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Sheraton Catania Hotel
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Via Antonello da Messina, 45
Aci Castello - Catania, Italy

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The Meeting's official languages are English and Italian
(simultaneous translation will be provided).



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

welcome to the 7th edition of the **Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting (MCM)**.

Over 1200 participants took part in the last edition, a strong international attendance which confirmed the highest interest aroused by this biannual meeting.

An outstanding Faculty, selected between the leading experts in these fields, will provide the highest quality teaching with new interactive programs and events.

Through multidisciplinary Courses, Symposia, Debates on Controversial Topics, Clinical Tutorials, Luncheon Panels, Focus on, Meet-the-Expert Sessions, Interactive Cases-Review from Faculty and Delegate, Interactive iPad and Televoter Sessions, Intercultural Exchanges, Abstract and Poster Sessions the meeting will highlight the current state of the art and the prospective developments for the treatment of: Atrial Fibrillation, Sudden Cardiac Death, Heart Failure, Acute Coronary Syndromes, Global Cardiovascular Prevention, Arterial Hypertension, Pharmacological Therapy, Syncope, Congenital Heart Disease, Cardiac Monitoring Technologies and Genetics.

The main target of the meeting is to give the latest update on **Clinical & Interventional Cardiology** and it is addressed to cardiologists, internists, first aid clinicians, physicians of general medicine, fellows, allied professionals and technicians with high interest in the whole management of cardiac pathologies.

Catania, as one of the most famous historical and cultural locations in the whole Mediterranean area, is the ideal setting for this meeting. It is a particularly lively and fascinating town, rich in marvellous examples of typically Sicilian baroque style, as well as one of the main economic and educational centres in the island, and a key hub of the technological industry.

This beautiful city, full of colours, perfumes and flavours, is suspended between the deep blue of the Ionian Sea and the majestic shape of Etna volcano, which dominates the town from afar.

Looking forward to meeting you at Congress, I wish a pleasant stay for all of you in Catania.

Sincerely,

Michele M. Gulizia, MD, FESC

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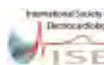
GICR - Gruppo Italiano di
Cardiologia Riabilitativa e
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GIEC - Gruppo Intervento
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GISE - Società Italiana di
Cardiologia Invasiva



ISE - International Society of
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EXHIBITION

The technical and pharmaceutical exhibition area will be located at the Congress Venue, close to the conference rooms. The exhibition opening hours will follow the timetable of the scientific sessions.

SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION DESK OPENING HOURS

For Groups April 17, 2015 2.30 pm - 6.30 pm
For appointment please contact the Organizing Secretariat

For Individuals

April 18, 2015 8.00 am - 7.00 pm
April 19, 2015 8.00 am - 7.00 pm
April 20, 2015 8.00 am - 4.00 pm



INFORMATION DESK

An information desk will be available at the Congress Venue for restaurant reservations, travel services, hotel accommodation and general information.

FUTURE MEETING DESK

All programs of future events can be distributed in the appropriate desk located at Ground floor. Any other distribution that was not approved by the Organizing Secretariat is forbidden.

TELEPHONES AND MOBILES

Several telephones are available at the Congress Venue. Please contact the Hotel Reception. **IT IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO KEEP CELLPHONES SWITCHED ON DURING SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS.**

ELECTRICITY

In Italy, the electric current is 220 Volts.

TIPPING

Service is generally included in the bill, tips are welcome if you wish to show your appreciation for a good meal or a special service.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops. If you wish to use your credit card to pay for a taxi, please inform the driver before starting the journey.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Catania is as safe as any other European tourist resort and delegates are advised to take the usual sensible precautions. All the hotels can offer security facilities for valuable goods.

INSURANCE

Responsibility for personal accidents and for losses or damages to the private belongings of participants and exhibitors cannot be accepted. Participants and exhibitors are advised to make their own insurance arrangements, if considered useful.



OPENING CEREMONY

Saturday, April 18 2015

The Opening Ceremony will take place at 5.00 pm in Pegaso Room at the Sheraton Hotel, after the Plenary Lecture that will start at 4.30 pm. The events are open to all registered participants.

INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGES

Presenters will have 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. All speakers are requested to keep to their allotted time. Please ensure that you are in the session room at least 10 minutes before the start of the session and that you stay until the end of the session.

PROJECTION

PC data projection will be available in all the rooms. All projections **must be worded in English only.**

LUNCHEON PANELS

The admission to the luncheon panels (limited to seat availability) is free for all the registered participants.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

We applied for CME accreditation (Italian Physicians only) for the following disciplinary areas: cardiology, internal medicine, emergency and first aid medicine, sport medicine, cardiac surgery, surgery, practitioners, geriatrics, urology, nephrology. 4,6 CME credits with a participation of 23 hours.

For Italian physicians only. Please see the Italian version of the program.



TECHNICAL COURSE:

TRAINING COURSE IN CARDIOLOGY AND INTENSIVE CARE FOR ALLIED PROFESSIONALS:

For Italian allied professionals only. Please see the Italian version of the program.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT COURSE AND DEFIBRILLATION

Please see the Italian version of the program.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Attendance certificates will be distributed to all the registered delegates at the end of the Meeting.

