



15° Congresso Nazionale AIM



Naples, 20 - 23 May 2015

Hotel Royal Continental 4****



Chairpersons:

Prof. Giovanni Nigro, *President of the Congress*

Prof. Luisa Politano

Prof. Vincenzo Nigro





Greetings from the President

Dear Colleagues,

As President of the Scientific Committee and on behalf of the Board of the Italian Association of Myology, I warmly welcome you to this event and to Naples and its beauties.

Knowing that the participants will have different requirements, backgrounds and interests, we have tried to organize an interesting and scientifically diverse program.

We emphasize both the basic science and clinical aspects of neuromuscular diseases and we hope that the richness of the program covering the newest developments in diagnosis, pathogenesis and treatment of a wide spectrum of neuromuscular diseases will provide an enriching experience.

I'm glad to inform you that the meeting of the Italian Association of Myology will be immediately preceded by the XII Congress of the Mediterranean Society of Myology, during which the "G. Conte Prizes" will be awarded to world famous scientists who have contributed to the advancement of knowledge in the field of muscle diseases.

A registration at reduced rates is provided for people (I hope many) who will participate in both events.

Enjoy the Congresses!

Prof. Giovanni Nigro



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Preliminary Program

WEDNESDAY 20th MAY

17.00 – 20.00

Meeting with Patient's Associations.

The role of families in caregiving and cure of patients with neuromuscular disorders

Chairpersons: G. Griffo – M. Moggio – G. Siciliano – C. Solimene

Introduction: C. Solimene

1st Session

Psychological and financial costs of family burden in families of patients with Neuromuscular Disorders

- Family burden in families of patients with Muscular Dystrophies
(L. Magliano)
- Social and economic burden associated with a family member's disability condition
(C. Giacobini)
- The role of Patients' Associations in lightening the family burden (*Pre-ordered interventions*)

2nd Session

The voice of patients on:

- Patient's Registries
- Clinical trials
- Vaccines and Muscle Disorders
- The "AIM-ASNP-Telethon Alliance"

General discussion

Conclusions: G. Griffo – M. Moggio



Preliminary Program

THURSDAY 21st MAY

08.00 – 18.00 **Registration of participants**

08.30 – 09.00 **Opening Ceremony**

09.00 – 10.15 **Workshop : Spinal Muscular Atrophies**

Chairpersons: T. E. Mongini – C. Bruno

- **Clinical aspects of Spinal Muscular Atrophies**
(*A. Berardinelli*)
- **Genetic aspects of Spinal Muscular Atrophies**
(*F.D. Tiziano*)
- **New therapeutic approach for Spinal Muscular Atrophies**
(*S. Corti*)

10.15 – 10.45 **Coffee break**

10.45 – 11.30 **Lecture: New insights in the pathogenesis and treatment of Spinal Muscular Atrophies** (*E. Tizzano-Ferrari*)

Chairperson: E. Mercuri

12.00 – 13.00 **Oral communications**

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

14.30 – 15.30 **Poster viewing and presentation**

15.30 – 16.45 **Joint workshop AIM -SIRN-SIMFER. Rehabilitative Aspects in Muscular Dystrophies**

Chairpersons: Presidents AIM, SIRN e SIMFER

- **Cinical rehabilitative aspects in NeuroMuscular Disorders**
(*T.E. Mongini*)
- **Rehabilitative aspects in the early stages of Muscular Dystrophies**
(*V. Riccio*)
- **Prevention and management of spinal deformities in NeuroMuscular Diseases**
(*S. Cervellati*)
- **Ventilatory treatment strategies in Muscular Dystrophies: the Naples experience**
(*G. Fiorentino*)

16.45 – 17.15 **Coffee-break**

17.15 – 18.15 **Oral communications**

18.15 – 20.30 **AIM Members General Assembly - Election of the New Board of AIM
AIM Board Meeting**

Preliminary Program

FRIDAY 22nd MAY

08.30 – 09.45 Workshop: Laminopathies: Clinical and molecular update

Chairpersons: G. Lattanzi – G. Marrosu

- Early onset Laminopathies (*A. D'Amico*)
- Laminopathies with atypical phenotypes (*N. Carboni*)
- Role of cytokines in the pathogenesis of laminopathies (*P. Bernasconi*)

09.45 – 10.30 Lecture: New emerging phenotypes in LGMD (*M. Milone*)

Chairperson: V. Nigro

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.15 Workshop: Autosomal Dominant and Recessive LGMD New Phenotypes

