

7th European Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection

Florence, Italy 2005



October 19-22, 2005
Palazzo dei Congressi and Palaffari, Florence, Italy

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 7th European Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection, which will be held in Florence next October 19-22, 2005.

The meeting will, through scientific presentations, expert lectures, 'debates' and symposia, explore infections and their treatment, including the latest scientific knowledge in the pharmacological management of infectious diseases. The programme will be CME accredited and is designed to encourage delegate participation and stimulate discussion on current and emerging therapies for the treatment of infections.

This Congress is expected to be a successful educational event and an opportunity to exchange the latest information with scientists from around the world.

The Palazzo dei Congressi and Palaffari Congress Center is an excellent meeting venue located in the city centre.

A social programme, offering a range of accompanied tours, will be organised to enable you to explore the beautiful city of Florence and its Tuscan surroundings.

We look forward to seeing you in Florence!

Helen Giamarellou

Teresita Mazzei

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Austrian Society of Chemotherapy
British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy
Bulgarian Society of Chemotherapy
Chemotherapists Association of Ukraine
Croatian Society of Chemotherapy
Cyprus Society of Chemotherapy and Infectious Diseases
Czech Society of Chemotherapy
Czech Society of Infectious Diseases
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Infektiologie
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Paediatrische Infektiologie
Deutsche Vereinigung zur Bekämpfung der Viruskrankheiten
Dutch Society of Medical Microbiology
European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases
Georgian Society of Paediatric Chemotherapy
Hellenic Society for Chemotherapy
Hellenic Society for Paediatric Diseases
Hellenic Society for Infectious Diseases
Hellenic Society for Microbiology
Hungarian Society for Chemotherapy
Infectionists Scientific Society of Republic Belarus
Infectious Diseases Society of the Netherlands
International Society of Antimicrobial Activity of Non-Antibiotics (ISN)
International Society of Chemotherapy
Inter-regional Association for Clinical Microbiology
and Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (Russia)
Israeli Society for Infectious Diseases
Italian Society of Chemotherapy
Lebanese Society for Infectious Diseases
Mediterranean Society of Chemotherapy
Moroccan Society of Chemotherapy
National Society of Chemotherapy of the Russian Federation
Paul-Ehrlich-Gesellschaft für Chemotherapie
Polish Medical Association, Section of Chemotherapy
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Scandinavian Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy
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Slovak Society of Chemotherapy
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Société Française de Microbiologie (SFM)
Society of Chemotherapists in Bulgaria
Spanish Society of Chemotherapy
Swiss Society of Infectious Diseases
Turkish Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (ANKEM)
Turkish Microbiological Society
Turkish Society of Chemotherapy
Yugoslavian Society of Chemotherapy

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

SYMPOSIA

- **European battle against invasive streptococcal infections: are we winning?**
EU Group/Strep-Euro
- **What's new in MRSA**
Scottish Microbiology Association
- **MRSA: nosocomial responses against infections**
Spanish Society of Chemotherapy
- **Suggestions for solutions in the problem of nosocomial multiresistance**
Hellenic Society for Chemotherapy
- **Transfer of antibiotic resistance genes**
Project ARTRADI Group
- **Clinical issue of PK/PD**
International Society of Anti-Infective Pharmacology (ISAP)
- **New and old drugs for serious infections**
- **Focus on cardiovascular device infections**
Paul-Ehrlich-Gesellschaft für Chemotherapie
- **Difficult infections in uronephrology**
European Society for Infection in Urology
- **Infections in special settings: what could be learned from there?**
Inter-Regional Association for Clinical-Microbiology and Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (Russia)
- **Antibiotic treatment policy in community acquired infections**
Italian Society of Chemotherapy
- **Brucellosis in Europe**
Society for Study of Brucellosis
- **ID problems in developed countries with immigrants and travellers**
*Arab Society of Chemotherapy, Microbiology & Infectious Diseases
and Slovak Society of Chemotherapy*
- **Infection control in developing countries**
Arab Society of Chemotherapy, Microbiology & Infectious Diseases
- **Invasive fungal infections**
Turkish Society of Chemotherapy

- **New and old antifungal agents in ICU and immunocompromised patients**
Italian Society of Chemotherapy
- **Tropical medicine-chemotherapy and control of infectious tropical disease**
- **New vaccination perspectives**
Association pour l'Organisation de Réunions Interdisciplinaires de Chimiothérapie Anti-Infectieuse (AORIC)
- **Current management of herpes zoster**
Deutsche Vereinigung zur Bekämpfung der Viruskrankheiten
- **What is new with Influenza?**
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Infektiologie
- **Individualized treatment of chronic hepatitis C: from research to clinical practice**
- **The treatment of HIV infection: from clinical pharmacology to therapeutic practice**
- **Chronic hepatitis B and C in HIV co-infected patients**
Société de Pathologie Infectieuse de Langue Française (SPILF)
- **Antimicrobials and money**
British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy
- **Activity of non-antibiotic pharmaceuticals against microbes**
International Society of Antimicrobial Activity of Non-Antibiotics (ISN)

**THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE
LECTURES, ORAL PAPER AND POSTER SESSIONS**

SATELLITE EVENTS WILL BE ORGANISED BY

Abbott
Bayer
Gilead
GlaxoSmithKline
Laboratori Guidotti
Menarini
Merck Sharp & Dohme
Pfizer
Sanofi Aventis
Wyeth
Zambon Group

TENTATIVE CONGRESS LAYOUT

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

15.00-18.00 Registration
18.30 Opening Ceremony

Thursday, October 20, 2005

8.30-18.00 Scientific Sessions

Friday, October 21, 2005

8.30-18.00 Scientific Sessions
20.30 Social Dinner

Saturday, October 22, 2005

8.30-13.00 Scientific Sessions

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONGRESS VENUE

The 7th European Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection will be held at Palazzo dei Congressi and Palaffari Convention Centre, Piazza Adua 1, 50123 Florence, Italy (www.firenzefiera.it), located in the city centre, walking distance from the major historical sites and a 15-minute drive from the airport.

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 schedules please check www.trenitalia.it

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 a 15-minute drive - reservation numbers +39-055-4242/4798/4390) and shuttle service Volainbus (about a 30-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.

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.it

Arrival by car

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 “S. 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

REGISTRATION FEES (VAT INCLUDED)

Status	Before July 1 st <i>Early registration</i>	Before October 1 st <i>Standard registration</i>	After October 1 st <i>And On Site</i>
SIC/FESCI/ISC Member	€ 300.00	€ 350.00	€ 400.00
Non-member	€ 400.00	€ 450.00	€ 500.00
Junior*	€ 200.00	€ 200.00	€ 250.00
Daily registration**	€ 130.00	€ 130.00	€ 150.00
Opening Ceremony***	€ 30.00	€ 30.00	€ 30.00
Social Dinner****	€ 80.00	€ 80.00	€ 80.00
Social events fee*****	€ 100.00	€ 100.00	€ 100.00

* to qualify for junior status, the applicant should be under the age of 35. This must be certified by a copy of the relevant page of the passport to be sent together with the registration form.

** it is only available for maximum one day registration. More days will imply a full registration.

*** the Opening Ceremony on October 19th is included in the congress registration fee for delegates. The indicated fee is only meant for accompanying persons wishing to participate.

**** the Social Dinner on October 21st is NOT included in the registration fee and can be bought separately by delegates and accompanying persons as a pre-registration. The event will be organised if a minimum number of 300 participants is achieved, otherwise the paid fee will be fully refunded. Due to limited space availability tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

***** this is a special combined registration fee for accompanying persons only, including the Opening Ceremony and the Social Dinner plus a half-day walking city tour of Florence. 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. If the social dinner is not organised due to a low number of participants, the pre-paid amount for this event will be refunded.

Congress registration fees include:

- Access to scientific sessions
- Congress kit and name badge
- Final programme
- Abstract book
- CME kit
- Certificate of attendance
- Coffee breaks
- Opening Ceremony

HOW TO REGISTER

The registration and hotel form must be filled in thoroughly and returned to the Organising Secretariat OIC Srl either by fax (+39/055/50.01.912-57.02.27) or by e-mail (ecc2005@oic.it).

An online registration system is also available on the web site www.fesci.net.

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 through the intermediary of OIC Way Srl.

Please return the hotel reservation form together with the requested first down-payment to the Organising Secretariat **no later than July 1st, 2005** (including € 20.00 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 OIC Way 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 are 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 **September 10th, 2005**.

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 September 10th will imply the full pre-payment of the reserved room/nights.

An online hotel reservation system is also available on the web site www.fesci.net.

Hotels in Florence *(average price categories*)*

Hotel	Single Min/Max	Double for single use Min/Max	Double Min/Max	First down-payment (incl. booking fee)
★★★★★		€ 300.00-€ 470.00	€ 360.00-€ 570.00	€ 600.00
★★★★	€ 135.00-€ 250.00	€ 180.00-€ 350.00	€ 200.00-€ 380.00	€ 400.00
★★★	€ 90.00-€ 190.00	€ 100.00-€ 215.00	€ 125.00-€ 250.00	€ 300.00
★★	€ 65.00-€ 115.00	€ 85.00-€ 130.00	€ 95.00-€ 145.00	€ 200.00

* The indicated average rates, calculated in Euro, include overnight stay, continental breakfast, tax, V.A.T. Please refer to the cancellation, payment and refund policy for individual reservation terms and conditions.