PROGRAM CHANGES

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE SATURDAY APRIL 18



Sat, April 18	PEGASO Room
7.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 10.30	Minicourse Aortic valve pathology today
10.30 - 11.00	Exhibition Visit & Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.00	Focus on Discovering the second generation of S-ICD
12.00 - 13.00	Controversies on Dronedarone: Guide Lines and Therapeutic Plan, a glaring dichotomy between Clinical Evidences and Regulatory restrictions Hyperphosphatemia: a real "double-face matter"?
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel Heart & Sport: diagnostic evaluation related to age and sport type
14.30 - 15.00	Exhibition Visit
15.00 - 16.30	ESC-EHRA Joint Symposium Atrial Fibrillation Challenges
16.30 - 17.00	Plenary Lecture Inflammation in atherosclerosis: do we need to treat it?
17.00 - 18.30	Opening Ceremony

ETNA Room	CALIPSO Room	TIMO ALTO Room
Registration	Registration - Allied Professional	
Interactive Minicourse Risk Stratification in Primary Prevention	Allied Professional Program Organizational aspects and management in arrhythmology	
Exhibition Visit & Coffee Break		
Interactive Symposium The management of the patient with Stable CAD: the benefits of the new therapeutic approach	Allied Professional Program Nursing management of cardiovascular drugs NAO in nonvalvular atrial fibrillation	Casual Morning Meeting Navigating the evidence: are all NOACs the same?
Interactive Luncheon Panel Different therapeutical approach in patients with NSTEMI PCI and in those with pharmacological therapy		Casual Afternoon Meeting The revolution of biological drugs in cardiology: new perspectives for high risk patients
Interactive Symposium Rivaroxaban: practical experience examples and sharing clinical cases	Allied Professional Program Nursing in hemodynamic Prevention of infection in cardiology and cardiac surgery	Casual Afternoon Meeting Home Monitoring in clinical practice: the role of physician and nurse



Sun, April 19	PEGASO Room
9.00 - 10.30	Minicourse How to interpret and personalize biomarkers in heart failure management
10.30 - 11.00	Exhibition Visit & Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.30	Symposium Getting the most out of the latest available technologies in order to optimize daily clinical practice
12.30 - 13.00	Lecture Therapeutic Target of Uricemia and impact on Health Care Costs
13.00 - 14.30	Luncheon Panel Patients with high CV risk and hypercholesterolemia: old unresolved problems, new solutions
14.30 - 15.00	Exhibition Visit
15.00 - 15.30	Lecture Thyroid hormone treatment in heart failure: when and how?
15.30 - 17.00	Meet the Expert The Heart in Neoplastic patients
17.00 - 18.30	Symposium Therapeutical appropriateness for technological innovation

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Interactive Symposium Management of dyslipidemia in high cardiovascular risk patients: two clinical cases	Allied Professional Program Update in electrophysiology and cardiac pacing	Casual Morning Meeting Longevity, Mini-ICD, S-ICD: the right device for every patient. What is the best choice?
	Allied Professional Program Joint Session: Education as a tool to enhance the health care allied professionals	
Interactive Symposium Unmet needs and current practice of stroke prevention in non valvular atrial fibrillation	Allied Professional Program Nurse and heart failure	Casual Morning Meeting Rivaroxaban in daily clinical practice: the experts opinion
Interactive Luncheon Panel Ivabradine in the management of cardiovascular patients: the Italian clinical experience		
Exhibition Visit		
Interactive Symposium Novel trials and new horizons with dabigatran: protecting patients at high risk of stroke	Allied Professional Program Nursing care in non-invasive ventilation	Casual Afternoon Meeting Dyslipidemic patients: from acute setting to long term management of cardiovascular risk
Interactive Minicourse Pediatric cardiology : real practical needs for the clinical cardiologist and the general practitioner	Allied Professional Program Lecture A defibrillator to bring down mortality: state of the art (S-ICD)	Casual Afternoon Meeting Management of High Risk Cardiovascular Patients



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9.00 - 10.30	Minicourse The management of antiplatelet and anticoagulant therapy in surgery
10.30 - 11.00	Exhibition Visit & Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.30	Symposium Which oral antiplatelet agents in ACS-PCI patients? Unmet Needs and Possible Solutions
12.30 - 13.30	Focus on Imaging: not only echocardiography
13.30 - 15.00	Luncheon Panel Integrated management of heart failure patient: role of the general practitioner and the out-of-hospital cardiologist
15.00 - 17.30	

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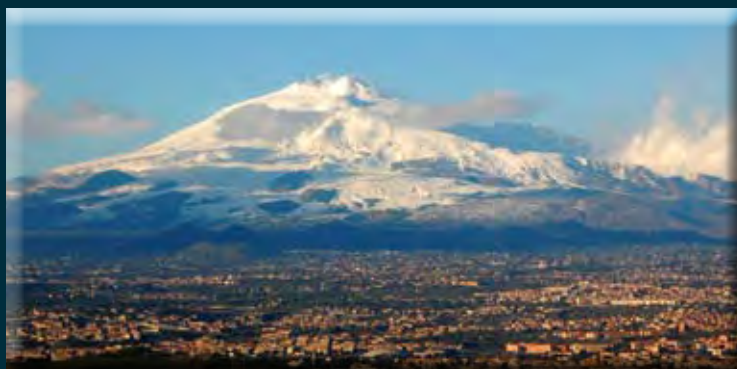


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Casual Morning Meeting New perspectives in the prevention of thromboembolic risk in Atrial Fibrillation		
Exhibition Visit & Coffee Break		
Interactive Meet the expert 15 interactive questions/answers on: “Atrial Fibrillation, Heart Failure, Ventricular Arrhythmias and Cardiac Devices: what do we need to know?” 2 nd part	BLS-D Course physician	Casual Morning Meeting Innovation in Arrhythmology
Lecture Changing the face of anticoagulation: 2 years of Dabigatran in Italy		
Intercultural Exchanges		
	BLS-D Course physician	



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7.30 - 9.00 **Registration**

Secretariat Desk

9.00 - 10.30 **Minicourse**



Pegaso Room

AORTIC VALVE PATHOLOGY TODAY

Chairmen: **M. Gentile** (Pedara), **E. Vinci** (Siracusa)

Valvular repair

D. Pacini (Bologna)

Traditional surgery: which prothesis?

