



## WEB-SITE

[www.sicardiologia.it](http://www.sicardiologia.it)

The main goal of the Italian Society of Cardiology (SIC) is to promote basic and clinical research and good clinical practice in cardiology throughout the community of Italian cardiologists and working groups.

SIC renewed official WEB-SITE ([www.sicardiologia.it](http://www.sicardiologia.it)) represents a short-cut to the intellectual resources merging in SIC and provides a rapid link to several areas of interests to scientists and practicing cardiologists. The renewed web-site is now more user friendly and more devoted to young cardiologists, reporting grants and fellowships for training in cardiology in Italy and abroad, as well as work opportunities. The number of accesses to the web-site is rapidly and constantly increasing. In the last years SIC has been sending to all members a periodic newsletter reporting the activities of the Society and its working groups. SIC is also developing a database of videos already available on the portal within the section called sic multimedia. This includes the videos of events, namely presentations at cardiology meetings, recorded during the last year and it is freely available to all members of SIC.

For a Scientific Society such as SIC, playing, as it does, a leading role in the fight against heart and vascular diseases, the web-site is the obvious link between health care professionals and patients.



## SIC TRIBUNE

Newsletter of Italian Society of Cardiology

The aim of the paper is to begin an interactive dialogue of the SIC, including a larger context than the scientific world alone. It is time to acknowledge new interlocutors among national and international communities, such as Italian patients, the Government, the Medical Institutions and the Media so as to spread our ideas and get valuable feedback. This is the aim of Professor Francesco Fedele, who has the role of Managing Director, with its more modern and innovative sign.

## SCHOLAR IN CARDIOLOGY

A fellowship named "Scholar in Cardiology" has been implemented to award members of the Society, younger than 50 years old, who have made outstanding contributions in clinical and/or basic cardiovascular research. Only scientific merits, as well value and originality of publications are considered. The aim is to select as excellent people, still in the ascending curve of their scientific and academic career, who are highlighting the Italian Cardiology in the international scenario. PhD Diploma is considered of particular value and an overall impact threshold. Nominations (normally no more than five per factor of 200 is the year) are announced during the Inaugural Ceremony at the Annual Congress of the Society. A Committee is appointed to evaluate the applications. Since 2002, more than 40 Italian young cardiologists have been awarded.

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## SCIENTIFIC CENTER AND RESEARCH

In order to fully carry out its scientific mission, since February 2010 the Italian Society of Cardiology has endowed its structure with a Research Center.

At the present time, the Research Center, co-ordinated by Prof. S. Nodari, is organized to follow clinical research project at any level: Phase I Study, Phase II-IV Study, Observational Study, Pharmacoeconomics and HTA Study, and Project with the Italian Drug Agency (AIFA).

Research Center works with the highest standard for clinical research. The aim is to carry out mainly clinical research using 44 academic cardiological structures linked in a network.

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## EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING MISSION

The educational and teaching activities of the Italian Society of Cardiology consist of educational, residential and e-learning courses in the institutional location of the Society in Rome.

Topics for 2014 have been: ECG, Echocardiography, Pulmonary hypertension, Atrial fibrillation, Emergency-urgency in cardiology, Secondary cardiovascular prevention, Supraventricular arrhythmias. The Italian Society of Cardiology has become provider standard for Continuous Medical Education for the National Ministry of Health.

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## REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

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

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## WORKING GROUPS

The Italian Society of Cardiology has generated another 2 new Groups (Cardiogeriatrics, Cardiotoxicity & cardioprotection) in addition to 9 Groups (Arrhythmology, Cardiovascular clinical pharmacology, Cardiovascular emergencies and urgencies, Gender cardiovascular diseases, Hypertension, prevention and rehabilitation, Interventional cardiology, Left and right heart failure, Technical assistance and nursing care in cardiology, Telecardiology and informatics) and 5 Clusters (Anatomy, physiology and pathology of the cardiovascular system, Atherothrombosis, Imaging, Structural alterations of the heart, Vascular medicine) these latter from the union of two or more working groups with affinity in scientific interests. The mission of a working group or a cluster is to promote and organize research in specific areas with the assistance of SIC study center, to favor information exchange and to contribute to the organization of the annual SIC Congress and other meetings and symposia. Each working group and cluster has a chairman, a nucleus and members selected for their competence in the field. The SIC website [www.sicardiologia.it](http://www.sicardiologia.it) and the SIC newsletter provides information on each group or cluster.

## REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Each of the thirteen Regional Sections is governed by a Board, elected by members of the Region, which remains in office for two years. With the aim to have a constructive relationship with the Regional Chapters, the President of each Regional Board is invited to participate to a dedicated annual conference focused on the local projects and related expectations.

The Regional Sections have the crucial role of promoting and organizing the scientific and educational training locally, to disseminate the scientific philosophy of the Society within the young cardiologists.

## ITALIAN FOUNDATION HEART AND CIRCULATION Onlus

"We are the heart" is a non-profit organization, promoted by the Italian Society of Cardiology. The main Foundation goal is to increase awareness and prevention of cardiovascular disease and to support research and education.

The Foundation fund-raising has the purpose of:

- Fund research projects for young researchers;
- Sponsor fellowships of young cardiologists for periods of training in Italy or in Europe;
- Implement the educational mission on primary cardiovascular prevention, promoting life-style changes, Mediterranean diet as well as smoking cessation;
- Implement secondary prevention focused on the correct intake of drugs by patients with cardiovascular disease; this target will be more easily achieved also by implementing guidelines diffusion;
- Support the fight against sudden cardiac death by increasing the number of BLS-D executors also in secondary Schools, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education;
- Take part in the organization of the World Heart Day promoted yearly by the World Heart Federation and focused on cardiovascular prevention;
- Organize multicenter national or international studies;
- Promote national registries on cardiovascular disease.

Foundation activities from 2010 to 2014 have been:

- In 2010 started the crusade "Fight against sudden cardiac death in young people", that is still on-going. The project was born from the cooperation with the Education, University and Research Ministry. The Cardiologists of our Foundation have performed more than 15000 ECG in the Italian schools, involving students of 16-18 years of age. A total of 130 schools took part in this project in different Italian region (Lombardia, Piemonte, Veneto, Toscana, Abruzzo, Lazio, Puglia, Campania, Calabria e Sicilia). The ECG were performed directly in the schools and transmitted to a remote interpretation centre through a Telecardiology support. In a pilot project, also the echocardiogram was performed in 207 students of middle schools, thanks to Roma Capitale partnership;
- In the same project "Fight against sudden cardiac death in young people", the Foundation organized BLS-D courses in the school for professors and students. More than 1000 BLS-D operators have been trained by the cardiologists of the Foundation. Professors were encouraged to spread BLS culture in the school, creating a "cascade";
- Other BLS-D courses were performed for the Foundation members (for free), for coaches, assistant coaches, physiotherapists and managers of Legadue Basketball and for the fellows of Rotary Club;
- Three editions of a musical show, called "Heart Rhythms", have been organized to improve the fund-raising and support the projects in education, in research and in prevention of cardiovascular diseases. Heart Rhythms has taken place every year in December, during National Congress of the Italian Society of Cardiology;



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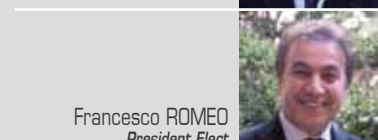
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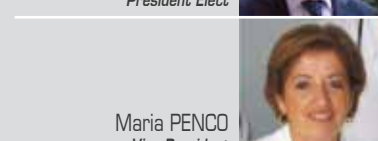
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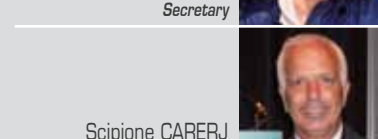
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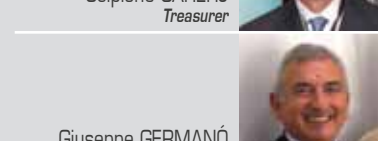
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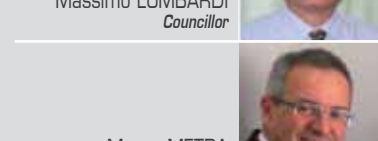
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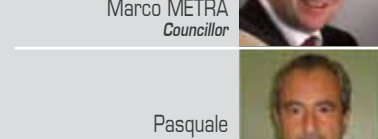
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## PRESIDENT ADDRESS



Dear Colleagues and Friends participating to the European Society of Cardiology 2014 Congress,

it is my pleasure to give some information on activities and challenges of the Italian Society of Cardiology (SIC) for the year 2014.