INDIVIDUAL ECONOMY RESERVATION

Economy accommodations are also available downtown. The minimum/maximum average rates are € 40.00-€ 115.00 for a single/double for single use room; € 75.00-€ 125.00 for a standard double room. Please apply in writing to the Organising Secretariat, specifying your request and budget to finalise this kind of reservation.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

Payments 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:

O.I.C. Srl

Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze – Agenzia 1

Viale Matteotti, 20/r – 50132 Firenze

Account No. 10628/00 – Swift: CRFIT3F

IBAN: IT 39S0616002801000010628C00 (for foreign delegates)

ABI 6160 – CAB 02801 – CIN S (for Italian delegates)

A copy of the bank transaction has to be sent together with the registration and accommodation form to OIC Srl by fax or e-mail. 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 OIC Srl, Viale Matteotti 7, Florence (Italy).

Please note that personal cheques are not accepted.

GROUP REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION

Group registration and hotel reservation of minimum 5 persons are handled separately.

Please contact the Organising Secretariat for further information.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION: CANCELLATION, PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICY

Cancellation of registrations and/or hotel reservations will be accepted until **August 20th, 2005**.

In case of partial or total cancellation of the requested services please apply in writing to the Organising Secretariat. The paid registration fee and/or hotel first down-payment minus the booking fee will be refunded with a deduction of 30% for administrative charge.

The booking fee is not refundable. Partial or total cancellation of regis-

trations and/or reserved room nights received after August 20th will imply a 100% penalty and no refund of the paid fee/first down-payment will be possible. In case of any date and/or hotel room-type change please apply in writing to the Organising Secretariat that will transmit the variation to the selected hotel accordingly. In the event of no-shows, hotel reservations will be cancelled after one night and no refund will be authorised for the remaining cancelled nights.

The total due balance of the reserved room nights must be paid no later than **September 10th, 2005**.

If this deadline is not respected, the reservation will be automatically cancelled and the first down-payment plus the booking fee will not be refunded. Hotel reservations made after September 10th will imply the full pre-payment of the reserved room nights and no refunds will be possible for any partial or total cancellation. Authorised refunds will be processed only after the end of the Congress.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the Congress. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

EXHIBITION

A Trade Show Exhibition, located at Palazzo dei Congressi, will be held from 20th to 22nd October, 2005. 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.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Congress Committee invites you to participate in the ECC-7 by submitting an abstract of your work to be considered for presentation in Florence.

Each first author may submit a maximum of two abstracts.

Remember that it is necessary to register for the Congress when submitting your abstract.

Paper and Poster Sessions will be organised according to the following topics:

1. Antibiotics: General Pharmacology, Mechanism of Resistance and Survey, Clinical Studies
2. Antifungals: General Pharmacology, Mechanism of Resistance and Survey, Clinical Studies
3. Antimicrobial Pharmacodynamics: *in vitro* and *in vivo* Studies
4. Antimicrobial Pharmacokinetics
5. Community Acquired Infections
6. Nosocomial Infections
7. Virology (non-HIV)
8. HIV
9. Parasitology
10. Pharmacoeconomics and Managed Care
11. Others

ORAL SESSIONS

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

POSTERS

- Posters must be written in English.
- Posters should be no larger than 85 cm (wide) × 110 cm (high).
- Include the title of the presentation and the authors' names at the top of the poster.

ABSTRACTS – ONLINE AND E-MAIL SUBMISSION

Abstract submission is possible both online, by following the instructions available in the specific section of the web site www.fesci.net, and by sending the abstract form as an e-mail attachment to the e-mail address **abstract-ecc2005@oic.it**.

Faxed copies or mailed original forms will not be accepted.

If submitting by e-mail, please follow the format instructions given in the subsequent sections.

The abstract form is not included in the printed announcement but is available on the web site www.fesci.net.

All abstracts are subject to acceptance by the Scientific Committee and will be selected as oral or poster presentations.

The abstract must be written in English. Fit the abstract into the box (23 cm high and 16 cm wide) and print in “arial” font, size 12. Single-space all typing. The title should be brief and descriptive and should be typed in all capital letters. Authors’ names should include first initials and last names. Underline the name of the presenting author. List the institution(s) of the author(s). Give only name of the institution, city and country, no address or ZIP code. Leave a single line space between the authors/affiliations and the text of the abstract. If references must be cited in the abstract, they should be in the following format (Smith et al., BMJ 1999; 55:100-2) within the text.

Simple tables may be included if they fit within the space allowed. However, use the tab key, not the space bar, to separate data points in tables. If you use a table editor feature of your word-processing software, ensure that each data point is contained within a unique cell, i.e. do not use carriage returns within cells. Figures are not permitted.