B. Aloisi (Pedara)

TAVI

C. Tamburino (Catania)

The sutureless

M. Glauber (Milano)

Are expenses sustainable?

G. De Luca (Palermo)

Saturday, April 18

9.00 - 10.30 **Interactive Minicourse**



Etna Room

RISK STRATIFICATION IN PRIMARY PREVENTION

Chairmen: **M. Chiatto** (Cosenza), **G. Rasetti** (Pescara)

Role of exercise test and provocative tests

M. Gabriele (Mazara del Vallo)

The role of cardiovascular imaging

G. Casolo (Lido di Camaiore)

24 hours holter recording: not only arrhythmias?

A. Amico (Cupertino)

Evaluation of old complex cardiac patient

G. Palazzo (Catania)

Is it useful to revascularize patients older than 80?

G. Pulignano (Rome)



Saturday, April 18

11.00 - 12.00 *Focus on*



Pegaso Room

DISCOVERING THE SECOND GENERATION OF S-ICD

Chairmen: **U. Giordano** (Palermo), **E. Occhetta** (Novara)

Speakers: **A. Curcio** (Catanzaro), **S. Viani** (Pisa)

Saturday, April 18

11.00 - 13.00 *Interactive Symposium*



Etna Room

**THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PATIENT WITH STABLE CAD:
THE BENEFITS OF THE NEW THERAPEUTIC APPROACH**

Chairmen: **G. Gregorio** (Salerno), **A.V. Mattioli** (Modena)

- Therapeutic approach in Stable CAD:
which news from ANMCO/GICR-IACPR/GISE Consensus
F. Fattirolli (Florence)

Clinical Cases

- Diabetic patient with Stable CAD and with no possible revascularization
F. Fattirolli (Florence)
- Elder patient with previous infarction and Stable CAD with comorbidity
G. Cice (Naples)
- Patient with microvascular angina
G. Zuin (Mestre)



Saturday, April 18

11.30 - 13.00 *Casual Morning Meeting*



Timo Alto Room

NAVIGATING THE EVIDENCE: ARE ALL NOACS THE SAME?

Chairmen: **G. Inama** (Crema), **F. Romeo** (Rome)

Stroke prevention in NVAf patients: challenges in clinical practice
F. Ammirati (Ostia)

Rationale for NOAC dosing strategies: the apixaban case
P. Perrone Filardi (Naples)

Saturday, April 18

12.00 - 13.00 *Controversies on*



Pegaso Room

DRONEDARONE: GUIDE LINES AND THERAPEUTIC PLAN, A GLARING DICHOTOMY BETWEEN CLINICAL EVIDENCES AND REGULATORY RESTRICTIONS

Chairmen: **M.M. Gulizia** (Catania), **A. Raviele** (Mestre)

Pro: **A. Capucci** (Ancona)
Cons: **M. Tritto** (Castellanza)

HYPERPHOSPHATEMIA: A REAL “DOUBLE-FACE MATTER”?

Chairmen: **S. Pirelli** (Cremona), **G. Pulignano** (Rome)

- No, It's a pure Kidney disease!
L. De Nicola (Naples)
- Yes, It's a Kidney-Cardio disease!
M. Iacoviello (Bari)



Saturday, April 18

13.00 - 14.30 *Luncheon Panel*



Pegaso Room

HEART & SPORT: DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION RELATED TO AGE AND SPORT TYPE

Chairmen: **A. Amico** (Copertino), **S. Mangiameli** (Catania)

EKG in agonist athlete
S. La Rosa (Milazzo)

How to manage ventricular extrasistolia in sportive subject with healthy heart
C. Puntrello (Marsala)

Sport can induce arrhythmias?
G. Inama (Crema)

Syncope in healthy sportive subjects: overtraining or alerting of unrecognized cardiopathy
F. Giada (Noale)

Can patients with atrial fibrillation play non-agonistic sport?
G. La Delfa (Catania)

Saturday, April 18

13.00 - 14.30 *Interactive Luncheon Panel*



Etna Room

DIFFERENT THERAPEUTICAL APPROACH IN PATIENTS WITH NSTEMI PCI AND IN THOSE WITH PHARMACOLOGICAL THERAPY

Chairmen: **G. Calculli** (Matera), **G. Mazzotta** (La Spezia)

Discerning criteria for choosing reperfusion strategy
R.A. Osanna (Potenza)

Updates about medical management (of ACS)
S. Severi (Grosseto)

Therapeutic options and prognosis of NSTEMI patient not eligible for invasive strategy
G. Casolo (Lido di Camaiore)

Saturday, April 18

13.00 - 14.30 *Casual Meeting*



Timo Alto Room

THE REVOLUTION OF BIOLOGICAL DRUGS IN CARDIOLOGY: NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR HIGH RISK PATIENTS

Chairmen: **M.M. Gulizia** (Catania), **F. Romeo** (Rome)

Cardiovascular prevention in Italy: where we are today and where we need to be
G. Mureddu (Rome)

Statin intolerance and adherence management
V. Montemurro (Reggio Calabria)

Role of PCSKgi in the “difficult” cardiovascular prevention
C. Rapezzi (Bologna)

Saturday, April 18

14.30 - 16.30 *Interactive Symposium*



Etna Room

RIVAROXABAN: REAL LIFE EXPERIENCE E CLINICAL CASES SHARING

Chairmen: **G. Di Pasquale** (Bologna), **M. Santomauro** (Naples)

