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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the XXXII Congress of the European Society for Artificial Organs (ESAO), which will be held in Bologna from 5 to 8 October, 2005. The Congress will be combined with the first Congress of the International Federation for Artificial Organs (IFAO), which is a newly formed ISAO-derived umbrella structure, embracing ESAO, the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs (ASAIO), the Japanese Society for Artificial Organs (JSAO) and the International Faculty for Artificial Organs (INFA).

Bologna has already hosted ESAO Congresses in 1983, 1990 and 1998. It is a great honour to have been chosen as hosts yet again. We will do our best to make the 2005 edition a memorable event. The tradition of our nearly one thousand year-old University, allied to the outstanding cultural and scientific resources of the Congress speakers and participants are a strong recipe for success in this venture.

Looking forward to meeting you in Bologna, I remain

Sincerely,

Prof. Sergio Stefoni, M.D.



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- Dialysis
- Detoxification

Organ Transplantation

- Bridging
- Intensive care
- Immunosuppression
- Immunomodulation

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- Total artificial heart
- Cardiac assist
- Heart valves
- Modelling and fluid dynamics

Metabolic and Respiratory Support

- Artificial liver
- Artificial lung
- Artificial pancreas

Regenerative Medicine

- Stem cells
- Tissue engineering
- Bioreactors
- Cell therapy

Artificial Sensory Organs

- Neuroprosthesis
- Eye, Ear

Biomaterials and Biocompatibility

- Polymers and scaffolds
- Surface modification
- Drug delivery systems

Date and Venue

October 5-8, 2005

Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi
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Deadlines

Abstract submission: June 18, 2005
Reduced Registration Fee: August 31, 2005
Hotel Reservation: September 5, 2005

ESAO 2005

GENERAL

October 5, Wednesday		October 6, Thursday
Morning	Educational Courses	Free Communications
		Lecture
Symposia		
ESAO Corporate Member Symposium		
Lunch		
Afternoon	Opening Ceremony	Symposia
	Award Presentation	Poster Session
	Lectures	
	IFAO Symposium	Free Communications
Evening	Get-together Dinner	

October 7, Friday	October 8, Saturday
Free Communications	Free Communications
Lecture	Lecture
Symposia	Symposia
Lunch-time Symposia	Closing Ceremony
Free Communications	
Poster Session	
Free Communications	
ESAO General Assembly	
Farewell Dinner	

Sessions

The Scientific Program will include several types of Sessions, all related to the Congress main topics:

- Keynote Lectures
- Symposia
- Free Communications
- Poster presentation
- Pre-Congress Educational Courses
- Lunch-time Symposia

Keynote Lectures

5 Keynote Lectures will be presented, dealing with Regenerative Medicine, Tissue Engineering, Artificial Heart, Biomaterials and Nanotechnology.

Symposia

11 Symposia (90 minutes each) will take place during the Congress. One Symposium, to be held on Wednesday Oct. 5, after the Opening Ceremony, will be an IFAO sponsored Symposium. One Symposium (Thursday Oct. 6, 13:00-14:30) will be reserved to ESAO Corporate Member presentations.

Free Communications

More than 100 Free Communications will be included in the Program. Time allotted to each presentation will be 10 minutes, followed by 5 minute discussion.

Posters

Accepted Posters will be discussed in special Sessions. Details on Poster format and presentation will be given together with acceptance letters.

Pre-Congress Educational Courses

Two Pre-Congress Educational Courses will take place on Wednesday Oct. 5, from 11:00 to 13:30. They will be devoted, with a multidisciplinary approach, to blood purification and organ transplantation. Participation is included in Congress Registration Fee.

Lunch-time Symposia

On Friday Oct. 7, there will be several lunch-time Symposia promoted and organized by qualified Companies of Biomedical field, from 13:00 to 14:30. Lunch (buffet) will be available.

Abstract submission

Abstracts must be received by the Organizing Secretariat in Rome at the latest on **June 18, 2005**.

The guidelines for Abstract preparation can be found in the Website of the Congress (www.omniameeting.com/esao2005) and on the enclosed Abstract Form.

Abstract can be submitted as follows:

- **On-line (preferred method)**

Abstracts may be submitted via the website using the online submission form. For further information and instructions please visit the Website of the Congress (www.omniameeting.com/esao2005)

- **E-mail**

The abstracts may be sent as a Rich Text Format (rtf) or MS Word Document (doc) file attachment to esao2005@omniameeting.com

- **Regular mail**

Abstracts may be sent together with a floppy disk or a CD-Rom to:
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Slide Center

Only PC data projection will be available during the Congress. Slide projection will not be provided. Each room will be equipped with a laptop. Therefore, the use of personal laptop will not be allowed. Files must be prepared in Power Point 2000/2003 format on a Floppy Disk 1.44, or CD-Rom, or Pen Drive. It is essential, for the smooth running of the Sessions, that all the Speakers hand in their presentations in due time.

