WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENTES

JOHN FLETCHER, MD, PHD, IUA PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Palermo on the occasion of the first congress of the Multinational Chapter of the International Union of Angiology (IUA). This meeting is being held in conjunction with the XXIV congress of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery (MLAVS) and is significant as the inaugural meeting of the IUA Multinational Chapter, as well as being the first IUA Chapter meeting following the XXVI World Congress in Sydney in August.

Our sincere thanks go to Professor Novo and his team for preparing an outstanding scientific program with the theme of “a multidisciplinary approach to cardiovascular diseases”. This theme fits well with the IUA mission of bringing together various specialists involved with the management of cardiovascular disease, promoting an interdisciplinary cooperation essential in achieving the highest standard of patient care in this important angiological field of endeavour.

John Fletcher, MD, PhD
President, International Union of Angiology
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is great honour indeed for me to welcome you on the occasion of the 1st Congress organized by the Multinational Chapter of the IUA which is to be held in Palermo, one of the world’s most attractive tourist destination. I am very pleased to have the possibility to express best thanks to Prof. Novo and his team for the outstanding activity in preparing this scientific gathering. It will represent without doubt an impulse for the Multinational Chapter of the IUA to start and develop its own life.

The subtitle of this meeting – a multidisciplinary approach to cardiovascular diseases – is in good agreement with the current mission of the IUA which is focused on two main issues: to bring together all types of vascular specialists and to support their interdisciplinary cooperation which is at present necessary for good clinical practice. The second aim of the IUA is to support young vascular specialists and to give them an educational opportunity and the possibility to be active scientifically. I am sure both these aspects will be fulfilled and appreciated during the next Multinational Chapter Congress.

Prof. Novo and his team have been working for many months to organize this congress and I am glad to have the opportunity to congratulate him for preparing us a unique opportunity to obtain a state-of-the-art update on management of vascular disorders. Allow me to express my gratitude and conviction that we will spend together an unforgettable time in the city of Palermo.

Welcome again and may we have a nice meeting in Palermo!

Karel Roztocil, MD, PhD
Vice-President, International Union of Angiology
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
SALVATORE NOVO, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS

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 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, Lecture 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 geriatrics, 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.

Salvatore Novo
Chairman of the Congress
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PROGRAMME
ROOM A – PLENARY SESSION

11.00-13.00
Joint Symposium with the European Venous Forum (EVF)

New Aspects on Education and Management of Chronic Venous Disease (CVD)

Chairmen: Andrew N. Nicolaides (Nicosia, Cyprus) – Bo Eklof (Helsingborg, Sweden)

11.00  Management of superficial venous reflux
       Michel Perrin (Chassieu, France)

11.15  The need to understand venous hemodynamics in CVD
       Andrew N. Nicolaides (Nicosia, Cyprus)

11.30  Management of outflow obstruction
       Marzia Lugli (Modena, Italy)

11.45  Management of deep venous reflux
       Oscar Maleti (Modena, Italy)

12.00  The place of venoactive drugs in the updated international guidelines on ‘The Management of Chronic Venous Disorders of the Lower Limbs’
       Michel Perrin (Chassieu, France)

12.15  EVF and education on venous disease
       Bo Eklof (Helsingborg, Sweden)

12.30  Discussion

13.00-14.00 LUNCH (BREAK)
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ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

14.00-16.00
Joint Symposium with the Italian Society of Vascular Diagnostics (SIDV)

Management of vascular disease: the role of noninvasive diagnostic investigations

Chairmen: Pier Luigi Antignani (Rome, Italy) – Michelangelo Di Salvo (Catania, Italy)

14.00  Noninvasive diagnostic investigation of lymphedema: new guidelines
       Tiziana Anna Baroncelli (Prato, Italy)

14.25  CCDU and post-thrombotic syndrome
       Roberto Parisi (Venice, Italy)

14.50  Follow up of EVAR
       Ombretta Martinelli (Rome, Italy)

15.15  Color Coded Duplex Ultrasound (CCDU) and Peripheral arterial disease
       Giorgio Ardita (Catania, Italy)

15.40  Discussion

ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

16.00-17.30
Joint symposium with Italian Association for the care of Cutaneous Ulcers (AIUC)

Pending questions in venous ulcer management

Chairmen: Giorgio Guarnera (Rome, Italy) – Claudio Allegra (Rome, Italy)