Evidences from Dresda registry
M. Uguccioni (Rome)

Interactive discussion of clinical cases in stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation and treatment of pulmonary embolism

Atrial Fibrillation clinical cases:

First case
G. Casu (Nuoro)

Second case
L. Calò (Rome)

Pulmonary Embolism clinical case
I. Enea (Caserta)



Saturday, April 18

15.00 - 16.30 *ESC-EHRA Joint Symposium*



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ATRIAL FIBRILLATION CHALLENGES

Chairmen: **A. Maseri** (Rome), **G. Novelli** (Rome), **C. Sticherling** (Basel)

ESC Guidelines on Atrial Fibrillation: the grey zones
M. Brignole (Lavagna)

Diagnostics Challenges
A. Oto (Ankara)

Silent Atrial Fibrillation relevance after Transcatheter Ablation
S. Themistoclakis (Mestre)

Therapeutic Challenges
L. Molina (Mexico City)

Saturday, April 18

15.00 - 16.30 *Casual Meeting*



Timo Alto Room

**HOME MONITORING IN CLINICAL PRACTICE:
THE ROLE OF PHYSICIAN AND NURSE**

Chairmen: **F. Ammirati** (Ostia), **G. Giannola** (Cefalù)

Speakers: **R.P. Ricci** (Rome) **L. Morichelli** (Rome)



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16.30 - 17.00 *Plenary Lecture*



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INFLAMMATION IN ATHEROSCLEROSIS: DO WE NEED TO TREAT IT?

J.L. Mehta (Little Rock)



Jawahar L. Mehta, MD

Dr. Mehta received his MD degree in India and PhD in Sweden, and completed his post-graduate education in New York and Minnesota. He joined the faculty of the college of medicine of the University of Florida where he rose to be University Research Foundation professor for his work which led to the trials of anti-platelet drugs in cardiac patients.

He moved to Little Rock in 2000 as the first Stebbins Chair in Cardiology and Professor of Medicine and Physiology and Biophysics. He led the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at UAMS until 2007.

Dr. Mehta serves on the editorial board of several major cardiology, physiology and pharmacology journals, including Circulation, Hypertension, American Journal of Cardiology, European Heart Journal, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, and the World Journal of Cardiology. He has published over 1000 papers, abstracts and book chapters. He is a member of many prestigious academic societies, including the Association of American Physicians, American Society for Clinical Investigation and Association of University Cardiologists. Grateful patients have established a Mehta Chair in Cardiovascular Research at UAMS in his honor.

Dr. Mehta has lectured in over 30 countries. He has diverse interests besides medicine, such as painting, photography, world economy and international politics. He has received several major awards from medical and non-medical societies in the US and abroad. He is an honorary professor in the University of Rome, an adjunct Professor in the Clinton School of Public School in Little Rock, AR, and serves as consultant to the University of Arkansas in nanotechnology and biomedical engineering.

17.00 - 18.30 *Opening Ceremony*

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HOW TO INTERPRET AND PERSONALIZE BIOMARKERS IN HEART FAILURE MANAGEMENT

Chairmen: **N. Aspromonte** (Rome), **G. Di Tano** (Cremona)

The utilization of natriuretic peptides in prognostic assessment, therapy guidance including home management / Telemedicine.

R. Valle (Chioggia)

Question time: are biomarkers useful in management of patients with CRT/ICD?

N. Aspromonte (Rome)

Cardiorenal biomarkers in acute and chronic heart failure

A Mortara (Monza)

New biomarkers for new phenotypes: galectin 3

M. Zaninotto (Padua)

Sunday, April 19

9.00 - 11.00 **Interactive Symposium**



Etna Room

MANAGEMENT OF DYSLIPIDEMIA IN HIGH CARDIOVASCULAR RISK PATIENTS: TWO CLINICAL CASES

Chairmen: **G. Alunni** (Perugia), **A. Di Lenarda** (Trieste)

First Clinical Case

M. Abrignani (Trapani), **F. Colivicchi** (Rome)

Second Clinical Case

E. Manzato (Padua)



Sunday, April 19

10.00 - 11.30 *Casual Meeting*



Timo Alto Room

LONGEVITY, MINI-ICD, S-ICD: THE RIGHT DEVICE FOR EVERY PATIENT.
WHAT IS THE BEST CHOICE?

Chairman: **G. Ciaramitaro** (Palermo)

Speakers: **E. Pisanò** (Lecce), **G. Luzzi** (Bari)

Sunday, April 19

11.00 - 12.30 *Symposium*



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GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE LATEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES IN
ORDER TO OPTIMIZE DAILY CLINICAL PRACTICE

Chairmen: **P. Delise** (Conegliano Veneto), **M. Landolina** (Crema)

Adapting ventricular pacing in order to increase responsiveness to CRT
M. Biffi (Bologna)

SureScan technology: the ultimate solution for CIED patients undergoing MRI
A. Rapacciuolo (Naples)

Reveal LINQ: a revolution in subcutaneous cardiac monitoring
T. Infusino (Catanzaro)

More than 100.000 AF patients treated with "One Shot" technology: what we
know and what we expect
R. Verlato (Camposampiero)



Sunday, April 19

11.00 - 13.00 *Interactive Symposium*



Etna Room

UNMET NEEDS AND CURRENT PRACTICE OF STROKE PREVENTION IN NON VALVULAR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Chairmen: **M. Elia** (Crotone), **S. Novo** (Palermo)