Send the abstract, saved as a WORD or Rich Text Format document, by e-mail as an attachment to the e-mail address **abstract-ecc2005@oic.it** 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 August 20th, 2005.

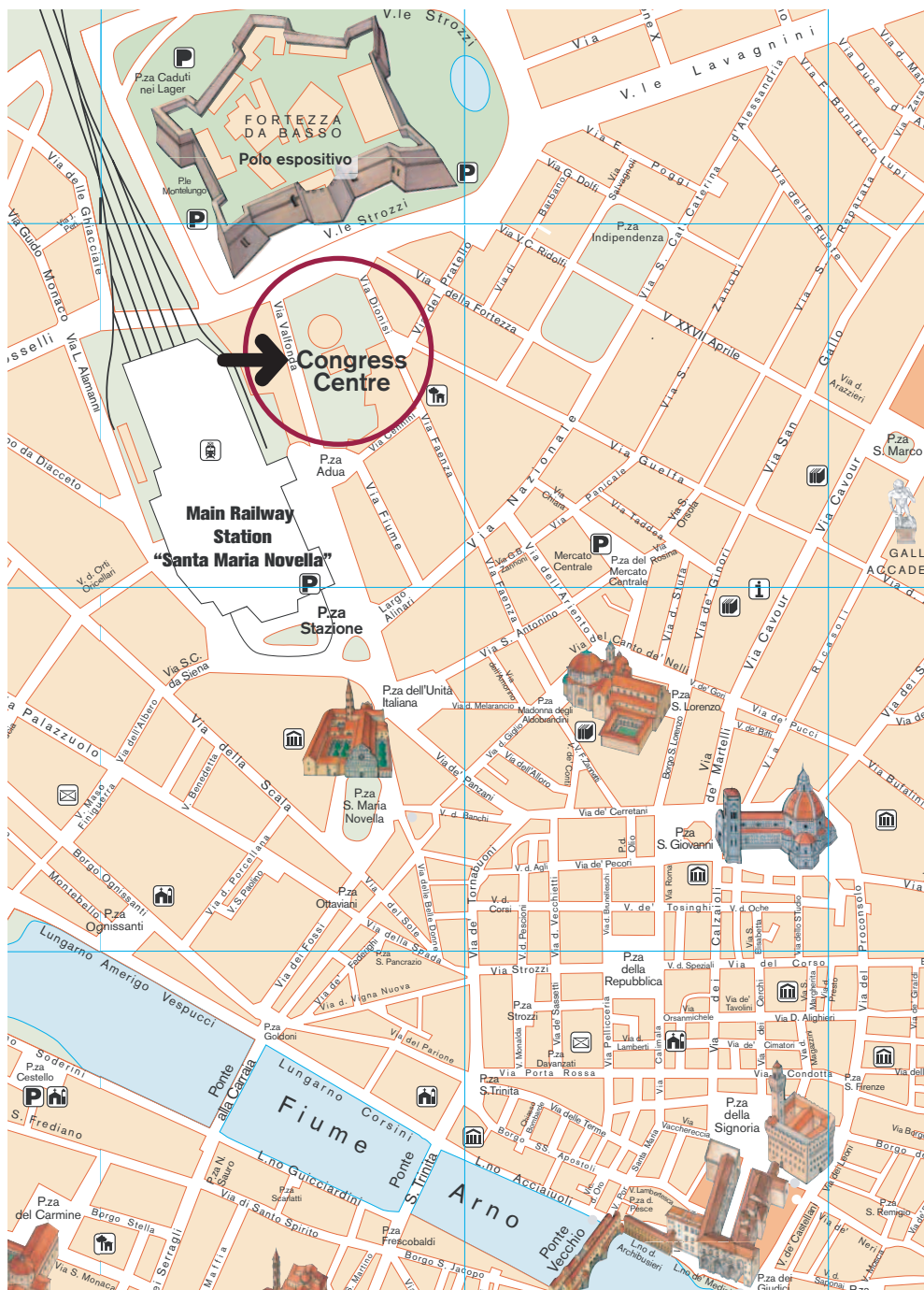
IMPORTANT

Abstracts must be based on results that have not, nor will not have been published in any journal before October 19th, 2005, or presented at any international scientific conference prior to October 19th, 2005.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

July 1st, 2005:	Early registration Hotel accommodation
August 20th, 2005:	Abstract submission Cancellation of registration and hotel accommodation
September 10th, 2005:	Pre-payment of hotel accommodation due balance
October 1st, 2005:	Standard registration

MAP OF DOWNTOWN FLORENCE - CONGRESS VENUE



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