16.00  Does surgery heal venous ulcers?
       Piero Giuseppe Bonadeo (Milan, Italy)

16.20  What kind of compression in venous ulcers?
       Giovanni Mosti (Lucca, Italy)

16.40  Advanced dressings and venous ulcers: what level of evidence?
       Pier Luigi Antignani (Rome, Italy)

17.00  What is the role of drugs in venous ulcers?
       Karel Roztocil (Praha, Czech Republic)

17.20  Discussion
THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER

ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION

14.00-16.00
Joint Symposium of MLAVS

**Critical leg ischemia in the Mediterranean region**

Chairmen: **Nikos Angelides (Nicosia, Cyprus) – Emad Hussein (Cairo, Egypt)**  
**Pavel Poredos (Ljubljana, Slovenia)**

14.00  **Critical limb ischaemia: a global controversial problem**  
Nikos Angelides (Nicosia, Cyprus)

14.20  **New trends for pathophysiology and diagnosis in critical limb ischaemia**  
Pier Luigi Antignani (Rome, Italy)

14.40  **New trends for medical treatment in critical limb ischaemia**  
Pavel Poredos (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

15.00  **Endovascular treatment of critical limb ischemia an update**  
Emad Hussein (Cairo, Egypt)

15.20  **New trends for open surgery in critical limb ischaemia: why and when is still required?**  
J. Fernandes e Fernandes (Lisboa, Portugal)

15.40  Discussion

ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION

16.00-17.30
Joint Symposium with the Italian Society of Experimental and Clinical Phlebology (SIFCS)

**The School of Excellence in Phlebology new reality of Italian Society of Sperimental and Clinical Phlebology (SIFCS)**

Chairmen: **Aldo d’ Alessandro (San Severo, Foggia, Italy) – Glauco Milio (Palermo, Italy)**

16.00  **HOT (Hands On Training): the teaching method by School of Excellence in Phlebology**  
Gianfranco Vettorello (Udine, Italy)

16.15  **Chronic Venous Insufficiency of lower limbs: Shared Venous Hemodynamic Map for the follow-up of Chronic Venous Diseases (CVD) treatments**  
Augusto Orsini (Rome, Italy)

16.30  **Shared dynamics Guidelines: an online interactive platform between scientific societies of phlebology**  
Salvatore Venosi (Rome, Italy)

16.45  **Venous Hemodynamic Map of Chronic Cerebro-Spinal Venous Insufficiency: ultrasound database**  
Sandro Mandolesi (Rome, Italy)

17.00  Panel Discussion: **Luigi Di Pino (Catania, Italy) – Biancamaria Ligas (Oristano, Italy)**  
Francesco Lione (Mormanno-CS, Italy)
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Nicos Angelides (Nicosia, Cyprus)
Past-President International Union of Angiology – Karel Rottocil (Prague, Czech Republic)

19.00-19.30
Lecture
The History of the International Union of Angiology
Panajotis Balas (Athens, Greece)

19.30-20.00
Lecture
TBD
Rita Cedrini (Palermo, Italy)
FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER

ROOM A – SCIENTIFIC SESSION (NO ECM)
09.00-10.00 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION
10.00-11.30
Joint Symposium with the North American Chapter of the IUA

Selected topics in Peripheral Arterial disease

Chairmen: Roger Shepherd (Rochester, MN, USA) – Karel Roztocil (Praha, Czech Republic)

10.00  Digital arterial disease in a Minnesota practice: novel treatment measures
       Roger Shepherd (Rochester, MN, USA)

10.15  Exercise TcpO2: Critical Analysis and Case Study of a Novel Technic
       Paul Wennberg (Rochester, MN, USA)

10.30  Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy and Chronic Ischemic Wounds
       Raymond Shields (Rochester, MN, USA)

10.45  Medical management of patients with diabetes and PAD
       Fadi Shamoun (Scottsdale, Arizona, USA)

11.00  New Interventional options for SFA and infra-popliteal PAD
       Jeremy Friese (Rochester, MN, USA)

11.15  Discussion

ROOM A – PLENARY SESSION
11.30-12.00
Lecture
Chronic venous insufficiency – it is time for an action
Karel Roztocil (Praha, Czech Republic)
Chairman: Andrew N. Nicolaides (Nicosia, Cyprus)
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ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

12.00-13.30
Symposium dedicated to Professor Antonio Strano

Chairmen: Panajotis Balas (Athens, Greece) – Giuseppe Licata (Palermo, Italy)

12.00  Raynaud disease: past and present
Claudio Allegra (Rome, Italy)

12.25  Novel treatments for acute DVT and pulmonary embolism
Giovanni Davi (Chieti, Italy)

12.50  Preclinical atherosclerosis and markers of inflammation: do influence the global cardiovascular risk? - Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)