Translating clinical data in real word use

M. Scherillo (Benevento)

Interactive case based session

R. Caporale (Cosenza), **G. Geraci** (Palermo), **F. Nardi** (Verbania)

Sunday, April 19

11.30 - 13.00 *Casual Meeting*



Timo Alto Room

RIVAROXABAN IN DAILY CLINICAL PRACTICE: THE EXPERTS OPINION

Chairmen: **M.M. Gulizia** (Catania), **A.P. Maggioni** (Florence)

In the stroke prevention of atrial fibrillation

Ask to cardiologist

G. Di Pasquale (Bologna)

Ask to internal medicine specialist

G. Agnelli (Perugia)

In the pulmonary embolism

Ask to cardiologist

G. Di Pasquale (Bologna)

Ask to internal medicine specialist

G. Agnelli (Perugia)



Sunday, April 19

12.30 - 13.00 *Lecture*



Pegaso Room

THERAPEUTIC TARGET OF URICAEMIA AND IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE COSTS

Chairman: **G.B. Desideri** (L' Aquila)

Speaker: **E. Degli Esposti** (Ravenna)

Sunday, April 19

13.00 - 14.30 *Luncheon Panel*



Pegaso Room

**PATIENTS WITH HIGH CV RISK AND HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA:
OLD UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS, NEW SOLUTIONS**

Chairmen: **M. Averna** (Palermo), **P. Faggiano** (Brescia)

Hypercholesterolemia: what is the real dimension of the problem?

M. Arca (Rome)

Therapeutic inappropriateness and inertia in management of dyslipidemias in patient with high CV risk

P. Calabrò (Naples)

Treatment of high CV risk patient with hypercholesterolemia: we are close to real innovation

A. Zambon (Padua)



Sunday, April 19

13.00 - 14.30 *Interactive Luncheon Panel*



Etna Room

**IVABRADINE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR PATIENTS:
THE ITALIAN CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

Chairmen: **M. Di Biase** (Foggia), **M.M. Gulizia** (Catania)

Management and treatment of CAD patients
G. Perna (Ancona)

Management and treatment of heart failure patients with comorbidities
M. Volterrani (Rome)

Management of patients in cardiac rehabilitation
F. Sarullo (Palermo)

Questions & Answers session

Sunday, April 19

15.00 - 15.30 *Lecture*



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**THYROID HORMONE TREATMENT IN HEART FAILURE:
WHEN AND HOW?**

Chairman: **D. Gabrielli** (Fermo)

Speaker: **G. Iervasi** (Pisa)



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15.00 - 17.00 *Interactive Symposium*



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NOVEL TRIALS AND NEW HORIZONS WITH DABIGATRAN: PROTECTING PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF STROKE

Chairmen: **D. Catanzariti** (Rovereto), **M.M. Gulizia** (Catania)

First Clinical Case
C. Ferri (L'Aquila)

Second Clinical Case
A. Margonato (Milan)

Sunday, April 19

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Timo Alto Room

DYSLIPIDEMIC PATIENTS: FROM ACUTE SETTING TO LONG TERM MANAGEMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR RISK

Chairman: **C. Greco** (Rome)

Sustainability of statin treatments
F. Colivicchi (Rome)

Statin-beyond LDL control
S. Urbinati (Bologna)



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15.30 - 17.00 *Meet the Expert*



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THE HEART IN NEOPLASTIC PATIENTS

Chairmen: **R. Bordonaro** (Catania), **N. Maurea** (Naples)

Cardiotoxicity of Anthracycline-like Chemotherapy agents:
Cardioprotection and Management
L. Tarantini (Belluno)

Trastuzumab, novel ErbB2 Inhibitors and Antiangiogenic Agents:
Cardioprotection and Management of toxicity of Target Therapy
N. Maurea (Naples)

Management of Atrial Fibrillation and VTE in Cancer Patients:
there is a role for NOAC?
G. Polizzi (Partinico)

QT Monitoring in Chemotherapy and Management of Cardiac Devices During
Radiation Therapy
A. Murrone (Perugia)

Sunday, April 19

16.30 - 18.00 *Casual Afternoon Meeting*



Timo Alto Room

MANAGEMENT OF HIGH RISK CARDIOVASCULAR PATIENTS

Chairmen: **G. Gensini** (Florence), **C. Riccio** (Caserta)

Dyslipidemia treatment after ACS
P. Caldarola (Bari)

New evidences on the protective role of n-3 PUFAs in patients with ACS
P. Temporelli (Veruno)

Dyslipidemie management in the renal patient
S. Bianchi (Livorno)



Sunday, April 19

17.00 - 18.30 **Symposium**



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THERAPEUTICAL APPROPRIATENESS FOR TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

Chairmen: **R. Sauro** (Avellino), **F. Versaci** (Campobasso)

Atrial Fibrillation ablation: indications and timing
V. Calvi (Catania)

MITRACLIP: does we really need it?
M. Marini (Ancona)

S-ICD: a new way to protect the heart without touching it
M.M. Gulizia (Catania)

VAD: bridge or alternative to cardiac transplant?
G. Leonardi (Catania)

Early cardiac defibrillation out of hospital: the emergency call central point of view
I. Bertoli (Catania)

Sunday, April 19

17.00-18.30 **Interactive Minicourse**



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PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY: REAL PRACTICAL NEEDS FOR THE CLINICAL CARDIOLOGIST AND THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER

Chairmen: **I. Bianca** (Catania), **G. Paleologo** (Messina)

The point on epidemiology and classification of congenital cardiopathies
S. Pipitone (Palermo)

Clinics: semeiology and symptomatology
A. Silvia (Siracusa)