Chairpersons: L. Morandi – P. Tonin

- LGMD1F (*C. Angelini*)
- STIM1-TAMs (*M. Mora*)
- Novel LGMD genes causing cardiomyopathy (*L. Politano*)

12.15 – 13.15 Oral communications

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 15.15 Poster viewing and presentation

15.15 – 16.15 Future Projects and Programs

- Italian Network of Laminopathies-French Network of Laminopathies
- LGMD-EuroNet
- Italian Study Group on Pompe Disease

16.15 – 16.45 Coffee-break

16.45 – 18.00 Workshop: Advances in the treatment of lysosomal disorders

Chairpersons: C. Angelini – M. Filosto

- Pharmacological chaperone therapy for lysosomal storage (*G. Parenti*)
- Effects of ERT on muscle tissue of patients with Pompe disease (*M. Moggio*)
- ERT in adult onset Glycogenosis (*A. Toscano*)

18.00 – 19.00 Oral communications

20.30 Social Dinner

Preliminary Program

SATURDAY 23rd MAY

08.30 – 09.30 Muscle Club

Chairpersons: A. Pini – C.P. Trevisan

09.30 – 10.45 Workshop: Advances in the treatment of Muscular Dystrophies

Chairpersons: E. Pegoraro – V. Nigro

- **Ataluren in DMD: Results and Perspectives**
(*E. Bertini*)
- **Antisense therapy for DMD: the lesson from exon skipping approach**
(*GP Comi*)
- **Gene therapy in Muscular Dystrophies**
(*A. Auricchio*)

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.30 Workshop. Neuromuscular Junction Diseases: an update.

Chairpersons: G. Vita – G. Tedeschi

- **Infantile myasthenic syndromes: Clinical and molecular characterization**
(*C. Rodolico*)
- **Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome (LEMS) management**
(*A. Evoli*)
- **European database for myasthenia gravis: a model for an International disease registry.**
(*R. Mantegazza*)

12.30 – 13.30 Oral communications

13.30 – 14.00 Administration of the ECM questionnaire

14.00 Congress Closure



General Information

Congress Registration

On-line registration and hotel bookings are available on the Congress web site: www.msm-aim2015.com

Congress Fees:

Early registration deadline: **16th March 2015**

15th AIM National Congress		
Registration Type	Early Fee (Full registration incl. VAT)	Late Fee (Full registration incl. VAT)
* AIM Members	€ 295	€ 345
AIM Non Members	€ 325	€ 375
Under 35	€ 180	€ 210

One day on site registration (lunch break not included): Euro 120,00 vat included.

** A AIM Membership valid for 2015 is required.*

The registration for delegates includes:

Admission to all scientific sessions (Thursday 21st May to Saturday 23rd May)

All coffee and lunch breaks

Congress Social Dinner (Friday 22nd May 2015)

Certificate of attendance, congress bag, name badge, programme handbook

In addition to the above, non members will receive a one year subscription to the journal ACTA MYOLOGICA for 2016

Accompanying Person registration includes:

Admission to exhibition & public areas

1 ticket to the Congress Social Dinner

Guided tour to the archeological excavations on Tuesday 19th May

Note: on request, it is possible to arrange a guided trip to the island of Capri on Wednesday 20th May (minimum 10 participants)

Please be informed that from 18th to 20th May 2015 will be held in the same Congress venue the XII Congress of Mediterranean Society of Myology. Special rates for registration to both Congresses are available.

XII Congress of Mediterranean Society of Myology + 15th AIM National Congress		
Registration Type	Early Fee (Full registration incl. VAT)	Late Fee (Full registration incl. VAT)
* MSM and AIM Members	€ 395	€ 445
MSM and AIM Non Members	€ 435	€ 485
Under 35	€ 230	€ 260

One day on site registration (lunch break not included): Euro 120,00 vat included.

** A MSM and AIM Membership valid for 2015 are required.*

Abstract submission

Dead-line: 15th March 2015.

Abstracts will be selected by the Scientific Committee for oral and poster presentations.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the journal Acta Myologica, the Official Journal of the Society, on condition that the presenting author is registered for the Congress upon journal printing. The journal issue will be given to all delegates attending the Congress.

Submission instructions

Abstracts must be submitted electronically no later than 15th March 2015 on the following web site: www.msm-aim2015.com

Only the presenting author can be the submitter of an abstract. An abstract submitted by someone else might be refused.

Abstracts cannot be submitted by fax, hard copy or e-mail.

Acknowledgement of receipt of the submission will be sent to the stated e-mail address.

