SIC PATIENT CARE, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

[Blending tradition with innovation]

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ITALIAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY
President address to European Cardiologists

"Dear colleagues and friends, it is with great pleasure that I have accepted the opportunity to address the International Cardiological Community as President of the Italian Society of Cardiology (SIC) through this brochure which SIC traditionally issues during the Congress of the European Society of Cardiology.

SIC, which was founded in 1956, represents the soul of the academic Cardiology in Italy. It is supported by more than 3200 associates spread around the country, not necessarily all working in academic Institutions but certainly linked to the University realm because of personal and/or professional connections. In recent years SIC has been asked to be part of the Italian Federation of Cardiology (FIC) where the human resources from the academic community cooperate with those from the national hospital counterpart (ANMCO) in order to build an interface for the international partners, particularly the European ones. Since then the process of cooperation has continued, with accelerations and slow downs but in the full conviction that Italian Cardiology as a whole represents an area of acknowledged excellence all over the world. In fact, the Italian Cardiological Community has consistently contributed to the success of the previous European Congresses of Cardiology.

At the moment the Italian Society of Cardiology is in the process of finalizing the program of its traditional annual Congress, the 71st this year, which will be held in Rome from December 11th to 13th with the contribution of national and international lecturers, discussing topics such as ischemic heart disease, cardiovascular imaging, genetics, molecular biology, congenital diseases, rhythm disorders, congestive heart failure, diabetes and prevention.

It will be a Congress of excellence as a result of the virtuous synergy among the many experts that have been contributing to the program. Only a strenuous, coordinated and sincere effort can in fact further push our national cardiological community to even greater success and fortune in the cardiological world.

As President of SIC my wish is that such coordinated efforts will continue in order to make SIC stronger and more contributive to the challenges faced by the cardiological community in the near future to guarantee prosperity and success.

Paolo Marino
President"
THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY AND THE ITALIAN FEDERATION OF CARDIOLOGY

The Italian Society of Cardiology adheres to the Italian Federation of Cardiology (FIC), whose role is: 1) to coordinate initiatives and projects in the cardiovascular field, 2) to present uniform position to regulatory authorities, and 3) to represent Italy in the international context. We firmly believe that FIC will more and more become an instrument to coordinate all Italian Cardiological groups.

FIN SIC srl
A branch of SIC

FIN SIC was founded years ago and recently updated (see article 14 of SIC statute). FIN SIC is the operative, financial branch aimed at supporting SIC in any institutional activity.

Once decisions have been taken by the SIC board, FIN SIC, its financial branch will help organize the planned activities, and will operate to promote communications and spread information about the events. The FIN SIC role is therefore to implement congresses, meetings, seminars, and educational courses for continuing medical updating, and any other initiative useful to promote progress in knowledge in Cardiological fields. In addition, FIN SIC edits journals, books and audiovisual supports, promotes public relationships enhancement, and provides administrative and secretarial services.

Francesco Romeo
President of FIN SIC

ANNUAL CONGRESS
of the Italian Society of Cardiology
Rome Cavalieri
Rome, December 11/13 - 2010

The Italian Society of Cardiology organizes its annual Congress in Rome in the traditional venue of the Rome Cavalieri. The Congress is the culmination of the scientific and educational activity of the Society and is a reference point for the Italian Cardiology.

Our ambition and goal is that all the participants will be able to learn new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches that can be reflected in a better quality of clinical care. We have received a lot of proposals for scientific events, as evidence of the vivacity of our scientific society. We expect the most significant and qualifying contributions from the Regional Sections, and from the Study Groups, as they represent, particularly the latter, the most advanced points of the Society in the wide field of cardiovascular research.

We must accelerate the process of cultural sharing through more and more articulated scientific initiatives among the different cardiological professional realities. With this hope, joint sessions about scientific and organizing problems will be proposed in the perspective of a dialogue with other cardiological national and international societies to develop research and any oriented toward Cardiological growth.

Further information can be found on web site: www.sicardiologia.it

Scholar In Cardiology

Since 2002, a fellowship named “Scholar in Cardiology” has been awarded to members of the Society, younger than 50, who have made outstanding contributions in clinical and/or basic cardiovascular research. Only scientific merits, value and originality of publications are considered. The aim is to select excellent people, still in the ascending curve of their scientific and academic career, highlighting the Italian Cardiology in the international scenario. PhD Diploma is considered of particular value and an overall impact factor of 150 is the threshold. Nominations (no more than five per year) are announced during a special ceremony at the Annual Congress of the Society. A Committee of the Board of the Society is appointed to evaluate the applications.

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A historical note

The Italian Society of Cardiology was officially born on March 20, 1956, when Luigi Condorelli as president and Vittorio Puddu as secretary signed the official act in front of a public notary. An Italian Cardiological Group, however, had been active since 1935, thanks to a small group of pioneers which started regular meetings and publications focused on Heart Diseases.
EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING MISSION

Also during this year teaching events will be held in the institutional location of the Italian Society of Cardiology in Rome. Topics will be: ECG, Ecocardiography, Arrhythmology fellowship for Medical Doctors specializing in cardiology, emergency-urgency in cardiology, phlebology in cardiology, atrial fibrillation in the child and stem cells. The Italian Society of Cardiology is to become provider for Continuous Medical Education for the National Ministry of Health.

Further information will be presented on the web site www.sicardiologia.it (page list of institutional initiatives)

REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

SIC organizes the annual local meetings through the Regional Sections, in cooperation with other Societies and Study Groups. In these meetings, several topics on Cardiovascular Disease are discussed.

On the home page of this web site is where the SIC MULTIMEDIA on-demand events that took place last year are shown. This aims at providing more information to their members

REGIONAL CHAPTERS

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WORKING GROUPS

The Italian Society of Cardiology has generated 30 working groups. The mission of a working group is to promote and organize research in specific areas, to favour information exchange and to contribute to the organization of the annual SIC Congress and other meetings and symposia. Each working group has a chairman, a nucleus and members selected for their competence in the field. The SIC website www.sicardiologia.it provides information on each group.

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SIC MONOGRAPH

SIC has published a yearly monograph for eleven years. The monograph is distributed free of charge during the Annual Congress and this year will be entitled “Tradition and innovation: History through the Presidents of the Italian Society of Cardiology”. With this work we wish to go over the history of the Italian Society of Cardiology, through Presidents from the foundation of the society to the present day. This work is also well integrated in the leit-motifs of the Italian Society of Cardiology and it aims at merging innovation and tradition.

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Direct line with associates

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The aim of the paper is to start an interactive dialogue between SIC and the rest of the world, including not only the scientific world, but a larger context. It is time to acknowledge new intercenters among national and international communities, such as the Italian patients, the Government, the Medical Institutions, the Media so as to spread our ideas and get valuable feedback. This is the aim of Professor Francesco Fedele, who serves as Acting Director, with a mark more modern and innovative.