Role of radiology: from chest X-Ray to Magnetic Nuclear Resonance
A. Di Pino (Taormina)

Results and complications of permanent cardiac pacing in paediatric patients with congenital or acquired AVB
G. Calvagna (Taormina)



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THE MANAGEMENT OF ANTIPLATELET AND ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY IN SURGERY

Chairmen: **L. Patanè** (Pedara), **M. Portoghese** (Sassari)

Before Coronary Artery By-pass Surgery

M. Contarini (Siracusa)

After Coronary Artery By-pass Surgery

C. Mignosa (Catania)

In Extracardiac Surgery

G. Chiarandà (Caltagirone)

NOA and bleeding management

A. Carbonaro (Catania)

Double Antiplatelet Therapy in association with Oral Anticoagulation

S. Valente (Florence)

Monday, April 20

9.00 - 10.30 **Interactive Meet the Expert**



Etna Room

15 INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS/ANSWERS ON: "ATRIAL FIBRILLATION, HEART FAILURE, VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS AND CARDIAC DEVICES: WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW?" 1st PART

Chairmen: **P. Gambino** (Agrigento), **E. Rubino** (Catania)

1. ILR with remote control: can we utilize in all silent Atrial Fibrillation?
A. Pangallo (Reggio Calabria)
2. Why and in whom should we use Atrial Fibrillation ablation as first line therapy?
G. Pizzimenti (Milazzo)
3. Does CRT improve the compliance of Atrial Fibrillation patient?
C. Catalano (Agrigento)
4. QRS duration, morphology, NYHA class: a real need before CRT implant?
G. Di Guardo (Catania)
5. Pacing site is more important than lead type to increase the number of CRT responder?
G. Muscio (Siracusa)
6. Remote monitoring of CRT devices has improved the number of responder?
V. Lettica (Vittoria)
7. To whom proposing ICD upgrading from single or dual chamber to biventricular?
C. Pedi (Caltagirone)



Monday, April 20

9.30 - 11.00 *Casual Morning Meeting*



Timo Alto Room

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN THE PREVENTION OF THROMBOEMBOLIC RISK IN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Chairmen: **M.M. Gulizia** (Catania), **N. Maurea** (Naples)

Unmet medical needs in the prevention of thromboembolic events in AF
M. Scherillo (Benevento)

NOACs in the treatment of AF: Clinical Trials and RWE
P. Verdecchia (Assisi)

The role of NOACs in pts undergoing electrical cardioversion
S. Thamistoclakis (Mestre)

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Pegaso Room

11.00 - 12.30 *Symposium*

WHICH ORAL ANTIPLATELET AGENTS IN ACS-PCI PATIENTS? UNMET NEEDS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Chairmen: **S. Berti** (Massa), **A. Galassi** (Catania)

The essential need and the right solution for ensuring the best outcome in STEMI patients
D. Capodanno (Catania)

Current Controversies in the administration of antiplatelet therapy in NSTEMI-PCI: Pretreatment vs Non-Pretreatment, what to do?
L. Bolognese (Arezzo)

Do SCA-Diabetic patients deserve a more targeted treatment?
R. Rossini (Bergamo)

Switching: the right strategy to improve patients' treatment
L. De Luca (Rome)



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15 INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS/ANSWERS ON: "ATRIAL FIBRILLATION, HEART FAILURE, VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS AND CARDIAC DEVICES: WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW?" 2nd PART

Chairmen: **F. Lisi** (Catania), **M. Moncada** (Lentini)

1. Does RMN conditional CRT/CRT-D devices changed quality of life of our patients?
L. Vasquez (Milazzo)
2. Sudden death primary preventions with ICD: what indications?
F. Liberti (Catania)
3. Does latest technology dual chamber ICD succeeded in a significant inappropriate shock reduction?
M. Sicuro (Aosta)
4. What is the ABC in the arrhythmic storm management of a low EF ICD implanted patient?
G. Ciaramitaro (Palermo)
5. What to answer to a patient who refuse and ICD replacement for battery depletion?
C. Riganti (Naples)
6. Ventricular arrhythmias ablation has grown its fruits or are we growing a tree which makes only nice flowers?
S. Lumera (Vittoria)
7. Leads explant: is it always correct when a PM/ICD decubitus occurs?
G. Calvagna (Taormina)
8. S-ICD implant can be useful as a life-saving in a patient already implanted with a pacemaker?
S. Orazi (Rieti)

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11.00 - 12.30 **Casual Meeting**



Timo Alto Room

INNOVATION IN ARRHYTHMOLOGY

Speaker: **P. Casale** (Lancaster), **M. Zoni Berisso** (Genoa)

Multi Point Pacing: improving the outcome of the CRT patients
F. Al-Smadi (Riyad)

Contact Force Sensor: changing the routine of AF ablation procedures
M. Giaccardi (Florence)

Simplified LAAO Procedure: a New Technology in the market
C. Tondo (Milan)



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IMAGING: NOT ONLY ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

Chairmen: **V. Amodio** (Reggio Calabria), **E. Mossuti** (Siracusa)

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
G. Giordano (Catania)

Dilatative cardiomyopathy
F. Rigo (Mestre)

Right ventricular arrhythmogenic dysplasia
G. Licciardello (Augusta)

MNR and cardiac devices
A. Giardina (Cagliari)

Coronary-TC or coronary angiography for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease
S. Tolaro (Pedara)

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12.30 - 13.30 *Lecture*



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CHANGING THE FACE OF ANTICOAGULATION:
2 YEARS OF DABIGATRAN IN ITALY

Chairman: **L. Roncon** (Rovigo)

Speaker: **P. Colonna** (Rome)



