy steady.
- State member of the European Community.
- Beautiful Mediterranean climate, good and healthy food, great shopping.
- Very easy to reach, in the middle of Italy.

The Town
Among many art towns in Italy, Florence is proud of its rather unique feature: its many palaces, monuments and masterpieces fit in such a narrow area that everything is really walking distance. Mornings in Florence, that ravished Ruskin so much, reveal an unexpected bounty of beauty and charm at every corner.

The town is divided into two parts by the Arno River, flowing from the nearby high chain of the Casentino Mountains towards the coast, and yielding in to the Tyrrhenian Sea at Marina di Pisa.

No matter how overpowering Florence’s historical past and open-air museums may be, its contemporary companies working in business, fashion, theatre and music make of it a buoyant center of cosmopolitan culture, endeavoring to complete and get over its fame as a wonderful open sky museum famous worldwide. Florence is a favorite display place for many famous fashion brands and all the most celebrated international fashion designers have set up their shops in Via Tornabuoni, Via della Vigna Nuova or Via Calzaioli.

You can find Roberto Cavalli, Emilio Pucci, Prada, Enrico Coveri, Gucci, as well as Valentino, Yves Saint Laurent, and many others.

Gucci, Prada, Dolce e Gabbana, Fendi also have their factory outlets in the Florentine area. These can be reached by car or even by coach thanks to the many half day tours organized to visit them.

Furthermore, handicraft shops offer a wide selection of goods whose quality is temptingly high and never deceptive: special hand-milled paper, ceramics, perfume and toiletry goods, leather clothes, silverware and jewelry and last but not least very precious antiques.

Art & Culture
The Renaissance added unparalleled splendor to the fascinating but rather severe looks of the Middle Age’s Florence. The Medici family (1434-1737) ensured long periods of peace and prosperity. Bankers and merchants during the Renaissance transformed their medieval, tower-like houses into fashionable palaces and were splendid patrons of religious buildings and of painters, sculptors and architects. As a result, arts and architecture flourished in an unprecedented development, whose effects we can still enjoy. The completion of the Cathedral, with its gigantic dome built by Brunelleschi, and of the medieval Saint John’s Baptistry with its famous golden doors by Ghiberti are among the many conspicuous remains of that period. Palazzo Vecchio, facing Piazza della Signoria, has been the center of the Florentine political life for many centuries. A few meters away the beautiful palace of the Uffizi, where we can still admire the countless masterworks of Giotto, Paolo Uccello, Filippo Lippi, Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian, Caravaggio as well as Van Dyck, Rubens and Rembrandt. After crossing the river on the Ponte Vecchio, with its characteristic old goldsmith shops, visitors may reach the Oltrarno district with the famous church of Santo Spirito, San Frediano in Cestello and Santa Maria del Carmine.

All these treasures are near the convention sites and can be easily reached, in a short but exciting walk.

Food
Typical, regional or Italian food is served everywhere in Florence.
Tuscan cuisine is not too rich, and its true character is given by high-quality ingredients, whose flavor is enhanced by simple but tasty recipes. Grilled meat from Chianti, fish from the Tyrrhenian Sea, vegetables, cheese and salamis from the countryside are the basis of the traditional Florentine meals.
You can find excellent pizzerias, bars and coffee shops offering tasty sandwiches as well as first and second courses.
Chiante wine is excellent and wine shops offer to connoisseurs exciting products whose quality is constantly improved.

Definitely, we must recommend the pleasures of outdoors dining offered by most restaurant, quite often within the extraordinary scenery of beautiful squares, palaces or monuments.