Publication Policy

Abstracts (accepted or not) will be published in the October issue of The International Journal of Artificial Organs, the ESAO official Journal. Authors (Lectures, Symposia, Free Communications and Posters) are encouraged to submit the complete manuscript of their presentation to The International Journal of Artificial Organs. A Publication Desk will be located in the Registration Area.

ESAO and IFAO Information

A desk will be located in the Registration Area and will provide interested participants with all informations concerning ESAO and IFAO. The ESAO General Assembly will be held on Friday October 7, at 18:00, in the Palazzo dei Congressi.

Language

The official language of the Congress will be English.

Awards

- **OSBORN AWARD**
The 2005 Osborn Award will be presented during the Opening Ceremony, on Wednesday Oct. 5.
- **POSTER AWARDS**
3 Poster Awards (500, 300 and 200 Euro) will be given to the Authors of the best Posters, selected by a Special Committee. Awards will be presented during the Farewell Dinner (Oct. 7).
- **ESAO INNOVATION AWARDS**
2 Awards (500 Euro each) will be dedicated to the most innovative Abstracts presented. The selection will be made by a jury, basing on Abstract content and presentation. The Awards will be presented during the Farewell Dinner (Oct. 7).

Date

The Congress will be held on October 5-8, 2005.

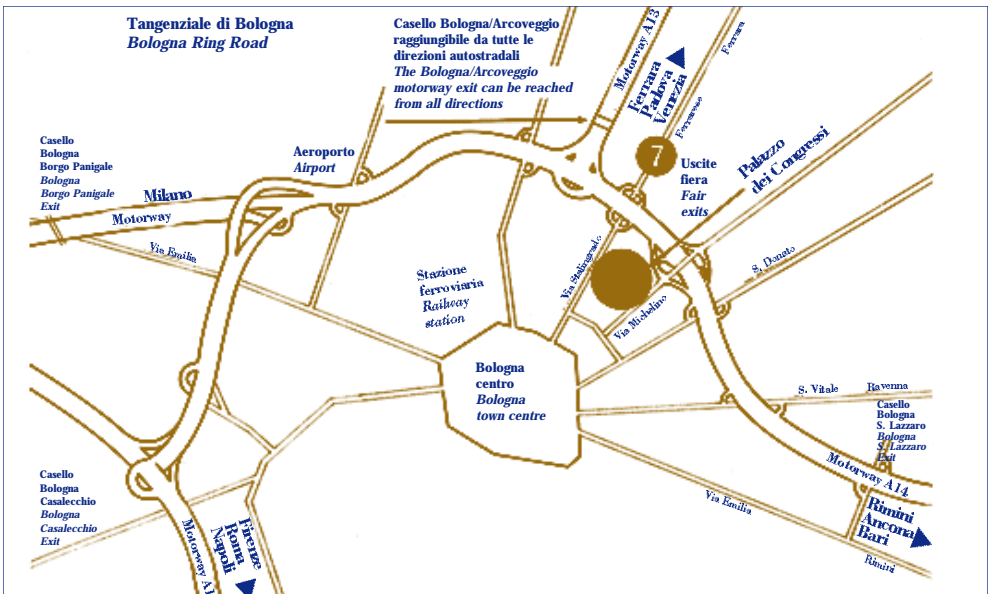
Venue

The XXXII Congress of the European Society for Artificial Organs and the I Congress of the International Federation for Artificial Organs, and the associated Trade Exhibition, will be held at the Palazzo dei Congressi in Bologna, Piazza della Costituzione 4, at the Fiera District, about 15 minutes from the city-center.

From the airport, Congress place can be easily reached in ten/fifteen minutes by taxi (10 - 15 Euro).

From the Railway Station, participants can take buses 10, or 38, or 39 to reach the Congress Venue.

Participants arriving by car can use exit n. 7 of the Tangenziale "Fiera-Bologna Centro". A number of toll car parks are available near the Palazzo dei Congressi.



Conference Center Facilities and Services

During the meeting hours the following facilities will be available in the Congress Area:

- Registration Desk
- Hotel Reservation Desk
- Information Desk
- Trade Exhibition
- ESAO and IFAO Desk
- Publication Desk
- Slide Center

Secretariat Hours

Wednesday	Oct. 5	• 8.30 - 19.00
Thursday	Oct. 6	• 7.30 - 19.30
Friday	Oct. 7	• 8.00 - 19.00
Saturday	Oct. 8	• 8.00 - 15.00

Trade Exhibition

A Trade Exhibition devoted to Artificial Organs and Pharmaceuticals will be held during the Congress, located in the Exhibition Area of the Palazzo dei Congressi and it will be open every day of the Congress.

Companies requiring any kind of information (participation, cost, entry forms, etc.) concerning Trade Exhibition may contact:

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Registration Procedure

Registration at the Congress is preferable in advance. For those who will pay before August 31, a reduced fee will be applied.

