European Workshop on
Skin Immune Mediated Inflammatory Diseases (SIMID)
Verona, Italy - 24th-26th April 2014

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2nd Announcement
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I’m honored to invite you in Verona to participate in the European Workshop on “Skin Immune Mediated Inflammatory Diseases (SIMID)” on 24-26 April 2014.

During the Workshop, we will try to fill gaps and will face issues not covered by current meetings: indeed, nowadays, there are no meetings where SIMID are comprehensively discussed and treated by the perspective form basic mechanism to therapy.

Specifically, the Workshop wants to emphasize a discussion, which drives new research on common pathogenetic pathways and on the use and need of new anti-inflammatory and immunoregulatory drugs.

Inflammatory and immune-mediated diseases have a great prevalence and relevance to general medicine, internal medicine and dermatology. Old inflammatory skin diseases are receiving new interpretations based on the advancements on the molecular bases of innate immune responses.

Common pathways in diseases affecting different organ are being elucidated and many new treatment options are becoming available, increasing the need of forums where basic, translational and clinical researches are presented together.

Successful propagation of knowledge is essential to translate science and medical progress into improved patient care.

I’m looking forward to welcoming you to participate in this first and innovative scientific event.

Best Regards,

Prof. Giampiero Girolomoni
Chairman of the Workshop

**Chairman:**
Giampiero Girolomoni, Verona

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Paolo Gisondi, Verona

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H. Bachelez, Paris
S. Beissert, Dresden
L. French, Zurich
C. Griffiths, Manchester
G. Jemec, Roskilde
L. Puig, Barcelona
F. Rongioletti, Genoa
P. van de Kerkhof, Nijmegen
### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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**Moderators:**
- A.V. Marzano, L. Puig
- M. Esposito, Rome
- M. Gattorno, Genoa
- D. Lipsker, Strasbourg
- A. Costanzo
- P. Gisondi, Verona - D. McGonagle, Leeds
- H. Bachelez, A. Parodi
- F. Rongioletti, Genoa
- L. Borradori, Bern
- G. Jemec, Roskilde
- H. Yazici, Istanbul
- B. Becher, Zurich
- P. van de Kerkhof, Nijmegen
- A. Costanzo
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- L. Puig, Barcelona
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- W. Hoetzenecker, Zurich
CALL FOR ABSTRACT

The Scientific Committee invites authors to submit their abstracts for consideration and inclusion in the program as oral presentation or poster. Please note that only ELECTRONIC submission will be accepted. Faxed or mailed abstracts will not be reviewed.

Opening of online abstract submission: 1 October 2013
Abstract submission deadline: 16 February 2014

PREPARATION OF YOUR ABSTRACT

- Abstract must be submitted in English.
- The material in the abstract must be original and not previously published.
- Abbreviations must not be used in the title.
- The size of the abstract is limited to 3,000 characters (title, body of abstract, spaces, tables and graphics included).
- Structure your abstract using the following subheadings:
  - Introduction & Objectives: A sentence describing the purpose of the study
  - Materials & Methods: Describe your selection of observations or experimental subjects
  - Results: Describe your results in a logical sequence
  - Conclusions: Emphasise new and important aspects of the study and conclusions that are drawn from them
- Pharmaceutical company names and commercial drug names should not be included in the abstract.
- The authors have to specify if they wish the submission to be presented as:
  - Poster presentation only
  - Poster or oral presentation
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to make the final decision concerning the form of presentation.
- Submission of an abstract implies that it has been approved by all listed authors and constitutes consensus to publication (e.g. Workshop website, programs, other promotional material, etc...).

TOPICS:

1. Lupus erythematosus
2. Scleroderma
3. Sclerodermoid disorders
4. Vasculitis syndromes
Registration Note: At least one author (the first or the presenting author) must register for the Workshop within one month of having received notification of acceptance.

POSTERS
Abstract selected for poster will be presented in paper form in the poster area.

ABSTRACTS
All Abstracts should be submitted online in English through the official Workshop website. For information and questions, please refer to the Abstract page or contact Ecliptica srl at abstract@simid2014.org.

CME AND ECM ACCREDITATION
The Workshop will be accredited to the EACCME, European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education Institution of the UEMS for CME activity for medical specialists and to the Italian Ministry of Health for ECM credits.

AUDIO VISUAL REQUIREMENTS
Presentation should be done in PowerPoint. Speakers should express any special needs in advance.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHEDULED LUNCH (25 APRIL 2014, 12.30-13.30) COULD BE SPONSORED. THE PARTICIPATION IS NOT COMPULSORY AND DOESN'T PROVIDE CME AND ECM CREDITS.

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
English will be the official language of the Workshop. There will be no simultaneous translation.