SIC is the oldest Society of Cardiology in Italy. The membership is at the present formed mainly by Cardiologists involved in clinical activities, Cardiologists working in Teaching Hospitals (Full Professors, Associated Professors, etc), Cardiologists operating in Interventional Cardiology, Research Fellows, Residents in Cardiology, Fellows, Nurses and by people working in the different research fields of Cardiovascular Diseases.

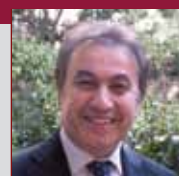
We have some priorities:

1. To improve our effort in the field of cultural activities like the diffusion of the latest results of clinical and experimental trials which have direct impact in changing the clinical practice;
2. To adapt teaching curricula of the "Scuole di Specializzazione in Cardiologia" (Cardiology Specialization Schools) in order to prepare in the best possible way Cardiologists of tomorrow;
3. To adapt and diffuse at the national level the Guidelines of the European Society of Cardiology;
4. To organize Scientific events at the regional level and to prepare an attractive Program for the National Congress which will be held in Rome on 13 - 15 December 2014 at the Rome Cavalieri Hotel;
5. To armonize activities of other Scientific Associations interested in selected fields of Cardiology in order to improve treatment in patients with cardiovascular diseases;
6. To face the reduced economic availabilities for scientific Congresses and research activities;
7. To actively participate to the different programs of ESC.

We are sure that, during the next National Congress, we will have an interesting program along with international Symposia in co-operation with ESC, ACC and AHA. We will be delighted to meet and to host all European Cardiologists who want to be updated with the latest scientific news, also enjoying the beautiful city of Rome just few weeks before Christmas.

*Francesco Romeo*  
President

## PRESIDENT ELECT



Italian Society of Cardiology must reaffirm the value of the identity of the academic Italian Cardiology and its role in the training and education of future cardiologists. Such a mission should be achieved in cooperation with Association of Hospital Cardiologist which will be the future colleagues of the young fellows in the final phase of their training course that is professional activity.

The Italian Society of Cardiology has to recover the role of research which is mandatory in order to achieve such high clinical and teaching standard that could make Italian Society of Cardiology competitive with the major Scientific Society in Europe and worldwide.

We should get all these ambitions targets always keeping a synergic but ethical partnership with Pharmaceutics and Industry who both can contribute to this changing process of the academic Italian cardiology who must play an important role in this moment so crucial for our activities.

Prof. Francesco ROMEO  
President Elect

## THE 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.



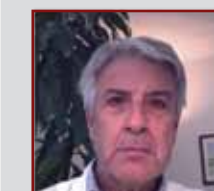
Leonardo BOLOGNESE  
*President of Italian Federation of Cardiology*

## FINSIC SRL - A BRANCH OF SIC

FINSIC was founded years ago and has recently been updated in its organization. FINSIC is operating the financial sector, aimed at supporting SIC in any institutional activity, according to Italian law.



Once the decisions have been taken by the SIC Board, FINSIC helps to organize the planned activities and works to promote communication and event information. The role of FINSIC is, therefore, to organize congresses, meetings, seminars and training courses for continuing medical update, as well as any useful initiative to promote the advancement of knowledge in Cardiology. In addition, FINSIC edits journals, books and audio-visual supports, promotes public relations, and provides administrative and secretarial services.



Giuseppe MERCURIO  
*President of FINSIC*

## ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY

The annual national meeting of the Italian Society of Cardiology will take place in Rome from december 13 through december 15, 2014 in the traditional venue of Rome Cavalieri hotel.

The annual meeting of the Italian academic Society of Cardiology represents the most qualified occasion for scientific exchange and education for Italian cardiologists, as it will cover all fields of basic, translational and clinical research in cardiology.

The scientific program will gather the contribution of our working groups and regional sections and will host several joint proposal from abroad as well as national scientific Cardiological Societies including the European Society of Cardiology, the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology, that will contribute with outstanding speakers.

Traditionally, the annual meeting of the Italian Society of Cardiology is devoted to new generations. In fact, it represents the most prestigious national opportunity for young in-training scientists to present and share their research activities in several poster and oral presentation sessions that will give ample room for scientific and cultural brainstorming.

Thus, along the tradition, we expect this year an exciting and brilliant meeting in the fascinating venue of Rome and welcome all participants.

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