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13.30-15.00 **Luncheon Panel**



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INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF HEART FAILURE PATIENT: ROLE OF THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND THE OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIOLOGIST

Chairmen: **S. Campione** (Catania), **D. Grimaldi** (Catania), **F. Sisto** (Potenza)

Keep incharge by general practitioner
A. Rizzo (Catania)

Which role for out-pf-hospital cardiologist
V. Panno (Palermo)

How to evaluate quality of care and management of post-acute patient
A. Di Guardo (Catania)

How general practitioners answer to high NYHA class patient needs
M. D'Urso (Catania)

Monday, April 20

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INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGES

Chairmen: **M. Audoly** (Catania), **C. Dell'Ali** (Avola)

Management of stand-alone atrial fibrillation: advantages of the hybrid approach
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LOCATION

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Catania is undoubtedly one of the most important cities in the whole Mediterranean area, both in terms of cultural and historical point of view. It is one of the few cities in Italy that offers a variety of landscapes condensed in one site. Located on the east coast of Sicily (which represents the metropolitan area with the highest population density), Catania has ancient origins since its foundation dates back to 729 BC. During its history Catania has been a constant point of reference for the entire Mediterranean area, especially from an artistic and cultural point of view: it is here that in 1434 the oldest university of Sicily was founded. The remains of several ruins still enrich the heritage of the town and surrounding areas, despite Catania was repeatedly destroyed by violent volcanic eruptions caused by the Etna volcano (the most impressive occurred in 1669) and by devastating earthquakes (the more catastrophic one occurred in 1693). It is from this tragic event that the city and its people were able to get up in a truly unique and admirable way. A work of reconstruction with few equals in the world led to the blossoming of the famous "Sicilian Baroque" style of architecture that identifies more than any other the fantasy, the imaginative power and the passion for beauty of Catania and its inhabitants. Therefore in 2006 the splendid baroque center of Catania became a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with seven towns of the Val di Noto, Sicily. Today, Catania is a city full of colors, scents and flavors - a lively and surprising, suspended between the magic of the blue Ionian Sea and the imposing outline of Etna volcano and often snowy, which dominates the city from above.

**Sheraton Catania Hotel & Conference Center**

Just few minutes from the historic center of Catania, the Sheraton Hotel offers high level of hospitality with a wide range of business and spare time facilities. The Sheraton Catania is one of the largest conference centers in eastern Sicily, with an area of 724 square meters in 6 modular meeting rooms of different sizes and acoustically isolated. All the 162 rooms and 7 suites - walking through a panoramic elevator - are characterized by colors that come into perfect harmony with the landscape of the Mediterranean area. Each room is equipped with all facilities and comforts offering the highest standards of quality and safety. The conference area, personalized for the Mediterranean Cardiology Meeting 2015, provides a great learning experience in an extremely pleasant and comfortable site.



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Exhibiting Space: 1

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Aspen

Via Fleming 2 - 37135 Verona
www.aspenpharma.co

Exhibiting Space: 3

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Aspen originally established a presence in Europe in 2009 as part of a R4,6 billion transaction with GSK which included, inter alia, a manufacturing site in Bad Oldesloe in Germany. Following the acquisition of the active pharmaceutical ingredient manufacturing sites in the Netherlands and the United States on 1 October 2013, the Group now has 26 manufacturing facilities at 18 pharmaceutical manufacturing sites on six continents and approximately 10 000 employees.

Aspen Europe CIS covers a vast territory that stretches from Ireland and the United Kingdom in the west of Europe, to cities in Siberia in the far east of Russia. The Group has four manufacturing sites in Europe, which are located in Germany, France and the Netherlands.



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The headquarters of Aspen's European commercial business is located in Munich-Bogenhausen and Aspen has more than 2,700 employees across the region. Aspen is committed to providing high quality medicines at prices that are competitive and represent fair value to our customers and patients. One of our key focus areas for Europe is the thrombosis therapeutic category, particularly revitalizing important anti-thrombotic medicines that meet society's healthcare needs. The prevention and management of venous thromboembolism is currently a major unmet need in Europe.

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Associazione Nazionale Medici Cardiologi Ospedalieri

Via La Marmora, 36 - 50121 Firenze
www.anmco.it

Exhibiting Space: 2

ANMCO, established on April 25, 1963 is a nonprofit professional medical Association of Italian Hospital Cardiologists with over 5,000 members operating within the National Health Service. ANMCO is dedicated to the promotion of optimal care, prevention and rehabilitation of cardiovascular diseases through proposals, professional education and continuing formation, wide trials and clinical research. It also has a key role in the development and implementation of standard procedures and guidelines for the cardiological clinical practice in Italy.

Particularly ANMCO intends to promote:

- The development and coordination of Cardiology in public and/or private hospitals, which are part of the National Health Service, through the participation at various levels in the creation of National Health Programs;
- The formation of cardiology majors with the annual scheduling of educational activity;
- The distribution of scientific research results;

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- The promotion of health policy;
- The control of the quality of diagnosis and care in the field of cardiovascular disease;
- The safeguarding of ethical and deontological principles in the professional field, representing Members towards entities and third parties even at public level.

The ANMCO annual Congress is held at the end of May or at the beginning of June, every year.

The ANMCO Educational Center organizes courses ranging from cardiovascular diseases to management of cardiological wards to Emergency Cardiovascular Care Programs. Some courses are open to nurses who operate in the cardiological wards.

The clinical/research fields.

ANMCO has selected a number of cardiological fields in which to operate clinical research. All chosen areas cover the most important issues in cardiology. The established clinical/research fields are:

Arrhythmias, Cardiovascular prevention, Nursing, Management & Quality, Cardiovascular surgery, Heart Failure, Emergency/Urgency, Pulmonary diseases, Cardiac Imaging, Young Cardiologists.