Registration forms can be sent by e-mail or fax along with the Registration Fee. Confirmation of Registration will be sent in the form of an invoice, stating the amount paid.

Registration Fees (20% VAT included) are as follows:

	Before Aug 31	After Aug 31
ESAO Members	€ 300,00	€ 360,00
Non Members	€ 350,00	€ 410,00
Trainees/Nurses	€ 150,00	€ 200,00
Accompanying Person	€ 100,00	€ 100,00

The Registration Fee for members, non-members and trainees includes all the following items:

- Opening Ceremony
- Badge, Congress bag and Program
- Access to the Lecture Halls
- Abstract Volume
- Get-together Buffet Dinner (Palazzo dei Congressi)
- Farewell Dinner
- Certificate of attendance

The Registration Fee for accompanying person includes:

- Opening Ceremony
- Get-together Buffet Dinner (Palazzo dei Congressi)
- Farewell Dinner

Refunds

Refunds (70%) will be made for cancellations received before September 20, 2005. The date of the postmark will be used as the basis for considering refunds and any refunds due will be made after the Congress. No refunds for cancellation received after that date.

Payment procedures

Payment of the Registration Fee must be made in Euro to the Organizing Secretariat, Omnia Meeting & Congressi Srl, in the following forms:

- Wire transfer
- Credit Card

- *Wire transfer*

This must be remitted to:

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- *Credit Card*

American Express, VISA/Mastercard and Diners International are accepted.

Please complete the bottom of the Registration Form.

The organization will charge your card and send regular invoice.

Weather and dress

The weather in October in Bologna is usually pleasant; however, the evenings might be sometimes quite cold.

There is the possibility of rain, so an umbrella, light raincoat and comfortably shoes are advisable.

Shop opening hours

Shops in Bologna are open from 9.00 to 13.00 and from 15.30 to 19.30, from Monday to Saturday; some shops are closed on Thursday afternoon.

In order to ensure a pleasant stay in Bologna, a number of hotels, all centrally located and easily reachable, have been made available for delegates and guests.

HOTEL CATEGORY	HOTEL	DOUBLE	DOUBLE ROOM SINGLE USE
<i>4 stars located in the historical center</i>	<i>INTERNAZIONALE</i>	€ 185,00	€ 165,00
	<i>JOLLY HOTEL DE LA GARE</i>	€ 200,00	€ 173,00
	<i>ROYAL CARLTON</i>	€ 230,00	€ 190,00
	<i>SOFITEL</i>	€ 196,00	€ 180,00
	<i>STAR HOTEL</i>	€ 219,00	€ 169,00
	<i>UNA HOTELS</i>	€ 220,00	€ 187,00
<i>4 stars located near the Congress Palace</i>	<i>AEMILIA</i>	€ 160,00	€ 125,00
	<i>HOLIDAY INN CITY</i>	€ 185,00	€ 160,00
	<i>SAVOIA</i>	€ 180,00	€ 150,00
<i>3 stars historical centre</i>	<i>HOLIDAY</i>	€ 145,00	€ 115,00
	<i>UNIVERSITY</i>	€ 145,00	€ 115,00
<i>3 stars near the Congress Palace</i>	<i>FIERA</i>	€ 150,00	€ 120,00
	<i>MAXIM</i>	€ 150,00	€ 120,00
	<i>EXPRESS BY HOLIDAY INN</i>	€ 110,00	€ 90,00
	<i>IMPERIAL</i>	€ 90,00	€ 75,00

The number of rooms in each hotel is limited.

Please indicate the first and second choice in the Booking Form; requests will be processed in order of arrival. Bologna Convention and Travel reserves the right to make reservations in hotels available when booking forms are received.

A deposit is required for each hotel booking. The deposit is the cost of the first night. The sum will be subtracted from the total amount at the final settlement of account. In the event of non-arrival, the hotel will automatically release the reservation and the payment will be non-refundable.

Convention and Travel will apply € 15,00 for each booked room as Agency fee.

Make sure and reserve your room on time. Fill out the hotel booking and send it by fax or email not later than september, 5 along with the deposit based on the price for one night and the amount of the Agency fee.

Convention and Travel, upon receipt of the Accommodation Hotel Reservation Form will issue a **Booking Confirmation with the name and address of your hotel.**

Accommodation deadline and hotel deposit payment: September 5, 2005 (please note that all unsold rooms will be released and reservations required after this date will be accepted upon availability).

Official check-in time for the hotels is 14:00 hours and check-out is noon.

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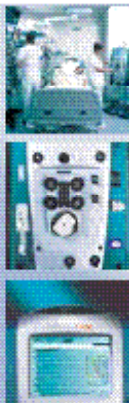
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The tickets must respect the following validity: not valid before October 3, not valid after October 9, 2005.

For any further information please contact the nearest Alitalia office (see addresses and phone numbers on www.alitalia.com).

In order to obtain the discount, the Identity Code “KQ” must be communicated: this will allow you to receive the best quotation when you make the reservation.

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