

10th

EUROPEAN **LUPUS** MEETING

Preliminary
Program



VENICE
2016
5-8 October
Palazzo del Casinò

Welcome



We are pleased to invite you to the 10th European Lupus Meeting in the beautiful view of Venice!

Knowledge on lupus is running fast in present times; outstanding clues on pathogenesis and treatment, developing research as well as trials on new biological drugs are helping us to better understand the many sides of this multifaceted disease. Actually, however, international recommendations and expert opinions are shaped by everyone's personal experience on patient care and follow-up, suggesting that the way to a unifying paradigm on disease management is still far. Indeed, due to lupus extreme heterogeneity and to its hiding attitude, great varieties of specialists are called forth in lupus care. Rheumatologists, nephrologists, neurologists, immunologists as well as internists need to cooperate in order to improve patient outcome.

However, are we fully aware of the evolving horizon concerning lupus development and management? And are we using our therapeutic devices as effectively as possible? Some of us are enthusiastic researchers, some others may be devoted to patient clinic, yet all of us are covering a piece of lupus knowledge. Nowadays, reciprocal interchange is required in order new insights on lupus are fully enlightened. Accordingly, a number of lectures and symposia are designed in which everyone of you will hopefully find the "missing piece" in lupus understanding, and abstract and poster sessions will provide you the chance to present your personal contribution, pointing to knowledge growth and sharing.

We really believe in the educational attitude of this international meeting, and encourage single researchers and research groups to present their original data on any aspect of lupus they are interested in. In this view, young physicians are warmly expected to join well-experienced specialists and to participate to debate sessions and question time, enjoying the knowledge partaking that we aim to.

Venice has been the centre of Europe since a long time. The Silk Road, salt and spices commerce were flowing through the city just like its endless waters do. We do hope that by this privileged point of view the feeling of the explorers leaving the known land for the open sea will captivate you all.

Looking forward to seeing you in Venice.

*Sincerely,
Prof. Andrea Doria, Prof. Angela Tincani*

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Program Overview



WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER, 2016

hrs	PERLA ROOM	CASINO' ROOM	PARTY ROOM
11.00	<i>Opening Registrations and Exhibition</i>		
12.45-13.00	CONGRESS PRE-COURSE Welcome and introduction		
13.00-15.30	The immunology of lupus	Rheumatoid arthritis: diagnosis and treatment	Psoriatic arthritis / spondiloarthropathies: new pathways, new treatments
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16.00-18.30	The immunology of lupus	Rheumatoid arthritis: diagnosis and treatment	Psoriatic arthritis / spondiloarthropathies: new pathways, new treatments
18.30-20.00	OPENING CEREMONY		
20.00-21.00	<i>Welcome Cocktail</i>		

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CONGRESS PRE-COURSE	CONGRESS SESSIONS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS
INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM	BREAKFAST MEETING

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THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2016

hrs	PERLA ROOM	CASINO' ROOM	PARTY ROOM
08.00-09.00		Controversial cases: discussion with the experts	Controversial cases: discussion with the experts
09.00-10.30	Belimumab and rituximab	Hormones and environments in SLE	Microparticles and biomarkers in lupus nephritis
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11.00-12.30	Targeting B cell in SLE	Redefining lupus	B cells and plasma cells in lupus nephritis
12.30-13.30	SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM		
13.30-14.30	<i>Lunch and Poster Tour</i>		
14.30-16.15	SLE and clinical trials: past and future	Traditional syntetic drugs in SLE	SLE genetics
16.15-16.45	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16.45-18.30	Targets in SLE treatment	Lupus nephritis: definition and outcomes	Cell death and lupus

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09.00-10.30	B and T cells in lupus	Damage and comorbidities	Targeting B cells and plasmacells in SLE
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11.00-12.30	SLE registries and cohorts (1)	Neuropsychiatric lupus and antithrombotic therapy	SLE activity, damage and prevention
12.30-13.00	Role of IFNalpha in SLE		
13.00-13.30	SATELLITE LECTURE		
13.30-14.30	<i>Lunch and Poster Tour</i>		
14.30-16.15	SLE registries and cohorts (2)	APS and SLE	Neonatal lupus
16.15-16.45	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16.45-18.30	Lupus pregnancy	Joint and skin in SLE	Outcome, costs and comorbidities in SLE

