

General information

Congress Venue
Sheraton Golf Parco de' Medici Hotel
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Participants
Estimated presence: 150 Gastroenterology Specialists

Registration
Participation to the meeting is limited and subject to confirmation by the Scientific Secretariat.
No CME credits provided

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*In Memoriam of Professor
Marcello Tonini*

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Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) are first-line drugs in the treatment of gastro-esophageal reflux disease, as they control symptoms and lesions in about 80% of cases. The introduction of “generic” versions – driven by the urgent need to contain healthcare costs – has not been accepted as favourably as expected by both patients and physicians. The Meeting will open with a **first session on the pros and cons of PPIs generics.**

In spite of the excellent results produced by PPIs in the treatment of GERD, a significant proportion of patients receiving a standard dose remain symptomatic, especially those with non-erosive reflux disease (NERD). The **second session** will focus on **the future perspectives of GERD treatment**, including compounds that inhibit acid production and the possibility to use new therapies with a more physiological action on motility and on the lower esophageal sphincter (LES).

The second day of the Meeting will start with a “**round table**” session focused on **the therapeutic options available for the wide range of GERD presentations**, both from the GP’s and the gastroenterologist’s perspectives, in order to identify the most appropriate approaches that can be suggested and discussed with the audience. The diagnostic algorithm is of crucial importance, especially in patients who do not respond or show a partial response to the initial therapy. In this respect, the most useful procedure is esophageal pH monitoring combined with impedance measurement, which allows to distinguish acid from non-acid reflux. Despite the excellent results obtained with the pharmacological treatment, surgery still plays a key role, especially in non-responder patients. Obviously, a more accurate knowledge of the causes of GERD will involve a diversified therapeutic approach both in terms of drug treatment and surgery. Notwithstanding long debates and arguments on **dyspepsia**, this condition remains a current (often controversial) subject of research, with particular regard to the functional aspects of this syndrome. Therefore, **a third update session will be held to identify the new findings on the etiopathogenesis and physiopathology of this complex clinical syndrome.**

Three “parallel workshops” will be also organised, each conducted by one Tutor with the help of two discussants; the workshops will deal with three topics of great interest, **i.e. Crohn’s disease, the treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding and the role of the microbiota in the pathogenesis of gastrointestinal diseases.** Each workshop will deal with one of the topics, and will gather inputs from all participants in the Meeting.



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Friday 10 September 2010

14.00 - 14.30 Welcome address
Professor Marcello Tonini: The Man and the Scientist
Marcello Costa - Carlo Riccardi - Carmelo Scarpignato - Sergio Vigneri

UPDATE SESSION – Part I

14.30 - 15.45 **Generics in Gastroenterology – Pros & Cons**
Chairmen: Giovanni Gasbarrini - Carmelo Scarpignato

14.30 Generic drugs: Pros & Cons *Corrado Blandizzi*
15.10 MAC project *Rosario Cuomo*
15.30 Discussion

UPDATE SESSION – Part II

15.45 - 17.15 **The future of GERD management:
Antisecretion vs LES motility control**
Chairmen: Tino Casetti - Sergio Vigneri

15.45 PPIs and beyond: is the future there?
Carmelo Scarpignato

16.05 P-CABs: any reasonable therapeutic niche?
Fabio Pace

16.25 Do we need new drugs? Suggestions from recent
pathophysiological advances
Roberto Penagini

16.45 Emerging drugs affecting LES motility
Mark Berner Hansen

17.05 Discussion

17.15 - 17.45 Coffee break



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CLINICAL PRACTICE SESSION *Parallel monothematic workshops*

17.45 - 19.15 Working group 1:
**Chronic inflammatory
bowel diseases**
Tutor: Gino Roberto Corazza
Discussants: Rachele Ciccocioppo - Antonio Di Sabatino

Working group 2:
Treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding
Tutor: Livio Cipolletta
Discussants: Maria Antonietta Bianco - Gianluca Rotondano

Working group 3:
**Probiotics and prebiotics: Gastroenterology
enters the metagenomics era**
Tutor: Antonio Gasbarrini
Discussants: Franco Scaldaferrri - Emidio Scarpellini

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ROUND TABLE SESSION

08.30 - 10.15 **How to best manage patients with GERD (ERD, NERD, Uninvestigated)?**

Chairmen: Santino Marchi - Fabio Pace

08.30 The GP's perspective *Enzo Ubaldi*

08.50 The Specialist's perspective *Michele Cicala*

09.10 The impact of new diagnostic techniques

Vincenzo Savarino

09.30 The role of surgery *Giovanni Zaninotto*

09.50 Discussion

UPDATE SESSION – Part III

10.15 - 11.15 **Wrap up from working groups**

Working group 1:

Chronic inflammatory bowel diseases

Tutor: Gino Roberto Corazza

Working group 2:

Treatment of gastrointestinal bleeding

Tutor: Livio Cipolletta

Working group 3:

Probiotics and prebiotics: Gastroenterology enters the metagenomics era

Tutor: Antonio Gasbarrini

11.15 - 11.30 **Coffee Break**



Saturday 11 September 2010

11.30 - 13.30 **Applying Rome III criteria for functional dyspepsia: an inextricable tangle?**

Chairmen: Sergio Morini - Vincenzo Savarino

11.30 **Ulcer- and non-ulcer dyspepsia: where are we?**

Eamonn M.M. Quigley

11.50 **Rome III criteria: definition of dyspepsia**

Giovanni Barbara

12.10 **Dyspepsia and H. pylori** *Angelo Zullo*

12.30 **Overlapping GI conditions: the complexity is growing** *Matteo Neri*

12.50 **Current therapy of dyspepsia and future directions**

Roberto De Giorgio

13.10 **Discussion**

13.30 - 14.00 **Take-home messages and closing remarks**

Sergio Vigneri

14.00 **Lunch**

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