EAACI & GA2LEN ALLERGY SCHOOL ON HYMENOPTERA VENOM ALLERGY

September 3rd- 6th 2009 , Ancona- ITALY
(Arrival Thursday afternoon, end Sunday at 11:00)

Venue
University Hospital, Ospedali Riuniti di Ancona – Ancona

Organisers: Interest Group (IG) on Hymenoptera Venom Hypersensitivity, EAACI
With the collaboration of the Allergy Diagnostics IG, EAACI
Delivered by AAITO (Italian Association of Allergists and Immunologists)

Local Organisers:
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

DAY I : Thursday, 3rd September 2009

Welcome introduction
IG on Venom Hypersensitivity/Local Organiser: M.B.Bilò
EAACI/GA2LEN: L. Delgado

18:30 LECTURE
Chairperson: F. Bonifazi
The history of Hymenoptera venom allergy – U. Muller

COCKTAIL DI BENVENUTO
DAY II: Friday, 4th September 2009

8:30 -13:00
Theoretical Session I: Entomology, Epidemiology, Natural History and Diagnostic Tools
Chairpersons: A. Mari, U. Muller
Epidemiology and natural history – M. B. Bilò
Risk factors – F. Ruëff
Diagnosis of insect venom allergy: skin test and serum-specific IgE - M. B. Bilò
Additional in vitro tests - F. Ruëff
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
Hymenoptera venoms: composition, standardization and stability – M. Ollert
Cross-reactivity in venom allergy: Clinical Relevance – W. Hemmer
Future strategies in diagnosis of insect venom allergy – A. Mari

13:00-14:30 LUNCH

14:30-16:00
Practical session I
Skin tests in allergic patients
Tutors: M. B. Bilò and F. Ruëff
In vitro tests
Tutors: G. J. Sturm and W. Hemmer
Presentation of some difficult cases in diagnosis
Tutors: U. Muller and P. Campi
16:00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16:30 LECTURE
Mechanisms of early and long VIT protection – C. Akdis

17:30 Visit to Ancona city

DAY III: Saturday, 5th September 2009

8:30 -13:00
Theoretical Session II: Treatment with Venom Immunotherapy
Chairpersons: F. Bonifazi, C. Akdis
Venom immunotherapy: indication and duration - H. Mosbech
How to reduce side effects during VIT? - M. B. Bilò
Monitoring the effects of VIT - F. Ruëff
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
Venom immunotherapy in difficult to treat patients – P. Bonadonna
Future strategies in treatment of insect venom allergy – U. Muller

13:00-14:30 LUNCH

14:30-16:00
Practical session II
Skin tests in allergic patients
Tutors: F. Ruëff
Updosing of venom immunotherapy: which schedule is the best?
Tutors: M. B. Bilò
Presentation of some difficult cases in VIT
Tutors: H. Mosbech and G. Sturm

16:00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00
Poster presentation session
Chairpersons: C. Troise, L. Antonicelli

18 :00 Beach party in Portonovo bay
Portonovo is a natural bay where the ever-green oaks smoothing the mountain touch the sea. The lovely bay is a jewel of the Mt. Conero Park that was especially founded to preserve and safeguard the natural beauties and rarities of this area. www.conero.it/webcam.php3

DAY IV: Sunday, 6th September 2009

9:00-11:00
Theoretical Session III: Emergency treatment in insect venom allergy
Chairpersons: A. Romano, L. Delgado
Insect stings and bites: non only hymenoptera – P. Schmid – Grendelmeier
Emergency treatment: prescription and self administration – H. Oude-Elberink
Present and future of venom allergy: conclusions – F. Bonifazi

11:00 End of the Course and coffee break