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SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER, 2016

hrs	PERLA ROOM	CASINO' ROOM	PARTY ROOM
09.00-10.30	Challenges in the management of APS	Old and new challenges in SLE treatment	Early lupus and overlap autoimmune diseases
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11.00-12.30	Biomarkers and risk stratification in lupus	Improving outcome in SLE	Lupus animal models and new pathogenetic clues
12.30	CLOSING CEREMONY		

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Congress Pre-Course



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Perla Room

12.45-13.00

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

A. Doria (Padova, IT), A. Tincani (Brescia, IT), P. Sarzi-Puttini (Milano, IT)

Perla Room

13.00-18.30

THE IMMUNOLOGY OF LUPUS

Autoimmunity and tolerance: two sides of the same coin

S. Sozzani (Brescia, IT), D. Bosisio (Brescia, IT)

15.30-16.00

Coffee Break

Immunopathogenesis of lupus

S. Sozzani (Brescia, IT), D. Bosisio (Brescia, IT)

General Discussion

Casinò Room

13.00-18.30

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS: DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

Biomarkers and subgrouping of patients: is it relevant?

G. Ferraccioli (Roma, IT)

Role of metotrexato and other non-biologic DMARDs

P. Ostuni (Padova, IT)

Treatment of early and established RA

L. Sinigaglia (Milano, IT)

General Discussion

15.30-16.00

Coffee Break

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De-escalation and spacing: what is behind remission and low disease activity

R. Caporali (Pavia, IT)

Biosimilars: different or just the same?

P. Sarzi-Puttini (Milano, IT)

Transition clinic: from juvenile idiopathic arthritis to adult idiopathic arthritis

F. Julian (Padova, IT)

General Discussion

Party Room

13.00-18.30

**PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS / SPONDILOARTHROPATHIES:
NEW PATHWAYS, NEW TREATMENTS**

Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis: an autoimmune or autoinflammatory disease?

C.F. Selmi (Milano, IT)

Use of the guidelines for a proper diagnosis

E. Lubrano di Scorpaniello (Campobasso, IT)

Undifferentiated spondiloarthropathies: still a therapeutic dilemma

I. Olivieri (Potenza, IT)

General Discussion

Coffee Break

Treatment of the psoriatic diseases: what is relevant?

A. Marchesoni (Milano, IT)

Anti-TNF agents in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis

C. Salvarani (Reggio Emilia, IT)

Comorbidities in psoriatic arthritis and spondiloarthropathies

F. Atzeni (Milano, IT)

General Discussion



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Scientific Program



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OPENING CEREMONY

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2016

Perla Room

09.00-10.30

BELIMUMAB AND RITUXIMAB

When to use belimumab in clinical practice setting

A. Doria (Padova, IT)

Combining rituximab and belimumab in SLE and Sjögren syndrome

X. Mariette (Paris, FR)

Oral Communications

Casinò Room

09.00-10.30

HORMONES AND ENVIRONMENTS IN SLE

Effects from the neuroendocrine immune network in SLE

M. Cutolo (Genova, IT)

The environmental basis of autoimmunity

E. Gershwin (Davis, US)

Oral Communications

Party Room

09.00-10.30

MICROPARTICLES AND BIOMARKERS IN LUPUS NEPHRITIS

Microparticles - a culprit in the pathogenesis of SLE?

S. Jacobsen (Copenhagen, DK)

The role of CSF-1 and BAFF in lupus nephritis

A. Schwarting (Mainz, DE)

Oral Communications

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10.30-11.00

Coffee Break

Perla Room

11.00-12.30

TARGETING B CELL IN SLE

Lesson learned from using rituximab to treat lupus over 15 years

D. Isenberg (London, UK)

Targeting B cells in lupus nephritis

D. Jayne (Cambridge, UK)

Oral Communications

Casinò Room

11.00-12.30

REDEFINING LUPUS

New SLE criteria - aims, concepts, methods

M. Aringer (Dresden, DE)

When lupus starts. When lupus is detected.

