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International Conference

Pleural Mesothelioma

Como, Italy

Villa Olmo, Salone d'Onore

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Program

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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. To present the existing evidence on the pathogenesis of malignant pleural mesothelioma.
2. To survey the epidemiology of mesothelioma worldwide and to analyze the local epidemics which have occurred in the last 20 years in several areas of Italy.
3. To review and update the pathology, diagnosis and prognosis.
4. To present the current status of therapy and the newer experimental and pre-clinical forms of non-surgical therapy.
5. To critically evaluate the indications and results of surgical therapy of mesothelioma.

TARGET SPECIALTIES

Oncology
Internal Medicine
Pulmonology
Radiology
Surgery
Public Health

FORMAT and SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

The main topics related to malignant pleural mesothelioma will be addressed by invited lecturers and will be discussed among specialists.

Official language: English only. No simultaneous translation.

The Conference **book of proceedings**, including the extended abstracts of lectures will be available on site.

There will be a scientific and commercial exhibit during the Conference.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY NOV. 7, 2003

14.00 **Conference opening and Lecture: Pathogenesis of mesothelioma**
(A. Procopio - Ancona, Italy)

Session I - Epidemiology of pleural mesothelioma: The worldwide perspective

(Moderator and Discussant: G. Chiappino, Milano – P. Comba, Roma)

15.00-15.30 Worldwide trends (G.M. Strauss – Providence, USA)

15.30-16.00 In North America (O.S. Miettinen – Montreal, Canada)

16.00-16.30 In Cappadocia (S. Emri – Ankara, Turkey)

16.30-17.00 **Coffee break**

Session II – Epidemiology of pleural mesothelioma: The Italian perspective

(Moderator and Discussant: G. Chiappino, Milano - S. Emri, Ankara - P. Bertazzi, Milano)

17.00-17.20 Mortality from mesothelioma in Italy (P. Comba - Roma, Italy)

17.20-17.30 The Lombardy Registry of mesothelioma (A. Pesatori - Milano, Italy)

17.30-17.40 Mesothelioma in the province of Como in the years 1996-2000
(A. Imperatori, A. Paddeu and L. Dominioni - Como, Italy)

17.40-17.55 The epidemic of mesothelioma in Broni (F. Marchesani and P. Cremaschi - Lodi-Pavia, Italy)

17.55-18.15 Lessons learned from the epidemic of mesothelioma in Bari and in Taranto (M. Musti – Bari, Italy)

18.15 – 18.30 Discussion

Session III - Pathology, diagnosis and prognosis of mesothelioma

(Moderators: G.M. Strauss, Providence – W. Weder, Zurich)

18.30-18.45 Pathologic diagnosis (V. Ascoli – Roma, Italy)

18.45-19.00 The diagnostic role of thoracoscopy (L. Santambrogio – Milano, Italy)

19.00-19.15 Staging and prognosis (P. Granone – Roma, Italy)

19.15-19.30 Discussion on pathology, diagnosis and prognosis

SATURDAY NOV. 8, 2003

Session IV – Non-surgical therapy of mesothelioma (Moderators:
P. Granone, Roma – P. Russo, Genova – G. Roviario, Milano)

- 08.30-08.50** Chemotherapy for mesothelioma. The state of the art (H. Kindler – Chicago, USA)
- 08.50-09.10** Alimta-cellular pharmacology, mechanisms of action and resistance (D. Goldman – New York, USA)
- 09.10-09.30** Endopleural therapy (G. Tassi – Brescia, Italy)
- 09.30-09.45** Gene therapy for pleural mesothelioma (D. Sterman – Philadelphia, USA)
- 09.45-10.15** Discussion on non-surgical therapy
- 10.15-10.45** **Coffee break**

Session V – Surgical therapy of mesothelioma (Moderators:
P. Granone, Roma – C. Casadio, Novara – G. Roviario, Milano)

- 10.45-11.15** The Boston experience (D. Sugarbaker – Boston, USA)
- 11.15-11.35** The Chieti experience (R. Sacco, D. Di Nuzzo – Chieti, Italy)
- 11.35-12.00** The Zurich experience (W. Weder – Zurich, CH)
- 12.00-12.30** **Discussion and concluding remarks**

12.30 Lunch

NOTE FOR ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS

Credits for Educazione Continua in Medicina (ECM) have been requested.

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Registration fee entitles participants to attend both Conferences ("Pleural Mesothelioma" and "Lung Cancer Screening and Early Diagnosis") + Coffee breaks + Lunch + to receive the book of proceedings.

No discount for single-conference attendance.

Registration Fee (all taxes included): **before September 30th 2003: Euro 180,00**
after September 30th 2003: Euro 210,00

Please note that admittance is limited to the first 250 registered participants.

Hotel reservation in 4-star Hotel near the Conference site can be made at discount price by filling in **REGISTRATION FORM**.

Certificate of attendance to the Conferences will be issued on site, upon request.

Further information about participant registration forms and Hotel reservations: please contact *ASK Studio* at the above address.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Como is situated at the left lower tip of Lake Como, about 40 km north of Milan. It is served by Milano Malpensa Airport (about 45 km), from which you can reach Como by train, bus or taxi.

More detailed information about how to reach Como and your Hotel will be supplied to registered participants.

The weather in Northern Italy in early November is moderately cold (5-10°C). We suggest that you bring heavy clothes with you. Dress during the Conference will be informal.