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How to get to the congress venue:
Arrival by train
The congress venue is placed just in front of “Santa Maria Novella” main railway station of Florence and is within walking distance from the hotels reserved downtown. The high speed trains comfortably link Florence to the major Italian and European cities.
For train schedule please check www.trenitalia.com

Arrival by plane
There are frequent direct flights from many European cities as well as convenient intercontinental connections to the “A. Vespucci” airport of Florence, that is 5 km from the congress venue. Both taxi cabs (about 15-minute drive - reservation numbers +39 055 4242/4798/4390) and shuttle service Volainbus (about a 20-minute drive - tickets can be bought directly on the bus, for detailed timetable please check www.ATAF.net.) guarantee an easy link between the airport and the city centre, there are a lot of connection from Rome Fiumicino Airport. For those landing at “G. Galilei” Pisa airport, direct shuttle trains or buses to “S. Maria Novella” railway station are available with an average travel time of 60 minutes.
For train schedules please check www.trenitalia.com
Congress Venue

Florence is centrally located along the major north-south motorways. From A1 highway take the “Firenze Sud” or the “Firenze Nord” exit, depending on your travel itinerary, then follow the indications for “Firenze Centro” and then “Santa Maria Novella” railway station. Different fee parking lots are available in the congress venue area where you may leave your car. For map and route info please check www.michelin.com or www.mappy.com

Scientific Informations

REGISTRATION FEES (IVA Included)

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* this is a special combined registration fee for accompanying persons only, including the Opening Ceremony and the Farewell Cocktail. Neither access to the scientific sessions nor the services provided in the congress venue are foreseen for accompanying persons, provided they make a full registration.

Conference Super Savings
For every 10 paid registrations for this congress, the eleventh registration is free. This does not apply for the courses. These registrations must be paid together. If one registrant cancels from the registration group, no refund is available.

How to register
The registration and hotel form must be filled on thoroughly and returned to the Organising Secretariat MCA Events either by fax (+30 02 34 93 43 97) or by mail (info@wcpm8.org). An online registration system is also available on the web site info@wcpm8.org. Please note that registration to the congress is absolutely necessary both for participation in the scientific sessions and submission of abstracts.

Individual hotel reservation
Different price-category hotel rooms, located in the city centre of Florence, have been reserved for the duration of the congress by the Organising Secretariat. Please return the hotel reservation for together with the requested first down-payment to the Organising Secretariat no later than 25th July 2007 (including Euro20,00 for the booking fee – see the chart below), in order to ensure that your hotel reservation is confirmed properly.
Accommodation cannot be guaranteed if your hotel request is received after the deadline, although MCA Events Srl will make every effort to meet participants’ requests. As single rooms are limited, the Organising Secretariat will assign double rooms for single occupancy if necessary. Reservations cannot be confirmed until the first down-payment and booking fee correctly received.

Upon receipt of the hotel form and first down-payment, a detailed hotel confirmation will be sent to participants. The balance of the total reserved room nights must be paid no later than 30th August 2007. If the due balance is not received by the set deadline, the reservation will automatically be cancelled and the first down-payment plus the booking fee will not be refunded. Refer to the Cancellation, Payment and Refund Policy for further details on individual reservations. Hotel reservations made after 25th July 2007 will imply the full pre-payment of the reserved room/nights.

An online hotel reservation system is also available on the website www.wcpm8.org.

Neighbourhood accommodation
In the neighbourhood there are many amiable countries (Montecatini) who could offer good accommodation in special locations, like agriturismi at much affordable fare. There will be shuttle bus or train from the location to the Congress Venue.

Economy accommodation are also available downtown. Please apply in writing to the Organising Secretariat, specifying your request and budget to finalise this kind of reservation.

Terms of Payment
Payment of registration fees and hotel accommodation first down-payment/booking fees must be processed in Euros as follows:
- BANK TRANSFER (free of charge for the recipient) to:
  MCA Events
  Banca Popolare di Vicenza
  IBAN CODE: IT30K0572808600023570421546
A copy of the bank transaction has to be sent together with the registration and accommodation form to MCA Events Srl by fax or e-mail (02 34 93 43 97 – info@wcpm8.org). The sender's full name and address must be clearly stated in the transfer order as well as the payment purposes.
- Credit card: VISA - AMERICAN EXPRESS - EUROCARD - MASTERCARD
- Bank cheque payable to MCA Events Srl

Please note that personal cheques are not accepted.

Group Registration and Hotel Reservation
Group registration and hotel reservation of minimum 5 people are handled separately. Please contact the Organising Secretariat for further information.

Official Language
English is the official language of the Congress. No simultaneous translation will be provided. There will be simultaneous translation for a group of 300 delegates coming from the same country.

