

Dear friends,

You shall find enclosed the final program of "Focus on Gnathology", the XXI International Congress of the Associazione Italiana di Gnatologia which will be held in Torino from Thursday October 22nd to Sunday the 25th.

You will surely notice that our program has been structured so as to satisfy both dentists and dental technicians. All topics are scientifically outstanding and our lecturers are experts in the field of Gnathology. These are the reasons why we felt that "FOCUS" on Gnathology would have been the best way to name the congress. Once again we have been able to involve prestigious international associations, first of all the International Academy of Advanced Interdisciplinary dentistry (iAAID); I have to thank Dr. Silvano Naretto for keeping our partnership alive and for the significant contribution he has given to realising the program.

Because of the large number of international speakers and participants, the congress will be again simultaneously translated into the two official languages (Italian and English).

As you can imagine, coordinating such an event requires time, patience and many people working in the backstage. You will therefore understand that, in order to make everyone happy and to make your stay in Turin as problem free as possible we need your help as well. What you can do is subscribing as soon as you can and this is why I am now about to clarify some important aspects for you:

1) Location: Torino, Centro Congressi Lingotto, Via Nizza 280; the same location as that of "Gnathology 2007".

2) Pre-congress courses:

Thursday, October 22nd will be dedicated to 4 half-day pre-congress courses (2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon). This means that each participant can choose 2 (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). It is very important for you to select your choice when subscribing or we will not be able to guarantee a place. Courses have been organised so as to let everyone follow their major area of interest. Prof T.L. Hansson, one of the most renowned experts on the subject, will treat the clinical approach to TMDs. The dental technician Karin Graichen will focus on the prosthetic-restorative approach and will be coadiuvated by Christian Slavicek who will treat the subject of planning such rehabilitations by means of hardware and software programming. Orthodontists will benefit from the half-day course held by Prof. Pietro Bracco who shall discuss prevention and therapy of TMDs by means of functional orthodontics.

Chiropractors C. Hubschmid and S. Capitanio will focus on a subject that aroused so much interest during our past closed meeting: NSA - Network Spinal Analysis. As the topic is of interest for non medics as well, we have decided to extend the invitation to your partner/spouse/member of family. This means that, even if you do not attend this course, they can do so at no extra fee. You have to clearly specify if any member of your family will be attending on the enclosed subscription form. Please note: dental technicians can follow any of the 4 courses but CME credits for them will be granted only for the Graichen-Slavicek course.

3) Congress:

The congress shall take place on Friday, Saturday and half day Sunday. Coffee and lunch breaks will provide an opportunity to visit the exhibition hall and the poster area. Information and rules about the International AIG Award can be found

on the enclosed Program. The prize will be awarded on Sunday the 25th of October.

4) Congress fees:

We have privileged those who will choose the “complete package” (ie. 2 pre-congress courses, congress and dinners) with an extremely convenient fee. It is understood that participants can tailor their experience in Turin as they wish and choose to attend only some events amongst the ones we offer. All is clearly explained on the subscription form PLEASE READ IT ENTIRELY BEFORE FILLING IN ANY OF THE FIELDS. Also note that we will only be able to issue invoices for dinners that will be paid together with the congress fee.

All payments must be made by bank transfer ONLY and a copy of the transfer must be sent together with the subscription form, otherwise your subscription will not be considered.

5) Organizational Secretary:

This task has been left to the SGI Society, Via Pomaro 3-10136 TORINO. Our reference is Ms Daniela Cazzaro tel. 0039 011 359908- email d.cazzaro@sgi.to.it.
Subscription forms and hotel bookings must be dealt with this society.

6) Hotels:

We have taken the following into consideration. PLEASE DO NOT BOOK DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL BUT THROUGH MS DANIELA CAZZARO.

Fees are per night (tax and breakfast included) and PER ROOM (not per person).

LE MERIDIEN (4*)

The most expensive but very convenient as it is above the congress centre.

Euro: 175,00 double for single use (dus); Euro: 200,00 double

Euro: 235,00 triple

Crystal Palace (4*)

In the heart of downtown Turin. Via Nizza 11, closet o the railway station Porta Nuova and 3Km away from the Lingotto congress center. Bus n°1 or n°35 will take you there.

Euro: 120,00 single; Euro : 135,00 (dus); Euro: 155,00 double

Luxor (3*)

Located in downtown, C.so Stati Uniti 7, but definitely more distant than the Crystal Palace. I twill take you 5 mins to walk to Porta Nuova Station and from there buses n°1 or n°35.

Euro: 105,00 single; Euro: 120,00 (dus); Euro: 135 double

Holiday Inn Turin (4*)

Piazza Massaua, 21.

It is an exceptional offer if one considers the hotel quality. Unfortunately it is found at the opposite side of the city (tube station MASSAUA). You can get the tube and this will take you 12 mins to get to Porta Nuova station and from there buses n°1 or 35.

Euro: 65,00 dus; Euro: 85,00 double.

Hoping that you will appreciate our efforts and will join us in Turin I wish you a good and relaxing summer break.

Eugenio Tanteri