13.15  Discussion

13.30-14.30 LUNCH (BREAK)

ROOM A – SCIENTIFIC SESSION (NO ECM)

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FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER

ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

15.30-17.00
Joint Symposium with the Multinational Chapter IUA

Endothelial Dysfunction (ED): Detection and its Clinical Relevance

Chairmen: Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)- Pavel Poredos (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

15.30 The role of endothelium in cardiovascular homeostasis
Ales Blinc (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

15.45 How to measure endothelial function/dysfunction
Pavel Poredos (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

16.00 Endothelium, atherosclerosis and clinical relevance
Agostino Virdis (Pisa, Italy)

16.15 Endothelial function in venous disease
Mateja Kaja Ježovnik (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

16.30 Discussion

ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

17:00-17:30
Lecture
The EAS/ESC Guidelines on Management of Dyslipidemias
Enzo Manzato (Padua, Italy)
Chairman: Giovambattista Rini (Palermo, Italy)

17:30-18:00
Lecture
Heart and brain: from cardioembolism to neuro-cardiac syndromes
Antonio Pinto (Palermo, Italy)
Chairman: Panayotis Balas (Athens, Greece)

ROOM A – PLENARY SESSION

18.00-18.30
Lecture
The evolution of vascular surgery in the western world during the last 25 centuries
Panajotis Balas (Athens, Greece)
Chairman: Nicos Angelides (Nicosia, Cyprus)
FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER

ROOM B – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM
09.00-10.00 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION
10.00-11.30
Joint Symposium with the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging (EACVI)

Speckle Tracking Echocardiography: a novel echocardiographic technique, ready to clinical use

Chairmen: Scipione Carerj (Messina, Italy) – Giuseppina Novo (Palermo, Italy)

10.00 Different strain components, twisting and untwisting: feasibility, reproducibility and pathophysiologic value - Concetta Zito (Messina, Italy)

10.20 Longitudinal strain and heart failure with preserved ejection fraction
Maurizio Galderisi (Napoli, Italy)

10.40 Strain and acute Coronary Syndromes
Thor Edvardsen (Oslo, Norway)

11.00 Strain and Valvular Heart Diseases
Diego Bellavia (Palermo, Italy)

11.20 Discussion

ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION
12.00-13.30
Joint Symposium with the Multinational Chapter IUA

Peripheral Arterial Disease: Serious, but neglected Disease

Chairmen: Marco Matteo Ciccone (Bari, Italy)- Ales Blinc (Liubljiana, Slovenia)

12.00 PAD indicator of systemic atherosclerosis
Anna Vittoria Mattioli (Modena, Italy)

12.15 The importance of ankle brachial index in grading of peripheral arterial disease (PAD)
Mateja Kaja Ježovnik (Liubljiana, Slovenia)

12.30 Secondary prevention of peripheral arterial disease
Pavel Poredos (Liubljiana, Slovenia)

12.45 Management of intermittent claudication: are revascularization procedures still needed?
Giuseppe Maria Andreozzi (Padua, Italy)

13.00 Management of patients with critical limb ischaemia
Pier Luigi Antignani (Rome, Italy)

13.15 Discussion

13.30-14.30 LUNCH (BREAK)
FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER

ROOM B – SCIENTIFIC SESSION (NO ECM)
14.30-15.30 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION
15.30-17.00
Joint Symposium with the Société Française d’Angiologie (SFA)

Ecole de la SFA: our main targets

Chairmen: Michèle Cazaubon (Paris, France) - Pierre Jean Touboul (Paris, France)

15.30 More than one in two instances of venous thromboembolism (VTE) treated in French hospitals could have occurred during the hospital stay
François André Allaert (Dijon, France)

15.50 New recommendations on LMWH and medical compression in pregnant women
Michèle Cazaubon (Paris, France)

Viviane de Laigue Arfi (Dieppe, France)

16.30 Treatment of VT in cancer patients: our experience
Corrado Amato (Palermo, Italy)

16.50 Discussion

ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION
17.00-18.00
Joint Symposium with the Central European Vascular Forum (CEVF)

Superficial vein thrombosis

Chairmen: Evi Kalodiki (London, UK) – Karel Roztocil (Prague, Czech Republic)

