Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the XXIV Mediterranean Congress of Angiology and Vascular Surgery which will be held finally in Palermo Sicily next October under the Presidency of Prof Salvatore Novo. I am sure this Congress will be a successful one and will give the opportunity for scientific dialogue and communication at its highest level.

As you know, the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery have a multidisciplinary character, and provide a unique forum for discussing critical issues concerning the management and care of all vascular patients. Furthermore, MLAVS has the mission to foster progress and mutual understanding between all professional groups dealing with vascular diseases in the Mediterranean region, and to promote research.

Although the persisting economic crisis has affected the organisation of Medical Congresses, I am sure that the efforts of the Organising Committee as well as the beautiful environment of Palermo will ensure an active participation.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery I wish you a very productive and pleasant Meeting.

Let’s meet in Palermo in 2014!

N. Angelides MD, PhD, FRCS

President of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome You in Palermo, to participate in the XXIV Congress of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery (MLAVS) in conjunction with the 1st Meeting of the Multinational Chapter of the International Union of Angiology “A multidisciplinary approach to cardiovascular diseases”, that will be held in the Didactic Centre of the University of Palermo, from October 2nd to 5th, 2014.

The beautiful town of Palermo has been selected several times as a meeting’s venue for cardiovascular specialists coming from different European countries: March 2000 - XII Meeting of the Working Group on Peripheral Circulation of the European Society of Cardiology; September 2005 - 15th Congress of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery; October 2009 - 18th Congress of the European Chapter of the International Union of Angiology, jointly organized with the 19th Congress of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery (MLAVS).

Now it is the first time that scientists coming from all over the world meet in Palermo for a Meeting really different from the previous ones, having the peculiarity to see the field of cardiovascular disease form an interdisciplinary point of view.

On this aspect the first announcement contains a very large list of topics useful for the preparation of scientific contribution from people wishing to participate and actively contributing to the scientific programme of the Congress with oral communications or posters as well as for the special sessions devoted to the competition for IUA prizes.

We hope to receive also your suggestions for Symposia, Debates, Workshops, How to Sessions, Pro and Con Sessions, Lectures by the members of the Boards of the International Union of Angiology and by world-wide scientists actively involved both in cardiovascular disease as well as in clinical and experimental research.

The Congress is aiming to present and debate the most recent experiences and researches in the field of cardiovascular diseases between angiologist, cardiologist, diabetologist, specialists in internal medicine and geriatrica, haematologist, radiologist, vascular surgeon, biologist and genetist, as well as young post-graduating doctors in these disciplines and nurses, so to have a multiform and attractive scientific programme.

Moreover, we hope that people coming from other countries as well as from different regions of Italy can find attractive and interesting also the history and the monuments of Palermo, with its mosaic of art and culture.

With the auspices to have soon the opportunity to meet You in Palermo,

Sincerely Yours,

Chairman of the Congress

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**Registration Fees (VAT included)**

Registration includes: Admission to the Congress, Exhibition, Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail, Congress documentation, Certificate of Attendance, coffee breaks and light lunches.

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**CME - EACCME - UEMS Credits**

European accreditation with UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists) and Italian Ministry of Health. CME accreditation will be requested for the Congress.

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**Key Dates**

- **Congress Dates**: 2-5 October 2014
- **Abstract Submission Deadline**: 11 April 2014
- **Early Bird Registration Deadline**: 11 April 2014

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**Topics**

- Acute Coronary Syndrome
- Atheroma and vascular diseases
- Antiplalet drugs
- Aortic valve disease
- Aortic aneurysms
- Acute arterial thrombosis
- Arteritis
- Arterial hypertension and vascular complications
- Atrial fibrillation and thromboembolic complications
- Asymptomatic carotid lesions
- Biotechnology in angiology
- Cardiometabolic Syndrome, NALFD, NASH
- Cerebrovascular diseases
- Chronic critical leg ischemia
- Computers in angiology
- Congenital vascular Disease
- Metabolic Syndrome, Diabetes and cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes and vascular complications
- Diagnostics in angiology: non-invasive and invasive
- Diseases of the lymphatics
- Drugs active on the heart and peripheral circulation
- Drugs active on the venous wall
- Drugs affecting RAAS
- Epidemiology of vascular diseases
- Endovascular surgery
- Experimental angiology
- Guidelines in cardiovascular diseases
- Haemorheology and Microcirculation
- Immunology and vascular disease
- Inflammation and atherosclerosis
- Laser Therapy in angiology
- Lipid lowering drugs in primary and secondary prevention
- Menopause and cardiovascular diseases
- Microcirculation in rheumatic and autoimmune disease
- Mitraclip
- Molecular biology in vascular disease
- Multi-focal atherosclerosis: outcome, timing of medical and surgical therapy
- Multimodality imaging (Echocolor doppler, NMR, CT) in vascular disease
- New and old heparins
- New anti diabetic drugs
- New oral Anticoagulants
- Nutraceuticals and cardiovascular disease
- Peripheral obstructive arterial disease
- PFO and Stroke
- Preclinical atherosclerosis and CV Risk
- PTA in different arterial bed
- Progression and regression of atherosclerosis
- Pulmonary embolism
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Prostanooids in CLI
- Raynaud’s disease
- Reconstructive surgery in arterial and venous disease
- Rehabilitation in angiology
- Renin-angiotensin system and vascular alterations
- Risk factors and atherosclerosis
- Socio-economic impact of angiological diseases
- Stroke
- Supraortic trunk diseases
- TAVI
- Telematics in angiology
- Teaching and educational programs in angiology
- Traumatic vascular diseases
- Thrombolytic drugs in arterial and venous diseases
- Varices and varico-phaebits
- Vascular malformations
- Venous thrombosis and post-thrombotic syndrome
- Venous disease:
  - venous insufficiency
  - venous compression
  - laser therapy
  - news in pharmacological treatment
  - EAP: a critical review
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