SESSIONS
The following sessions will be scheduled throughout the duration of the Workshop:
ORAL PRESENTATIONS
FREE COMMUNICATIONS
POSTERS
All sessions are available to all registered participants.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS
Computer projection facilities (for PowerPoint presentations) will be available in the meeting rooms. Presenting authors will receive all technical information and instructions prior to the Workshop in order to ensure the smooth running of sessions.

FREE COMMUNICATIONS
Authors of the most highly ranked abstracts will be invited by the Scientific Committee to provide a short oral presentation during the appropriate thematic sessions. Presenting authors will receive all technical information and details prior to the Workshop.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WORKSHOP VENUE
Conference Centre Veronafiere
Viale del Lavoro, 8
37135 Verona (Italy)

Verona is easily reached by all means of transport as a crossroad for routes serving Central and North-Western Italy. Verona is about 150 Km from Milan and 120 Km from Venice. The Veronafiere Conference Centre is midway between the A4 highway Verona Sud exit and the historical city centre - about 2.5 km away - 5 minutes from the Railway Station and just 15 minutes from the airport.

BY CAR
A4 highway (Turin-Trieste, going through Milan and Venice): exit at “Verona Sud” and follow the signposts for “Fiera”; distance: 2.5 km.
REGISTRATION

Participants have the opportunity to pre-register online and take advantage of the Early registration fee. In order to avoid duplicated charges, please submit your application once only. Online Registration is the only way. Make a secure credit card payment and get immediate confirmation.

Please note that online registration are open

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Should any tax change occur within 2013 and 2014, costs will be consequently updated.

Please note that on line registration will be possible until 11 April 2014. After this date only on site registration during the event will be possible.

Before registering yourself:
please read the following instructions: Registration and Confirmation Policy *

Delegate Registration Fee includes:
- Admission to the scientific sessions
- Possibility to collect CME and ECM Credits
- Workshop bag with scientific material and Certificate of Attendance
- Admission to the Networking Workshop
- Admission to Exhibition
- Delegate badge

For Residents and Students:
The applicant’s Registration Form must be accompanied by written proof of status; otherwise low fees will not be validated.

Note: When letters, certifying status, are received after the early registration deadline, the fee as registration on site will be applicable.

Important: Children under the age of 15 are not authorized inside the Congress Centre.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotels of different categories have been pre-booked for SIMID 2014 and rooms at special conference rates will be held.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: 24 February 2014

HOW TO BOOK

Individual hotel accommodations can only be booked online through the Workshop website (up to 5 rooms). Prepayment by credit card (VISA and MasterCard) is required and will be made automatic via secure payment system.

Hotel Choice:
Refer to Hotel Reservation page on the website to see the hotel list with descriptions, corresponding costs and to check their availability.

Confirmation of Reservation:
Complete the hotel booking online and receive a notification message that the reservation request has been received.

Hotel Voucher:
Make the full payment, get the confirmation of the hotel booking and receive the hotel voucher by e-mail. Remember to present it to the hotel reception when checking-in.

Final Bill:
The final invoice will be issued by Ecliptica Srl when receiving the payment and sent by e-mail. Please do not contact the hotels directly, as reservations are held by Ecliptica Srl.

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

• Hotel rates are quoted in Euro, per room per night including breakfast and current VAT. Should any tax change occur, costs will be updated consequently.
• To guarantee the hotel reservation, a minimum stay of 2 nights in a row is required.
• A reservation fee of € 30,00 current VAT included, per room will be applied.
• Room allocation will be made on a first-come first-served basis.
• A tourist city tax has been applied to Verona hotels since August 2012. The tax varies accordingly to the hotel category and ranges from € 0,50 to € 3,00 per person per night. The tax is not included in the hotel rate and must be paid directly at the hotel.
• All extra expenses should be settled by the guest directly at the hotel.

Verona is a touristic town: it is strongly advised to book as early as possible to ensure reservation of the preferred hotel. Participants are recommended to reserve accommodation until 1 February 2014. After this deadline, all requests will be accepted, however, hotel rooms are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.
GROUP BOOKING
For group booking (over 5 rooms) and further information please contact:
Ecliptica srl
Via Aldo Moro, 22 - 25124 Brescia (Italy)
Tel. +39 030 245 28 18
Fax +39 030 245 28 26
e-mail: accommodation@simid2014.org

We recommend you to make group hotel reservations as soon as possible.

SPONSORING AND EXHIBITION

The Organizing Secretariat, Ecliptica srl, will support all the companies which are going to sponsor the European Workshop on Skin Immune Mediated Inflammatory Diseases. If a company is interested in sponsoring the SIMID please contact Ecliptica srl at exhibitors@simid2014.org.

Opening Sponsor Application: 1 July 2013
Deadline Sponsor Application: 5 December 2013

All applications for exhibition space or sponsorship will be treated on “first come, first served” basis.

EXHIBITORS’ REGISTRATION

All Exhibitors are required to be registered at the Workshop. In order to do that and allow people to participate, the companies must send a list of participating employees to secretariat@simid2014.org as soon as possible, within the 10 March 2014.