17.00 Role of superficial vein thrombosis in venous thromboembolism
Jana Hirmerová (Pilsen, Czech Republic)

17.15 What we have learned from the superficial vein thrombosis
Karel Roztocil (Prague, Czech Republic)

17.30 Superficial vein thrombosis - what is in guidelines
Denisa Celovska (Bratislava, Slovak Republic)

17.45 Discussion
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09.00-10.00 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION
10.00-11.30
Joint Symposium with the Italian Society of Angiology and Vascular Pathology (SIAPAV)

Venous Thromboembolism: Data from the Computerized Registry of Patients with Venous Thromboembolism (RIETE)

Chairmen: Laurent Bertoletti (St. Etienne, France) – Paolo Prandoni (Padua, Italy)

10.00   Hormonal treatment for infertility and VTE: data from RIETE
        Pierpaolo Di Micco (Naples, Italy)

10.15   VTE in very elderly patients
        Adriana Visonà (Castelfranco Veneto, Italy)

10.30   Gender differences in the outcome of venous thromboembolism (VTE)
        Iolanda Enea (Caserta, Italy)

10.45   Outcome of patients with vena cava filters after VTE data from RIETE
        David Jimenez (Madrid, Spain)

11.00   Do patients who experienced venous thromboembolism despite thromboprophylaxis during a medical immobilization have a worse outcome? - Laurent Bertoletti (St. Etienne France)

11.15   Discussion
### ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

**12.00-13.30** Joint Symposium with Italian Society of Lymphangiology (SIL), European Society of Lymphology (ESL) and Latin-Mediterranean Chapter of the International Society of Lymphology (LMC-ISL)

**ROUND TABLE “Translational Lymphology: Guidelines and New Horizons”**

**Chairman:** Corradino Campisi (Genoa, Italy)

12.00  *Introduction*

12.10  *Applied Anatomy of the Lymphatic System: The Key Role in Surgery and Microsurgery*

   **Miguel Amore** (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

12.25  *Lymphatic Microsurgery in Educational Programs, Research and Training for Young Surgeons - Corrado Cesare Campisi (Genoa, Italy)*

12.40  *Lymphedema: national general picture*

   **Marco Cardone** (Rome, Italy)

12.55  *Translational Lymphology and Lymphatic Surgery: New Advances Corradino Campisi (Genoa, Italy)*

13.10  *Final Remarks*

**13.30-14.30 LUNCH (BREAK)**

### ROOM C – SCIENTIFIC SESSION (NO ECM)

**14.30-15.30 ORAL COMMUNICATION**
ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

15.30-17.00
Joint Symposium with the ESC WG Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology

**Progression and regression of atherosclerosis**

Chairmen: Esther Lutgens (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) – Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)

15.30  **Biomechanical factors in atherosclerosis**  
Paul Evans (Sheffield, UK)

15.55  **Immune mechanism in vascular inflammation**  
Esther Lutgens (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

16.20  **Modulating co-stimulatory molecules in obesity and atheroregression**  
Esther Lutgens (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

16.45  Discussion

ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

17.00-18.00
Joint Symposium with Italian Society of Haemostasis and Thrombosis (SISET)

**New Insights in venous thromboembolism**

Chairmen: Armando D’ Angelo (Milan, Italy) – Giovanni Davì (Chieti, Italy)

17.00  **Post thrombotic syndrome new perspectives**  
Paolo Prandoni (Padua, Italy)

17.15  **Secondary prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism in Italy: data from the START Registry**  
Gualtiero Palareti (Bologna, Italy)

17.30  **Vena cava filters: mixing evidence with clinical judgement**  
Roberto Miraglia (Palermo, Italy)

17.45  Discussion
FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER

ROOM D – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM
09.00-10.00 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM D – PARALLEL SESSION
10.00-11.30
Joint Symposium with the International Union of Phlebology (UIP)

Chairmen: **Angelo Scuderi** *(São Paulo, Brazil)* - **Claudio Allegra** *(Rome, Italy)*

10.00  *The foam-sclerotherapy in the treatment of severe chronic venous disease in Elderly Patients* - **Pier Luigi Antignani** *(Rome, Italy)*

10.20  *The open surgery of SSV*  
       **Calogero Presti** *(São Paulo, Brazil)*

10.40  *The news about the management of congestive venous pelvic syndrome*  
       **Javier Leal Monedero** *(Madrid, Spain)*

11.00  *The management of the PTS*  
       **Angelo Scuderi** *(São Paulo, Brazil)*

11.20  Discussion

ROOM D – PARALLEL SESSION
12.00-13.30
Joint Symposium with the Italian Society of Cardiology

*Atrial function at crossroads*

Chairmen: **Scipione Carerj** *(Messina, Italy)* - **Paolo Marino** *(Novara, Italy)*