Moreover, since this year, ANMCO has established 5 task forces: Sport Cardiology, Pediatric Cardiology, Cardioncology, Cardioneurology, Cardiogeriatrics



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Palazzo Volta Via F. Sforza - 20080 Basiglio (MI)
www.astrazeneca.it

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Viale Certosa 130 - 20156 Milano
www.healthcare.bayer.com

Exhibiting Space: 4

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Biotronik

Via delle Industrie 11 - 20090 Vimodrone (MI)
www.biotronik.com

BIOTRONIK is a leading European manufacturer of medical technology with worldwide market presence and an unwavering patient focused philosophy. The company develops, manufactures and sells devices for cardiac rhythm management, ablation and vascular intervention. Its products aid the physician in saving lives and improving the quality of life for both patients and their families. BIOTRONIK maintains R&D and production sites in Europe and North America, and markets its products in more than 100 countries on all continents. BIOTRONIK employs approximately 7.000 dedicated professionals worldwide, representing over 50 nationalities.



Boehringer Ingelheim

Via Lorenzini 8 - 20139 Milano
www.boehringer-ingelheim.com

Exhibiting Space: 5

The Boehringer Ingelheim group is one of the world's 20 leading pharmaceutical companies. Headquartered in Ingelheim, Germany, Boehringer Ingelheim operates globally with 142 affiliates and a total of more than 47,400 employees. The focus of the family-owned company, founded in 1885, is researching, developing, manufacturing and marketing new medications of high therapeutic value for human and veterinary medicine.

Taking social responsibility is an important element of the corporate culture at Boehringer Ingelheim. This includes worldwide involvement in social projects, such as the initiative "Making more Health" and caring for the employees. Respect, equal opportunities and reconciling career and family form the foundation of the mutual cooperation. In everything it does, the company focuses on



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environmental protection and sustainability.

In 2013, Boehringer Ingelheim achieved net sales of about 14.1 billion euros. R&D expenditure corresponds to 19.5% of its net sales.

In Italy, Boehringer Ingelheim operates with more than 960 employees and in 2013 it posted net sales for 556 million euros.



Boston Scientific

Via E. Forlanini 23 - 20134 Milano
www.bostonscientific-international.com

Boston Scientific is a worldwide developer, manufacturer and marketer of medical devices with approximately 23,000 employees and 12 manufacturing facilities worldwide. For more than 30 years, Boston Scientific has advanced the practice of less-invasive medicine by providing a broad and deep portfolio of innovative products, technologies and services across a wide range of medical specialties. The Company's products help physicians and other medical professionals improve their patients' quality of life by providing alternatives to surgery.



Bristol Myers Squibb - Pfizer

www.bms.com
www.pfizer.com

Exhibiting Space: 6

In 2007, Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb have entered into a global collaboration to develop and commercialize apixaban, an oral anticoagulant discovered by Bristol-Myers Squibb. This global alliance combines the established strenghts of Bristol-Myers Squibb in the development of cardiovascular drugs and Pfizer's expertise and experience in the field of marketing on a global scale.

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Bruno Farmaceutici Spa

Via delle Ande 15 - 0144 Roma
www.brunofarmaceutici.org

Bruno Farmaceutici SpA is a fast-growing Italian pharmaceutical company focused on researching, developing and offering the market advanced therapeutic solutions and improved formulations. Since a long time Bruno is the Italian market leader in the solid oral corticosteroid segment and in the Metformin market for Type-2 diabetes.

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Still based in Italy with a strong focus on the internal market, Bruno has also started expanding abroad with the final purpose of making available its products in several markets throughout Europe.



Daiichi Sankyo Italia Spa

Via Paolo di Dono, 73 - 00142 Roma
www.daiichi-sankyo.it

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Fiab
Via Costoli, 4 - Via Passerini, 2 - Viale della Resistenza
50039 Vicchio (FI) - www.fiab.it
Exhibiting Space: 7

FIAB is an Italian manufacturer of temporary cardiac pacing devices and, in particular, EP diagnostic and pacing lead, trans-esophageal cardiac pacing leads and stimulators, external pacemaker, PSA and accessories for cardiac stimulation. The company is ISO 13485:2003 certified with BSI and ISS and all products are supplied in full compliance with 93/42/EEC Medical Devices.

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Ibsa Farmaceutici S.r.l.
Via del Tritone 169 - Roma
www.ibsa.it/aree-terapeutiche/cardiometabolica.html
Exhibiting Space: 8

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Johnson & Johnson Medical Spa
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www.jnj.com

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Via Livornese - 56122 Pisa
www.labguidotti.it

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Medea Medicale

Via Lombardo 11 - 95027 S. Gregorio di Catania
www.medeamedicale.it

Exhibiting Space: 10

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The company is headquartered in San Gregorio of Catania and has offices, warehouses, laboratories, technical assistance last generation that allow you to work in a safe and serene.

The company always delivers maximum availability to evaluate interventions complete projects in an emergency of any kind by defining technology solutions and presenting detailed thanks to the support of experts and specialized designers to identify solutions that combine the best clinical needs, organizational and economic.



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Medico

Via Pltagora 15 - Rubano (PD)
www.medicoweb.com

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Medtronic

Via Varesina 162 - Milano
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Menarini Group

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www.menarini.it

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Mortara

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www.mortara.it

Exhibiting Space: 13

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MSD S.r.l.

Via Vitorchiano n. 151 - 00189 Roma
www.msitalia.it

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