Certificate of Attendance
A certificate will only be made for those congress delegates who request it. Certificates will be issued at the end of the event.

Commercial Exhibits
A Trade Show Exhibition, located at Palazzo dei Congressi, will be held from 9th to 13th September 2007. It will feature pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, medical publishers and scientific societies. Please contact the Organising Secretariat for further information.

Continuing Medical Education Accreditation
The programme of this Congress will be submitted for accreditation both to the Italian Ministry of Health (Italian Programme of Continuing Medical Education) and the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). CME credits will be granted according to the indications set by both institutions.

Visa
Citizens of many countries are not required to obtain visas for a stay of three months or less. However, since this requirement may frequently change, please check with a Italian consulate.

Call For Abstracts
The Congress Committees invite you to participate in the 8th WCPM by submitting an abstract for presentation in Florence. Each first author may submit a maximum of two abstracts. Remember that is registration is the essential requirement for submitting your abstract. Paper and Poster Session will be organised according to topics.

Oral Sessions
- 8 minutes will be allowed for the presentation and 2 minutes for discussion of communications.
- Slides must be written in English
- Presentation must be prepared on Power Point on PC AT (CD-ROM or diskette). They will be saved on the network Slides Centre and directly transferred to the PC AT the podium in the presentation room.

Posters
- Posters must be written in English
- Posters should be no larger than 83 cm (wide) x 100 cm (high).
- Include the title of the presentation and the author's names at the top of the poster.

Abstract – Online And E-Mail Submission
Abstract submission is possible both online, by following the instruction available in the specific section of the web site, and by sending the abstract form as an e-mail attachment to the e-mail address.
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Send the abstract, saved as a WORD or Rich Text Format document, by e-mail as an attachment to the e-mail address after filling in the first page containing contact details for the corresponding author, the abstract title, full list of authors, affiliations and the name of the presenting author.

Further enquiries about abstract submission should be addressed to the Scientific Secretariat.

The deadline for abstract submission is 15th June 2007.

Important

Abstracts must be based on results that have not, nor will not have been published in any journal before 9th September 2007, or presented at any international scientific conference prior to 9th September 2007.

IMPORTANT DATES

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PRE-CONGRESS POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Sunday, September 9

09.00 - 13.00/14.00 - 16.00
11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break
13.00 - 14.00 Lunch break

1) **11-14 week scans**
   Chairpersons: K. Nicolaides (UK), M. D’Alton (USA)

2) **Diabetes in pregnancy**
   Chairpersons: M. Hod (Israel), O. Langer (USA)

3) **Perinatal emergencies**
   Chairpersons: S. Robson (UK), A. Antsaklis (Greece)

4) **Preeclampsia and perinatal outcome**
   Chairpersons: M. Palermo (Argentina)

5) **Newborn resuscitation in the delivery room**
   Chairpersons: A. Greenough (UK), M. Szymankiewicz (Poland)

6) **Intrapartum monitoring**
   Chairpersons: R. Luzietti (Italy), I. Amer Wahlin (Sweden)

7) **Stabilisation of the premie**
   Chairpersons: D. Haumont (Belgium), H. Nishida (Japan)

8) **Perinatal Infections**
   Chairpersons: S. Guaschino (Italy), G. Serra (Italy)

9) **Appropriate ventilation of the preterm newborn**
   Chairpersons: U. Simeoni (France), E. Bancalari (USA)

10) **Perinatal surgery**
    Chairpersons: R. Quintero (USA), J. Deprest (Belgium)

11) **Fetal neonatal cardiology**
    Chairpersons: L. Allen (UK), C. Cavalli (Italy)

CONGRESS PROGRAM

Sunday, September 9

17.30 Opening Ceremony

Opening lecture
“Baby doctors…”
Diana Bianchi (Boston, USA)