12.00  *The intriguing relation between the atrium and the ventricle in normal and disease states*  
       **Maria Giovanna Fiorino** *(Palermo, Italy)*

12.20  *Study of atrial function*  
       **Giuseppina Novo** *(Palermo, Italy)*

12.40  *Quantitative Assessment of atrial conduit function: a new index of diastolic DYSfunction*  
       **Paolo Marino** *(Novara, Italy)*

13.00  *Prognostic power of atrial indices in stratifying congestive patients*  
       **Paolo Barbier** *(Milan, Italy)*

13.20  Discussion

13.30-14.30 LUNCH (BREAK)
FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER

ROOM D – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM
14.30-15.30 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM D – PARALLEL SESSION
15.30-17.00
Joint Symposium with the European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS) and Italian Society for the Study of Atherosclerosis (SISA)

Role of LDL-cholesterol correction in primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases: beyond statins

Chairmen: Renato Fellin (Padua, Italy) – Enzo Manzato (Padua, Italy)

15.30 Role of LDL-cholesterol correction in primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases: beyond statins
Antonino Tuttolomondo (Palermo, Italy)

15.50 In ischemic heart disease
Enzo Manzato (Padua, Italy)

16.10 In peripheral artery disease
Pavel Poredos (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

16.30 Therapy of dyslipidemias: the future
Laura Calabresi (Milano, Italy)

16.50 Discussion

ROOM D – PARALLEL SESSION
17.00-18.00
Session

Rivaroxaban in the prevention of Stroke following atrial fibrillation: from the clinical trial to the clinical practice
Chairman: Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)

17.00 Rivaroxaban, for which patient?
Davide Capodanno (Catania, Italy)

17.15 Rivaroxaban, the most relevant aspects in the clinical practice
Pasquale Perrone Filardi (Naples, Italy)

17.30 The future development of research with Rivaroxaban
Scipione Carerj (Messina, Italy)

17.45 Discussion
ROOM A – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM

08.30-09.30 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

09.30-11.00
Joint Symposium with the Italian Society of Hypertension (SIIA)

*New strategies to prevent cardiovascular disease in real practice*

Chairmen: Giuseppe Schillaci (Perugia, Italy) – Santina Cottone (Palermo, Italy)

09.30  *Arterial stiffness*
Giuseppe Schillaci (Perugia, Italy)

09.50  *Central blood pressure: a new vital sign?*
Daniel Duprez (Minneapolis, MN, USA)

10.10  *Intima-media thickness: clinical and predictive value: Current role and limits of carotid IMT and plaque as a tool for cardiovascular risk prediction*
Pierre Jean Touboul (Paris, France)

10.30  *Reversing Early Vascular Aging*
Nicola De Luca (Naples, Italy)

10.50  Discussion

ROOM A – PLENARY SESSION

11.00-11.30
Lecture

*Ancient Medicine and Surgery in the Mediterranean*

Nicos Angelides (Nicosia, Cyprus)

Chairman: Karel Roztocil (Prague, Czech Republic)
ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

11.30-13.30
Joint Symposium with the Department Biomedical of Internal Medicine and Specialties (Di.Bi.M.I.S) of the University of Palermo

NALFD, NASH, Metabolic Syndrome and Cardiovascular Diseases

Chairmen: Antonio Craxì (Palermo, Italy) – Giuseppe Montalto (Palermo, Italy)

11.30  Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, Metabolic Syndrome and Cardiovascular Disorders: Which comes first? - Giulio Marchesini (Bologna, Italy)

11.50  The relationship between non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and asymptomatic carotid lesions in a population with metabolic syndrome - Lydia Giannitrapani (Palermo, Italy)

12.10  Metabolic Syndrome and Preclinical Atherosclerosis: work together in determining cardiovascular event? - Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)

12.30  HCV infection and cardiovascular diseases: a simple association or more? - Salvatore Petta (Palermo, Italy)

12.50  Gut microbiota and cardiovascular risk: what is the link? - Gianluca Ianiro (Rome, Italy)

13.10  Discussion

13.30-14.30 LUNCH (BREAK)
ROOM A – SCIENTIFIC SESSION (NO ECM)

14.30-15.00
Lecture supported by Laboratori Guidotti/Malesci
The key role of combination therapy to improve management of hypertension
*Massimo Volpe (Rome, Italy)*
Chairman: *Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)*

ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

15.00-16.30
Joint Symposium with the WG Hypertension, Prevention and Rehabilitation of the Italian Society of Cardiology
*Focus on Resistant Hypertension*

