

SIC REGIONAL CHAPTERS



TO INFORM, INNOVATE, EVOLVE



Three are the aims that the Italian Society of Cardiology wanted to achieve in recent years, introducing the best technological innovations:

Renewal of the website with the latest design and programming techniques;

Introduction of the APP of SIC and National Congress;

Adoption of cutting-edge training tools in asynchronous and synchronous mode, such as webinar, webmeeting and collaborative web seminars.

These solutions are the key points to reach our members and meet the continued demand for training and information that today's times require.



SIC WORKING GROUPS

The SIC Board elected for the 2017-2018 biennium considered strategic to give a new impetus to the activities of Working Groups (WGs). In this regard, the President took over the role of Coordinator of the WG Commission, which included proff. Francesco Barillà, Silvia Maffei, Roberto Pedrinelli and Francesco Pelliccia.

A meeting was immediately organized with all Chairmen for the exchange of opinions, drafting of proposals and development of strategies relating to the activities of the the two-year 2017-2018. On this occasion, all the initiatives that will involve the WGs have been announced: a review of the website, with a bulletin board available for news and specific initiatives; videoconferencing meetings, through a reservation platform; the creation of an APP of SIC, for real-time information; the creation of scientific products; the biannual submission of a report of the activities.

And, again, a collaboration between the two WG and Didactic Commissions for networking seminars, as well as residential scientific events. It was also announced that all Chairmen will be asked to send the proposal for a Symposium, or other scientific event, to the National Congress of SIC in December 2017.

AFFILIATION OF NURSES AND TECHNICIANS

The affiliation to SIC is open to healthcare professionals with an interest in cardiology, in whatever field they operate. In particular, nurses and technicians of cardiocirculatory physiology may apply for SIC membership to the regional Coordinator, who, in turn, forwards it to the Board for approval.

The SIC supports nurses and health care professionals to provide the best possible care to patients with cardiovascular diseases through an educational and tutoring program, which has its synthesis in the annual Congress.

Nurses and technicians manage the Nursing and Technical Assistance in the Cardiology Working Group, and carry out scientific and educational activities, either autonomously, or in functional clustering with other SIC Working Groups.

They participate in the realization of the Congress program and the activity of the regional SIC Sections distributed throughout the country.

COLLABORATION SIC - EUROPEAN HEART FOR CHILDREN

European Heart for Children (EHC) is a scientific-humanitarian organization based in Nice at the European Society of Cardiology, which works to cure and save children with congenital heart disease in the most depressed areas in Europe, and not only.

The SIC and EHC have recently signed an agreement of mutual cooperation in respect of those countries where the treatment of congenital heart disease is deficient or absent.

The contribution of the SIC is to promote scientific fundraising initiatives, to participate in missions and to provide scholarships dedicated to humanitarian interventions.

SIC 2017

ITALIAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY



PRESIDENT ADDRESS



Dear colleagues and friends,
It is for me a real pleasure to lead the vast delegation of the Italian Society of Cardiology (SIC), the oldest Cardiologistical Society in Italy, meeting with the European Society of Cardiology, at one of the most prestigious congresses in the world.
The SIC members are mainly cardiologists involved in teaching and training at University Hospitals (professors, associate professors), researchers, cardiologists, nurses and people working in various fields of cardiovascular disease research.

We have some priorities:

- Continuous updating of the teaching curriculum of the Schools of Specialization in Cardiology, spreading scientific innovation, with direct impact on clinical practice, to maximize the quality of cardiologists of tomorrow;
- Production of effective scientific and cultural initiatives, entrusted to the SIC Working Groups;
- Adaptation and dissemination at national level of ESC guidelines;
- Participation in ESC initiatives and programs;
- Use for the aforementioned purposes of the SIC network, distributed throughout Italy;
- Organizing the attractive annual congress, to be held in Rome from 15 to 18 December 2017 at Rome Cavalieri Hotel.

Starting from this year, the SIC Board decided to support in our Country the valuable activities of the European Heart for Children. The SIC, custodian of the oldest cardiologistical tradition in Italy, is available to harmonize its cultural activities and practices with all other Scientific Associations, in order to improve and make more individualized the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

Prof. Giuseppe Mercurio

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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF ITALIAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY



78th NATIONAL CONGRESS

The Annual Congress of the Italian Society of Cardiology will take place in Rome on December 15-18, 2017 in the traditional venue of Rome Cavalieri Hotel.

The Congress is a unique opportunity for scientific exchange and education for cardiologists, cardiology trainees and cardiology nurses and will cover the main areas of cardiovascular disease. Traditionally the Annual Congress is devoted to the new generations of cardiologists and is a great opportunity for them to share their research activities in dedicated sessions (poster and oral presentations).