20.00 Welcome Cocktail
and get together party
CONGRESS PROGRAM

Monday, September 10

08.00-09.00  Free communications
09.00-09.30  Opening lecture (OL1)
             Genetics in 2000
09.30-11.00  Plenary session (PS1)
             Perinatal Genetics
11.00-13.00  Concurrent sessions
             CS 1  Hypertension and preeclampsia in pregnancy
             CS 2  Corticosteroids and neonatal lung
             CS 3  The thyroid in pregnancy
             CS 4  Quality improvement in neonatal/perinatal units
             CS 5  Prenatal screening and diagnosis
             CS 6  Pharmacology in neonatal period
13.00-14.30  Lunch &/or Poster Sessions
14.30-16.00  Parallel Sessions
             PS 1  Risks in pregnancy
             PS 2  Oxidative stress in neonatology
             PS 3  Tropical medicine in pregnancy
             PS 4  Anesthesia and analgesia in the neonatal period
             PS 5  Emergencies in labour and delivery
             PS 6  Perinatal hypoxia and resuscitation
16.00-16.30  Tea Break
16.30-18.30  Free Communications (FC7-FC9)
             Sponsored Symposia (SS1-SS3)

Tuesday, September 11

08.00-09.00  Free communications (FC10-FC15)
09.00-09.30  Opening lecture (OL2)
             Environment and influence in the reproduction and offspring
09.30-11.00  Plenary session (PS2)
             Perinatal origins of adult diseases
11.00-11.30  Coffee Break
11.30-13.00  Concurrent sessions
             CS 7  3D ultrasound in prenatal diagnosis
             CS 8  Infections and preterm labour.
             CS 9  Multiple pregnancy update
             CS 10 Perinatal care in developed and developing countries
             CS 11 Brain damage and hypotermia
             CS 12 Fetal neonatal behaviour
13.00-14.30  Lunch &/or Poster Sessions
14.30-16.00  Parallel Sessions
             PS 7  Fetal growth restriction
             PS 8  Fetal cardiovascular pathophysiology
             PS 9  PMA and perinatal outcome
             PS 10 Sudden unexpected and unexplained death in the fetus and newborn
             PS 11 Prevention of necrotizing enterocolitis
             PS 12 Iatrogenic events in NICU
16.00-16.30  Tea Break
16.30-18.30  Free Communications (FC 16-FC18)
             Sponsored Symposia (SS4-SS6)
Wednesday, September 12

08.00-09.00  Free communications (FC19-FC24)
09.00-09.30  Opening lecture (OL3)
              Perinatal ethics: is it a fashion?
09.30-11.00  Plenary session (PS3)
              Preterm labour and prematurity challenges
11.00-11.30  Coffee Break
11.30-13.00  Concurrent sessions
              CS 13  Pregnancy failure in PMA
              CS 14  Second trimester miscarriage
              CS 15  Postpartum hemorrhage
              CS 16  Clinical significance of placental examination
              CS 17  Nutrition in neonatal period
              CS 18  Long term outcome of the problematic newborn
13.00-14.30  Lunch &/or Poster Sessions
14.30-16.00  Parallel Sessions
              PS 13  Induction of labour
              PS 14  Infections transmission in pregnancy
              PS 15  Optimal nutrition in pregnancy
              PS 16  Perinatal medicine and the war
              PS 17  Human milk
              PS 18  Ventilatory problems in the ill newborn
16.00-16.30  Tea Break
16.30-18.30  Free Communications (FC25-FC27)
              Sponsored Symposia (SS7-SS9)

Thursday, September 13

08.00-09.00  Free communications (FC28-FC33)
09.00-09.30  Opening lecture (OL4)
              Pharmaceutics and perinatal medicine: where is the challenge?
09.30-11.00  Plenary session (PS4)
              Drug monitoring and clinical toxicology in perinatal medicine
11.00-11.30  Coffee Break
11.30-13.00  Concurrent sessions
              CS 19  Prevention of neurological morbidity
              CS 20  Cesarean section on demand
              CS 21  Oxidative stress and perinatal outcome
              CS 22  Brain imaging in the neonatal period
              CS 23  Fluid and electrolyte management in the ill newborn
              CS 24  Ethics and perinatal medicine: hot topics
              CS 25  Nanotechnologies in Perinatal medicine
13.00-13.30  End of the Congress/Closing Ceremony