Chairmen: *Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy) – Roberto Pedrinelli (Pisa, Italy)*

15.00  *The pathophysiology, epidemiology and classification of resistant hypertension*
*Pier Sergio Saba (Sassari, Italy)*

15.20  *The approach to essential hypertension resistant to triple antihypertensive treatment*
*Roberto Pedrinelli (Pisa, Italy)*

15.40  *Resistant Hypertension. Views from the ESH-ESC guidelines*
*Denis L. Clement (Gent, Belgium)*

16.00  *New insights in the interventional treatment of resistant hypertension*
*TBD*

16.20  Discussion

ROOM A – PLENARY SESSION

16.30-17.00
Lecture
*The new ESH-ESC guidelines for hypertension*
*Denis L. Clement (Gent, Belgium)*
Chairman: *Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)*
ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

17.00-19.00
Joint Symposium with the Italian Association of Diabetologist (AMD)

Critical limb ischemia in diabetes: One problem, two points of view

Chairmen: Roberto da Ros (Udine, Italy) –Vincenzo Provenzano (Palermo, Italy)

17.00 From peripheral arterial disease to critical limb ischaemia
Pavel Poredos (Ljubliana, Slovenia)

17.20 Diabetic patient: not only critical limb ischaemia
Luigi Uccioli (Rome, Italy)

17.40 Diagnostic and therapeutic "strategy":
- Angiologist view Santo Signorelli (Catania, Italy)
- Diabetologist view Roberto Anichini (Pistoia, Italy)

18.20 Debate: towards a common approach

18.40 Take home Message
Roberto da Ros (Udine, Italy)
ROOM B – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM
08.30-09.30 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION
09.30-11.00
Joint Symposium with the Nutrition Foundation of Italy (NFI)

Nutrition and Inflammation
Chairmen: Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy) - Andrea Poli (Milan, Italy)

09.30 Glycemic Index, Glycemic Load and Glycemic Response
Livia Augustin (Toronto, Canada)

09.55 Alcohol and Health
Giovanni de Gaetano Pozzilli (Isernia, Italy)

10.20 Dietary fatty acids and Inflammation
Ulf Risérus (Uppsala, Sweden)

10.45 Discussion

ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION
11.30-13.30
Joint Symposium with Brazilian Society of Angiology & South American Chapter

Current controversies in the treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms
Honorary Chairman: Calogero Presti (São Paulo, Brazil)
Chairmen: Arno von Ristow (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) – Karel Roztocil (Praha, Czech Republic)

11.30 Acute aortic rupture following EVAR - What is known? Inherent technological failure or a preventable condition? José Fernandes e Fernandes (Lisboa, Portugal)

11.50 EVAR for ruptured AAA. Is it really valuable?
Nelson De Luccia (São Paulo, Brazil)

12.10 In 2014, is there still a place for open surgery for AAA?
Arno von Ristow (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

12.30 Juxta and para renal AAA: How to manage?
Francesco Spinelli (Messina, Italy)

12.50 Open complex AAA surgery and fenestrated and branched EVAR
Anders Wanhainen (Uppsala, Sweden)

13.10 Discussion

13.30-14.30 LUNCH (BREAK)
**ROOM B – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM**

**14.30-15.00**

**Lecture supported by Pfizer Italia/Bms**

Effects of Apixaban in reducing total mortality, ischemic stroke and major bleedings in patients with non valvular atrial fibrillation

*Francesco Perticone (Catanzaro, Italy)*

Chairman: *Matteo Di Biase (Foggia, Italy)*

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**ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION**

**15.00-16.30**

Joint Symposium with the Orient Society of Vascular Surgery (OSVS)

Chairmen: *Louay Altarazy (Damascus, Syria) – Karel Roztocil (Prague, Czech Republic)*

15.00  *Thermal vs nonthermal endovenous ablation GSV* - *Kurshat Bozkurt (Istanbul, Turkey)*

15.15  *Venous Ulcer in Orient : A New Concept in the Diagnosis and Treatment* - *Wassila Taha (Cairo, Egypt)*

15.30  *Clinical approach to AVMs and hemangiomas* - *Hadi Modaghegh (Mashhad, Iran)*

15.45  *Prevalence of chronic venous insufficiency in saudi adult Population* - *Mahmoud Salah (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia)*

16.00  *Pelvic congestion syndrome, management in Orient* - *Louay Altarazi (Damascus, Syria)*

16.15  Discussion

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**ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION**