A.J. Calvo (Torrelavega, ES)

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B CELLS AND PLASMA CELLS IN LUPUS NEPHRITIS

A regulatory feedback between plasmacytoid dendritic cells and regulatory B cells exists in health but is defective in SLE

C. Mauri (London, UK)

Plasma cells in nephritic kidneys - key players in lupus pathogenesis

R. Voll (Freiburg, DE)

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Satellite Symposium

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13.30-14.30

Lunch and Poster Tour

Perla Room

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SLE AND CLINICAL TRIALS: PAST AND FUTURE

Lesson learned from lupus clinical trials

R. Furie (New York, US)

Evidence that development of new biologics for lupus can succeed

J.T. Merrill (Oklahoma City, US)

Why will lupus nephritis trials not fail anymore?

F. Houssiau (Leuven, BE)

Oral Communications

Casinò Room

14.30-16.15

TRADITIONAL SYNTETIC DRUGS IN SLE

Tacrolimus as adjunctive therapy in lupus nephritis: a review of the evidence

D. D'Cruz (London, UK)

Mycophenolic area under the curve is associated with high risk of SLE nephritis relapse

Z. Amoura (Paris, FR)

Impact of hydroxychloroquine in pregnancy outcome of patients with SLE and APS

M. Cuadrado (London, UK)

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SLE GENETICS

SLE genetics in different populations - comparisons and implications
T. Vyse (London, UK)

Towards a -OMIC reclassification of systemic autoimmune disease
M. Alarcon-Riquelme (Malaga, ES)

Transcriptomic analysis for human SLE: lessons learned and future directions

D. Boumpas (Athens, GR)

Oral Communications

16.15-16.45

Coffee Break

Perla Room

16.45-18.30

TARGETS IN SLE TREATMENT

Treating to target, treating to remission in SLE: strategies for the future
R. Van Vollenhoven (Amsterdam, NL)

Low disease activity in SLE - towards validation and application of a new endpoint

E. Morand (Clayton, AU)

PRO in SLE, pros and cons

M. Schneider (Düsseldorf, DE)

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LUPUS NEPHRITIS: DEFINITION AND OUTCOMES

What is the added value of renal biopsy and rebiopsy to clinical data in lupus nephritis?

G. Moroni (Milano, IT)

Outcomes in lupus nephritis: the evolving concept of ESRD

M. Tektonidou (Athens, GR)

Interstitial nephritis: a different outcome?

G. Ferraccioli (Roma, IT)

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CELL DEATH AND LUPUS

Mechanisms of cell death in the pathogenesis of SLE

G. Valesini (Roma, IT)

Apoptosis induced modifications of nucleosomal auto-antigens are targeted in SLE

J.H.M. Berden (Nijmegen, NL)

Glycosylation of autoantibodies foster chronic inflammation in SLE

M. Hermann (Erlangen, DE)

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B AND T CELLS IN LUPUS

B lineage cell disturbances in SLE driving autoimmunity

T. Dörner (Berlin, DE)

Molecular might of regulatory T cells

G. Tsokos (Boston, US)

Oral Communications

Casinò Room

09.00-10.30

DAMAGE AND COMORBIDITIES

Update on damage accrual in SLE

I. Bruce (Manchester, UK)

Evolving concept of SLE comorbidities: heart & bone

M. Urowitz (Toronto, CA)

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TARGETING B CELLS AND PLASMA CELLS IN SLE

The challenge of plasma cell targeting in lupus

F. Hiepe (Berlin, DE)

Long-term observation in lupus nephritis patients treated with an intensified

B-lymphocyte depletion without immunosuppressive maintenance treatment

D. Roccatello (Torino, IT)

Oral Communications

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Coffee Break

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SLE REGISTRIES AND COHORTS (1)

Update on the Hopkins lupus cohort: from serologies to treatment to outcomes

M. Petri (Baltimore, US)

RELESSER (Registry of SLE patients of the Spanish Society of Rheumatology): objectives, current achievements... and a look at the future

J.M. Pego Reigosa (Vigo, ES)

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NEUROPSYCHIATRIC LUPUS AND ANTITHROMBOTIC THERAPY

Neuropsychiatric Lupus: attribution and diagnosis. Limitations and opportunities.