MAIN TOPICS

- **ARRHYTHMIAS**
- **ATHEROTHROMBOSIS**
- **BASIC SCIENCE**
- **ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASES**
- **CONGENITAL HEART DISEASES AND DISEASES OF THE PULMONARY CIRCULATION**
- **CARDIAC IMAGING**
- **MYOCARDIAL DISEASES**
- **VALVE DISEASES AND INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY (VALV/COR)**
- **HYPERTENSION AND VASCULAR DISEASES**
- **CARDIOVASCULAR PREVENTION**
- **HEART FAILURE**

THE YOUNG CARDIOLOGISTS:

A meeting in the meeting

SESSIONS for nurses, technicians and medical students

If you interesting you can find further information on the Society web site www.sicardiologia.it

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SIC PRESIDENT ELECT



It is my privilege to be President Elect of the Italian Society of Cardiology, the nation's oldest no-profit cardiology organization founded in 1956 to fight heart disease and stroke. Since its foundation, the Italian Society of Cardiology has been dedicated to promote innovative research, to drive the improvement of public health policies, and provide critical tools and information to save and improve lives. I strongly believe in the power of connecting people in order to improve their own knowledge. As President Elect, I will engage our community of Cardiologists to bring about innovation in research, teaching and healthcare, within the frames of the strong tradition of our association. I'm convinced that we should put any effort in mentoring and training young cardiologists, to warrant an always better next generation of cardiologists for our tomorrow.

Prof. Ciro Indolfi

FINSIC srl A BRANCH OF SIC



FINSIC represents the financial branch of the Italian Society of Cardiology (SIC), with the goal to convey and take care of the financial activities of SIC. Central to its activity is the wise administration of SIC patrimony and the identification of strategic financial policies to ensure the economic welfare of SIC. Thus, FINSIC, according to its mission and statute, works on the side and following indications of SIC to realize and sustain the projects of SIC. To this purpose and in accordance to its commercial role, FINSIC operates for activities of fund raising from public and private institutions to ensure the continuity and expansion of the educational activities of SIC. Central among these activities remains the organization of the annual SIC national meeting that continues to represent the most attended scientific meeting of general cardiology in Italy. In addition, FINSIC financially supports several and increasing educational activities, including in house and external educational courses and web based learning activities. Apart from financial support to educational activities, FINSIC is entitled to financially govern all other activities (personnel, logistic, maintenance) that support the everyday work of SIC.

Prof. Pasquale Perrone Filardi

We are the Heart - ITALIAN FOUNDATION HEART AND CIRCULATION, Onlus



Fondazione Italiana Cuore e Circolazione - Onlus

All these initiatives will be carried out in cooperation with the Ministries of Health and Education.

The Italian Heart and Circulation Foundation is a no-profit organization. Within the domain of the Italian Society of Cardiology aimed to increase awareness and prevention of cardiovascular diseases and to support research and education in this field.

The objectives of the Foundation are to:

- Fund research projects for young researchers;
- Sponsor fellowships of young cardiologists for training in Italy or in Europe;
- Implement education on primary cardiovascular prevention, by promoting life-style changes, dietary guidelines to prevent atherosclerosis and its complications as well as support to stop smoking.

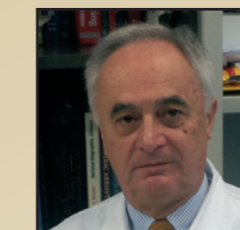
Furthermore in cooperation with a public leading partnership (Istituto Superiore di Sanità) the Foundation will also:

Implement secondary prevention focused on the appropriate drugs intake by cardiovascular disease patients;

Develop a project for home monitoring of patients with heart failure.

A critical challenge for contemporary cardiology remains the fight against sudden cardiac death. The Foundation will meet this challenge by increasing the number of BLS-D operators also in secondary Schools, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education. Last but not least the Foundation will take part in the organization in Italy of the World Heart Day promoted yearly by the World Heart Federation and focused on cardiovascular prevention. The Foundation will pursue these goals by organizing multicenter national or international studies and by promoting national registries on cardiovascular diseases.

Prof. Luigi Padeletti



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ITALIAN FEDERATION OF CARDIOLOGY



The Italian Federation of Cardiology (IFC) represents the Italian cardiology community in Europe and worldwide. It was founded in the year 2000, and it groups together the two main national cardiology societies, namely the Italian Society of Cardiology (SIC) and the Italian Association of Hospital Cardiologists (ANMCO). The IFC Board of Directors includes three members from each cardiology society. The President is appointed for three years and is alternately a representative of one of the two constituent societies.

The primary aims of the IFC are:

- 1) to represent the Italian cardiology community within the European Society of Cardiology and to interact with the international cardiology community;
- 2) to plan, develop and implement a common, unified policy for the promotion of:
 - optimal patient care and cardiovascular disease prevention;
 - professional continuing education programs;
 - standards and diagnostic/therapeutic guidelines;
 - relationships with local healthcare authorities and the healthcare national system.

Prof. Francesco Fedele