**17.00-19.00**

Joint Symposium with the WG Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (ATVB)

*Actual perspective in the antiplatelet therapy with old and new drugs in vascular diseases*

Chairmen: *Andrea Pozzati (Bologna, Italy) – Alberto Balbarini (Pisa, Italy)*

17.00  *Symptomatic cerebrovascular disease (TIA, Stroke)* - *Davide Imberti (Piacenza, Italy)*

17.20  *Acute Coronary Syndromes (STEMI, NSTEMI, UA)* - *Claudio Fresco (Udine, Italy)*

17.40  *Chronic ischemic disease (stable angina, post-AMI, post-PCI, post by-pass graft)* - *Paolo Calabrò (Naples, Italy)*

18.00  *Peripheral arterial disease (PAD)* - *Pavel Poredos (Liubljiana, Slovenia)*

18.20  *Critical Leg Ischemia and post-revascularization (PTCA, vascular surgery)* - *José Fernandes e Fernandes (Lisboa, Portugal)*

18.40  Discussion
ROOM C – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM

08.30-09.30 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

09.30-11:00 Joint Symposium with Italian society of internal medicine (SIMI)

Inflammation and subclinical organ damage

Chairmen: Francesco Perticone (Catanzaro, Italy) – Giuseppe Licata (Palermo, Italy)

09.30 The role of oxidative stress in atherosclerosis - Francesco Cipollone (Chieti, Italy)

09.50 Iron and glucose metabolism - Antonello Pietrangelo (Modena, Italy)

10.10 Renal disease and cardiovascular risk - Roberto Pontremoli (Genoa, Italy)

10.30 Inflammation and thrombosis in patients with severe hepatic disease
Stefania Basili (Rome, Italy)

10.50 Discussion

ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

11.30-13.30

Joint Symposium with the Italian Federation of Cardiology (FIC)

Multifocal atherosclerosis: medical versus interventional treatment

Chairmen: Leonardo Bolognese (Arezzo, Italy) – Mario Mariani (Pisa, Italy)

11.30 Carotid artery disease
Giovanni Savettieri (Palermo, Italy)
Antonino Nicosia (Ragusa, Italy)

12.00 Coronary Artery Disease
Roberto Caporale (Cosenza, Italy)

TBD

12.30 Peripheral arterial disease
Marco Matteo Ciccone (Bari, Italy)
Marco Contarini (Siracusa, Italy)

13.00 Discussion

13.30-14.30 LUNCH (BREAK)
ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

15.00-16.30
Joint Symposium with the European Society for Microcirculation (ESM)

*Importance of age in the development of microvascular dysfunction in cardiovascular diseases*

Chairmen: Marco Rossi (Pisa, Italy) - Tommaso Gori (Mainz, Germany)  
Gregorio Caimi (Palermo, Italy)

15.00  
*Nrf2-mediated redox signalling in vascular health, disease and ageing*  
Richard Siow (London, U.K)

15.15  
*Function of vascular connexins and the endothelial glycocalyx: health, disease and aging*  
Axel R. Pries (Berlin, Germany)

15.30  
*Ageing and tissue health*  
Angela Shore (Exeter, U.K.)

15.45  
*Aging and vasomotion* - Antonio Colantuoni (Naples, Italy)

16.00  
*Endothelial function: aging and physical exercise*  
Marco Rossi (Pisa, Italy)

16.15  
Discussion

ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

17.00-19.00
Joint Symposium with Brazilian Society of Angiology & South American Chapter

*Chronic Venous Disease*

Honorary Chairman: Marcio de Castro Silva (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)

Chairmen: Maria Elizabeth Rennó de Castro Santos (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)  
Karel Roztocil (Praha, Czech Republic)

17.00  
*Conventional sclerotherapy associated with radiofrequency*  
Bruno de Lima Naves (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)

17.30  
*How to select the patients that will benefit from the endovascular treatment of the May & Thurner syndrome - Arno Von Ristow (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)*

18.00  
*Quality of life after endovascular treatment of May & Thurner syndrome – is it effective?*  
Arno von Ristow (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

18.30  
Discussion
ROOM D – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM
08.30-09.30 ORAL COMMUNICATION

ROOM D – PARALLEL SESSION
09.30-11.00 Joint Symposium with the Italian Society of Clinical Biochemistry (SIBioC)

*Perspectives of Laboratory Diagnostics in Cardiovascular Diseases*

Chairmen: Marcello Ciaccio (Palermo, Italy) – Calogero Caruso (Palermo, Italy)