Each Exhibiting Company will receive after registration 2 free badges and any additional badge can be purchased at a fee of € 130.00 plus current Italian VAT per badge. The Exhibitor Badge can be collected by an authorized person of the company’s staff at the Exhibition Service Desk, located at the Workshop Entrance, during the setting up (22-23 April 2014) and at the Secretariat Desk during the Workshop working days. It authorizes access to the Exhibition Hall and Networking Workshop.

Please remember that the Exhibitor Badge does not authorize the entrance to the scientific activities of the Workshop, or access to other benefits offered to the registered delegates.

HOW TO BE A SPONSOR
Companies can be present at SIMID as following:

- Hosting a space in the Exhibition Area
- Sponsoring Breakfast Symposium and Lunch Symposium
- Supporting the Best Original Communication Award
- Publishing an advert on the Workshop Final Program

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT
With reference to the worldwide general terms, please be aware that your credit card will be charged in currency valid in country of the origin, i.e. Italy and hereinafter converted back to the currency of your account, which may result in slightly higher total charge than stated in EUR. Expiration of the card must exceed July 2014.

CHECK IN - CHECK OUT
Check-in is usually available from 02:00 PM. An early check-in can be requested. However, it cannot be guaranteed. The room is subject to the room availability on the day of arrival. Check-out is generally available until 11:00 AM. Late check-out is also subject to the room availability and some hotels may charge a day rate.

HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY / CHANGE OF RESERVATION
Cancellations or changes must be notified in writing (by e-mail to accommodation@simid2014.org or by fax to +39 030 245 28 26) to Ecliptica Srl. Cancellations or changes made by phone will not be accepted.

Cancellations
Cancellations will be charged according to the individual cancellation conditions below.

- Cancellation of 1 night exceeding the minimum stay of 2 nights received by 24 March 2014: refund of the night. Received from 25 March 2014: penalty of the night.
- Cancellations of the stay received by 24 February 2014: full refund, reservation fee excluded.
- Cancellations of the stay received from 25 February 2014 to 24 March 2014: penalty of 2 nights plus reservation fee.
- Cancellations of the stay received from 25 March 2014 to the dates of the Workshop: full penalty plus reservation fee, no refund.
- No shows: full penalty plus reservation fee, no refund.

Changes

- NAME CHANGES. Name changes in hotel reservations that are notified in writing by e-mail or by fax before 24 March 2014 can be made free of charge. Any name change on or after this date will be subject to an administrative fee of € 30.00 current Italian VAT included. Ecliptica Srl will send you an invoice and the administrative fee is required to be paid by bank transfer.
- INVOICE CHANGES. Changes to the invoice or any other changes cannot be made.
- LATE ARRIVAL. In case of arrival 1 day later than originally reserved, please inform Ecliptica Srl to guarantee the room.

All these conditions are valid for only individual bookings. Group reservations have different conditions. Any refund will be made after the end of the Workshop.
• Sponsoring different items as the Workshop Kit (bags, pens, strings, bags), Registration Fee, Speakers and Moderators’ support (travel, lounge and preview room, e-posters presentations), Catering Services (coffee break), Shuttle Bus Service

• Supporting Social Events as the Networking Workshop and the Speakers’ Dinner.

Companies who want to be sponsor should fulfil and send the Application Form to Ecliptica srl. Please ask Ecliptica srl for the Application Form and clarifications at exhibitors@simid2014.org as soon as possible.

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT POLICY
The Application Form for Sponsorship and Exhibition should be sent to Ecliptica srl by e-mail or fax. Once the application has been approved by Ecliptica srl, you will receive an account invoice of 50% of the total amount and a second settlement invoice, which should be paid within 9 January 2014. For the applications received after that date a full payment is required within 3 working days. Non-payment by this stated deadline will lead to the cancellation of the right to participate as Sponsor without reimbursement of the deposit paid.

Payment can be made by bank transfer only. Credit cards will not be accepted.

CANCELLATION POLICY
All cancellations must be sent in writing by e-mail (exhibitors@simid2014.org).

A cancellation fee will be charged according to the below penalty policy:
• 10% of the total invoice amount if cancellations are made before 1 September 2013
• 50% of the total invoice amount if cancellations are made before 1 December 2013
• 100% of the total invoice amount if cancellations are received after 1 December 2013

These cancellation fees will be applied and should be paid to Ecliptica s.r.l without delay, to cover any damages arising from the cancellation.

AIFA APPLICATION
AIFA Application is reserved to Italian companies which want to be sponsor at the Workshop. Ecliptica srl will collect all AIFA Applications and will send them to AIFA in compliance with its Legislative Order no 219/06, art. 24.

In order to obtain the AIFA authorization, Italian parties sponsoring participants are kindly requested to contact Ecliptica srl to assure all formalities no later than 31 January 2014. After this date AIFA application will not be accepted.

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