M. Govoni (Ferrara, IT)

Controversies: shall we recommend acetylsalicylic acid for the primary prevention of thrombosis in patients with aPL?

L. Arnaud (Strasbourg, FR)

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SLE ACTIVITY, DAMAGE AND PREVENTION

Disease activity and damage in SLE: report from a large monocentric cohort
F. Conti (Roma, IT)

The effect of long-term use of HCQ in patients with primary APS

L. Andreoli (Brescia, IT)

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ROLE OF IFN α IN SLE

R. Furie (New York, US)

13.00-13.30

SATELLITE LECTURE

13.30-14.30

Lunch and Poster Tour

Perla Room

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SLE REGISTRIES AND COHORTS (2)

The swiss SLE cohort study: cardio-vascular risk and clinico-serological correlates

C. Chizzolini (Geneva, CH)

5-year outcome of Chinese patients with SLE: data from CSTAR

X. Zeng (Beijing, CN)

Ethnicity & socioeconomic status. Their impact on SLE outcome.

B. Pons-Estel (Rosario-Santa Fe, AR)

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APS AND SLE

SLE and APS: differences and similarities

P.L. Meroni (Milano, IT)

Novel aspects of non criteria of APS

N. Agmon-Levin (Tel-Hashomer, IL)

Antiphospholipid related damage in SLE

A. Tincani (Brescia, IT)

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NEONATAL LUPUS

Neonatal lupus: the French registry

N. Costedoat-Chalumeau (Paris, FR)

The pathogenesis of heart block and mechanism of action of hydroxychloroquine

R. Clancy (New York, US)

Management of anti-Ro/SSA positive pregnant women:

pros and cons of an intensive screening

A.L. Brucato (Bergamo, IT)

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Coffee Break

LUPUS PREGNANCY

Lupus and pregnancy: predictors of adverse pregnancy outcomes

J.P. Buyon (New York, US)

Current strategies for family planning in SLE patients

R. Fischer-Betz (Düsseldorf, DE)

Management of pregnant lupus patients with medications

M. Ostensen (Trondheim, NO)

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JOINT AND SKIN IN SLE

Treatment of cutaneous lupus: from the bench to the bedside

A. Kuhn (Mainz, DE)

Joint involvement in SLE

M. Mosca (Pisa, IT)

Drug induced lupus

A. Parodi (Genova, IT)

Oral Communications

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OUTCOME, COSTS AND COMORBIDITIES IN SLE

Very long-term outcome in SLE

C. Tani (Pisa, IT)

Epidemiology, clinical and financial burden of SLE in Greece

G. Bertsias (Crete, GR)

SLE and central sensitization syndromes: a cross-sectional study

P. Sarzi-Puttini (Milano, IT)

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CHALLENGES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF APS

Clinical and laboratory diagnosis of APS including the hot topic
(the so - called Seronegative APS)

M. Khamashta (London, UK)

Catastrophic antiphospholipid syndrome: 25 years in the front page

R. Cervera (Barcelona, ES)

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OLD AND NEW CHALLENGES IN SLE TREATMENT

Targeting the type I interferon system in SLE

L. Rönnblom (Uppsala, SE)

Reducing the dose of glucocorticoids for severe lupus

G. Ruiz-Irastorza (Barakaldo, ES)

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EARLY LUPUS AND OVERLAP AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

Early lupus project: clinical and autoantibody profile of patients with recent onset SLE at diagnosis and during follow-up

G.D. Sebastiani (Roma, IT)

Relationship between SLE, other CTDs and celiac disease

R. Gerli (Perugia, IT)

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Coffee Break

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BIOMARKERS AND RISK STRATIFICATION IN LUPUS

Lupus biomarkers: prognosis, diagnosis and disease monitoring

S. Manzi (Pittsburgh, US)

Novel approaches to define patients with lupus nephritis at high risk of poor outcomes

L. Lightstone (London, UK)

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IMPROVING OUTCOME IN SLE

Mortality in SLE: how can we improve the survival of our patients?