The presenting author will receive all correspondence concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing co-authors of the status of the abstract.

Everyone may be presenter of two abstracts at most

Abstract instructions

Abstracts must be written in English. Maximum 250 words (excluding title and contact information on authors).

References and credits are not to be included in the abstract, nor subheadings or keywords.

Note that all sub headings in abstracts automatically will be cancelled by the programme committee.

It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract; if accepted, any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author.

Upon submission, please indicate one of the topics that best describes the content of the abstract.

Abstracts will also be welcome on advances across the neuromuscular field.

Withdrawal or correction of a submitted abstract can only be accepted until the abstract submission deadline. Abstracts submitted later than deadline will not be accepted (unless an extension of the deadline is officially announced by the congress secretariat).

Additional information are available on the Congress web site:

www.msm-aim2015.com



Continuing Medical Education

Attribution of credits for Italian CME have been requested.

Congress Venue:

Hotel Royal Continental 4****

Via Partenope, 38/44

80121 Napoli

www.royalgroup.it

The Royal Continental is located on Naples' waterfront. It's easy to lose yourself between the sea and the symbols of the city: opposite the hotel, you'll see the legendary Castel dell'Ovo and the Borgo Marinari, just a few minutes walk away is the Piazza del Plebiscito and a little further, the Maschio Angioino.

The hotel is located in the centre of the large pedestrianised island of the promenade, while still being well-connected to the rest of the city.

How to reach the Congress Venue:

By Plane:

Naples has an International Airport called Capodichino. The airport has good links to main European cities like London, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich and main Italian cities like Milan and Rome by direct flights. For additional information, please visit the airport official web site: www.gesac.it.

The airport is located at a 7 km from the city centre; to reach the Congress venue you may a taxi or the Alibus busline.

The trip by taxi costs around 25 euros and lasts around 20/40 minutes depending on the traffic (for additional information you may call +39 081 8888 or visit: www.consorziotaxinapoli.it).

If you take the Alibus busline you should get off at Piazza Municipio; continue on foot to via Acton and take bus 154; get off at the stop for Saint Lucia, and the hotel is just a few steps away.



By Train:

The main railway station of Naples is called Napoli Centrale - Piazza Garibaldi. Naples has good train connections through Fast Trains (Freccia Rossa or Freccia Argento with all main Italian cities). For further information and schedules visit the website: www.trenitalia.com

The station is linked to the city centre by underground, public buses or taxi.

From Napoli Centrale you may take Metro Line 1 (Garibaldi, just outside the station), going towards Dante, and get off at Toledo. From there, you can take a taxi or enjoy a pleasant walk along Via Toledo and through Piazza del Plebiscito.

Otherwise from the railway station you may take a taxi (it costs around 15 Euros and the trip lasts 20/25 minutes depending on the traffic).

By Car:

From the motorway (from Rome: Highway A1 (Autostrada del Sole), from Bari: Highway A14, from Reggio Calabria: Highway A3) drive towards Piazza Municipio/Porto, continue on Via Acton, cross the Tunnel della Vittoria and follow Via Morelli. After 100m turn left into Piazza Vittoria. Turn left to stay in the square and then turn left into via Arcoleo. Just before the entrance to the Tunnel della Vittoria, turn right into via Chiatamone. At number 54, turn right into via Dumas and at the end of the road turn left into the garage of the hotel.

About Naples

The Province of Naples is a magical place where colors, flavors, culture and history are intertwined in a charming mix of knowledge, joy and fun.

The area is loomed over by Mt. Vesuvius and overlooks a marvelous bay, whose beauty has served as driving inspiration for many an artist.

The allure of the landscape, the beautiful islands that dot the blue waters of the Mediterranean like jewels, the energy of a fiery and vivacious people open the doors to that joie de vivre that pervades every inch of this land, whose popular songs and delicious recipes never fade.

Naples is a real treasure trove of art and history, of indelible signs from past dominations, each of which has contributed to this city's construction. Its center, in particular, encompasses a heritage so rich that it has been designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2,500 years of history is evidenced in palaces, churches, monuments and art galleries, amidst which the Neapolitani carry on their daily lives with their trademark vivacity and creativity.

The multitude of places will excite every type of tourist: from the art and history enthusiast to the nature and sea lover, from the enogastronomy to the ancient traditions.

To be noted that for many years the city of Naples hosts the event "in May of Monuments", which attracts many tourists, limiting the hotel availability. Therefore, we invite you to reserve your accommodation in advance.



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