C. Vasconcelos (Porto, PT)

Improving the outcome of pulmonary arterial hypertension in patients with SLE

M. Li (Beijing, CN)

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LUPUS ANIMAL MODELS AND NEW PATHOGENETIC CLUES

Lupus in domestic animals

L. Gershwin (Davis, US)

Semaphorin3A improves outcome of SLE in NZB mice

E. Toubi (Haifa, IL)

ROS-dependent fibrinogen function alteration in SLE patients

L. Emmi (Firenze, IT)

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CLOSING CEREMONY

Scientific Information



IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline.....	29 April 2016
Abstract notification.....	16 June 2016
Early registration deadline.....	27 July 2016
Late registration deadline.....	29 August 2016
Onsite registration.....	From 30 August and onsite

CONGRESS PRE-COURSE

The Congress Pre-Course will take place on October 5 from 13.00 to 18.30 and will be divided in three different sessions.

In each room the speakers will discuss a different topic (immunology of lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis/spondiloarthropathies).

The course is included in the registration fee but has a limited number of participants. For this reason we suggest to register online so that you can choose also the session you prefer to attend.

BREAKFAST MEETINGS

During these sessions the experts will discuss a clinical case. The breakfast meetings will take place on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 October between 8.00-9.00

- Each session has a limited number of participants, therefore early registration is encouraged. You can register for these breakfast sessions along with the main congress by completing the online registration form.
- If you have already registered for the main congress and would like to add a breakfast session to your registration, please contact the congress secretariat at lupus2016.reg@aimgroup.eu who would be happy to assist.
- During the session a breakfast will be served in the room.

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ORAL COMMUNICATION AND POSTER

Abstracts should be submitted no later than April 29, 2016 by the online abstract submission. Abstracts received by e-mail, by fax or after the deadline will not be considered.

The Scientific Committee will select the abstracts in order to allocate them in the sessions as oral presentation or as poster. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the corresponding author by June 16, 2016.

The presenting author of the accepted abstract must register and attend the Congress.

GRANTS



The **Italian Society of Rheumatology (SIR)** will provide **15 grants** to participants selected for oral or poster presentations which have reached a high score and found to be particularly meritorious by the Referees. Only the presenter of a selected abstract will be eligible for the grant and he/she should be a SIR member, younger than 40 years old and in good standing with the membership fees. The grant of € 1000 gross will be recognized directly by SIR to the authors of selected abstracts. The winners are bound to join the conference and pay the registration package. The winners will be contacted by the Organizing Secretariat at the end of June in order to give them all the instructions

CME CREDITS

UEMS – European Union of Medical Specialists

An application has been made to the EACCME® for CME accreditation of this event.

ITALIAN CME – Continuing Medical Education

The Congress Pre-Course will be accredited by the Italian Commission for Continuing Education for the following disciplinary area: Medical Surgeon for nr. 500 participants. Participants exceeding or with different professions will not be entitled to credits.

Credits will be recognized only upon full attendance of the scientific sessions and a minimum score of 75% of correct answers of the learning test.

General Information



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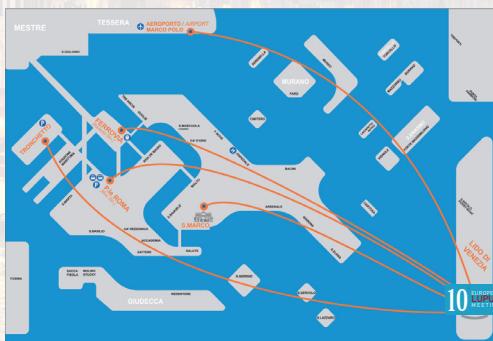
CONGRESS VENUE

Palazzo del Casinò

Lungomare Marconi 30 - Venice, Italy

How to reach the venue

From the Airport Marco Polo take Alilaguna boat direct to the Lido – <http://www.alilaguna.it/en> (50 minutes) or the Express bus to Piazzale Roma and then take ACTV line (see below).



From Piazzale Roma (car park)

ACTV line 1 to the Lido (58 min.)

ACTV lines 5.1, 6 to Lido (35 min.)

ACTV line 5.2 to Lido (48 min.)

From Tronchetto (car park)

ACTV line 2 to San Zaccaria (28 min.) then either Line 1 or Line 5.1 to Lido (17 min.)

or Ferry (35 min.)

From the Railway Station

ACTV Line 1 (55 min.)

ACTV line 5.1 (40 min.) or line 5.2 (45 min.)

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SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION DESK

The on-site registration desks will be open during the following days:

- Wednesday 5 October 2016 11.00 - 20.00
- Thursday 6 October 2016 08.00 - 19.00
- Friday 7 October 2016 08.00 - 19.00
- Saturday 8 October 2016 08.00 - 13.00

ADMISSION

Participants are kindly requested to wear their badge during all congress activities. The badge will admit to the scientific sessions, exhibition area, coffee breaks and lunches.

OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME COCKTAIL

The Opening Ceremony of the Congress will be held on October 5 at 18.30 in the Perla Room. At the end of the Opening Ceremony a Welcome Cocktail will be served.

LANGUAGE

The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Attendance certificates will be delivered to all regularly registered participants during the meeting.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All foreigners intending to enter Italy must provide the documentation required to justify the reasons and duration of their stay as well as, in some prescribed cases, the availability of adequate economic means and lodging.

In some cases you need a visa, application for which can be made at the Italian Diplomatic and Consular Representations in your country of residence.

Don't you have an EU passport or EU valid documentation?

Do you need a Visa?

Should you have any doubts visit NOW the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
http://www.esteri.it/visti/index_eng.asp

- find out whether, depending on your citizenship, country of long-term residence, and the duration and reasons for your stay, you need a Visa to enter Italy.
- find out which documents are required in order to apply for your visa.

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ATTENTION:

- VISA application may even require 120 days! Check it NOW!
- VISA application fee is from € 35,00 to € 116,00 per person to be paid at application, in local currency, to the Consulate or Embassy directly.
- presentation of the documentation requested does not necessarily ensure issuance of the VISA

AIM Group International will be glad to assist you if you need any written invitation or other document to support your VISA Application. Feel free to contact us at visa@aimgroup.eu

GUARANTEE LETTER for CHINESE citizen

If you are a citizen of China (RPC - 中華人民共和國 - 中华人民共和国) in accordance to the agreements between the Authorities of both countries, you are demanded to obtain a guarantee letter issued by AIM Group International as Local Organizer of the Conference. Please contact us at visa@aimgroup.eu for more instructions.

OFFICIAL CARRIER

The airlines of SKYTEAM are the Official Alliance Network for LUPUS 2016. For further information visit the website www.lupus2016.org



TRANSPORT TICKETS

All participants who will register with one of the three packages will receive a *City Card Transportation* in their congress kit, valid as free ticket for complete public transport system in the city of Venice for the time of October 5 to 8, 2016. It will be distributed directly onsite at the registration desk. Please note that the card cannot be used to get to the airport.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition of pharmaceutical and technical products will take place in the Congress Venue throughout the Meeting. Additional opportunities for sponsorship are available. To receive the Sponsor Prospectus please contact the Organizing Secretariat.

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REGISTRATIONS AND PACKAGES

REGISTRATION FEES (All fees are 22% VAT included)

	Payment within 27 July 2016	Payment within 29 August 2016	Payment from 30 August 2016 and onsite
Delegate	€ 550,00	€ 600,00	€ 650,00
Students/Trainee*	€ 250,00	€ 310,00	€ 370,00
Healthcare Professional	€ 250,00	€ 310,00	€ 370,00
Developing Countries**	€ 300,00	€ 350,00	€ 400,00
Patients***	€ 30,00	€ 30,00	€ 30,00
Congress Pre-Course****	€ 120,00	€ 120,00	€ 120,00

* In order to benefit from the special fee, a submission of your status confirmation (approval letter signed by the Head of Department or copy of your status ID) must be sent to the organizing secretariat by e-mail or by fax.

** Developing countries registration fee refers to Low income and Lower-middle-income economies, as defined according to the World Bank Country Classification.

*** If member of the executive committee of the Lupus Europe Association, member of Lupus Italy association or presenting author of an oral communication/poster presentation the registration fee is free.

**** This fee is valid only for those who will not attend the congress

The delegate fee includes:

- Admission to the scientific sessions
- Welcome Cocktail on 5 October
- Congress bag with complete meeting materials
- Certificate of attendance
- Access to the exhibition and poster area
- Coffee breaks and lunches, as indicated in the program

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CONGRESS PACKAGES (All fees are 22% VAT included)

	Within 27 July 2016	Within 29 August 2016	From 30 August 2016 and onsite
Package A	€ 900,00	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.100,00
Package B	€ 800,00	€ 900,00	€ 1.000,00
Deluxe Package (limited availability)	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.700,00

Package A includes:

- Admission to the scientific sessions
- Welcome Cocktail on 5 October
- Congress bag with complete meeting materials
- Certificate of attendance
- Access to the exhibition and poster area
- Coffee breaks and lunches, as indicated in the program
- Hotel accommodation 4 stars for 3 nights in Venice Lido - roulette formula
- City card transportation (It will be distributed at the congress centre and cannot be used for the airport)

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Package B includes:

- Admission to the scientific sessions
- Welcome Cocktail on 5 October
- Congress bag with complete meeting materials
- Certificate of attendance
- Access to the exhibition and poster area
- Coffee breaks and lunches, as indicated in the program
- Hotel accommodation 3 stars for 3 nights in Venice Lido - roulette formula
- City card transportation (It will be distributed at the congress centre and cannot be used for the airport)

Deluxe Package includes:

- Admission to the scientific sessions
- Welcome Cocktail on 5 October
- Congress bag with complete meeting materials
- Certificate of attendance
- Access to the exhibition and poster area
- Coffee breaks and lunches, as indicated in the program
- Hotel accommodation 4 stars for 3 nights in Venice Laguna (City Centre) - roulette formula
- City card transportation (It will be distributed at the congress centre and cannot be used for the airport)

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PAYMENTS

By Credit Card

All major credit cards are accepted (American Express, VISA, Eurocard/Master Card).

Bank Transfer

Please transfer the payment to: AIM Italy srl

Bank details: Intesa San Paolo - Filiale di Viale Conizugna 62 - Milano

IBAN: IT57D0306909457100000005623

swift/BIC: BCITITMM

The payment transfer form should clearly state the name(s) of the delegate(s) and should clearly state LUPUS2016

On the website www.lupus2016.org is available an “on line” registration form with payment by credit card in security certificate mode “Verisign” and “SSB”.

An invoice will be issued as written confirmation of your registration by the Organizing Secretariat.

NAME CHANGES

After August 30, 2016 sponsors who wish to make name changes will be charged of an handling fee of € 50,00 (VAT 22% included) per name change. A new registration form for each replacement participant will be required before the name change can be processed. Individuals could make name changes only in exceptional cases.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to AIM Group International. Cancellations will be accepted until May 31, 2016 with a refund of all prepaid fees except for a 30% administration charge. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after this date.



Visit the Congress website
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and watch the video with the double interview performed by
the Chairs Prof. Andrea Doria and Prof. Angela Tincani.



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