09.30 Diagnostic role of miRNA in Cardiology - Elisa Danese (Verona, Italy)
09.50 Biomarkers of fibrosis- Giuseppe Lippi (Parma, Italy)
10.10 Molecular markers in acute coronary syndrome - Chiara Bellia (Palermo, Italy)
10.30 Genetic polymorphisms in thromboembolic disease - Sergio Siragusa (Palermo, Italy)
10.50 Discussion

ROOM D – PARALLEL SESSION
17.00-19.00 Joint Symposium Chinese Chapter of IUA

Chairmen: Lianrui Guo (Beijing, China) – Panajotis Balas (Athens, Greece)

17.00 Randomized controlled study of mobilized and immobilized autologous bone marrow-derived mononuclear cell transplantation for treatment of lower limb ischemia - Lianrui Guo (Beijing, China)
17.20 Retrospective analysis of surgery and endovascular management for Takayasu Arteritis - Yongjun Li (Beijing, China)
17.40 Importance of infrapopliteal angioplasty based on the angisome concept for critical foot ischemia - Ji Donghua (Dalian, China)
18.00 Inhibiting the superficial femoral artery sympathetic nervous to treat the Buerger diseases - Jingdong Tang (Shanghai, China)
18.20 Failures and Lessons in the Endovascular Treatment of Symptomatic Isolated Dissection of the Superior Mesenteric Artery - Zhihui Dong (Shanghai, China)
18.40 Discussion
ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

09.00-10.30
Joint Symposium with the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) /IUA

*Update on the Management of Aortic Disease-The new ESC Guidelines*

Chairmen: *Fausto Pinto (Lisboa, Portugal) – José Fernandes e Fernandes (Lisboa, Portugal)*

09.00 The new ESC Guidelines on the Management of aortic disease
*Fausto Pinto (Lisboa, Portugal)*

09.20 Role of Imaging in Aortic Disease
*Fausto Pinto (Lisboa, Portugal)*

09.40 New approaches in the treatment of thoracic aortic aneurysms
*José Fernandes e Fernandes (Lisboa, Portugal)*

10.00 Acute Descending Aorta Dissections – Is endovascular intervention able to stabilize the dissection and reduce complications?
*Arno von Ristow (Rio de Janeiro, Brasil)*

10.20 Discussion

ROOM A – PLENARY SESSION

10.30-11.00
Lecture
*Atherosclerotic plaque: factors affecting stability*
*John Fletcher (Sydney, Australia)*
Chairman: *Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)*

ROOM A – PARALLEL SESSION

11.00-12.00
Joint Symposium with the Italian Society of Cardiology (2)

*The pathology of left atrium*

Chairmen: *Matteo Di Biase (Foggia, Italy) – Giuseppe Oreto (Messina, Italy)*

11.00 The Patent foramen Ovale: when the closure is useful?
*Massimo Benedetto (Palermo, Italy)*

11.15 Atrial Fibrillation: rate control versus rhythm control
*Giuseppe Oreto (Messina, Italy)*

11.30 The left appendage closure
*Carmelo Grasso (Catania, Italy)*

11.45 Discussion
ROOM A – SCIENTIFIC SESSION NO ECM

12.00-12.30
Lecture supported by Boehringer-Ingelheim
Dabigatran in the prevention of stroke in non valvular atrial fibrillation: the Italian experience after one year of clinical practice
Natale Brunetti (Foggia, Italy)
Chairman: Matteo Di Biase (Foggia, Italy)

13.00-14.00 LUNCH (BREAK)

ROOM A – PLENARY SESSION

14.00-15.30
Symposium on Acute and Chronic Ischemic Heart Disease according to the recent ESC Guidelines (IHD)

Chairmen: Denis Clement (Gent, Belgium) – Giuseppe Mercuro (Cagliari, Italy)

14.00 The Pathophysiology of Ischemic Heart Disease
Giuseppe Coppola (Palermo, Italy)

14.20 The treatment of STEMI according to the recent ESC Guidelines
Pasquale Assennato (Palermo, Italy)

14.40 The treatment of NSTEMI
Pio Caso (Naples, Italy)

15.00 The treatment of Chronic Stable Angina
Giuseppe Calcaterra (Palermo, Italy)

15.20 Discussion
### ROOM B – PARALLEL SESSION

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**Chairmen:** *Marco Matucci Cerinic (Florence, Italy) – Giovanni Triolo (Palermo, Italy)*

- **09.00**  *Vasculitis of great arteries*  
  *TBD*

- **09.20**  *Microcirculation in Raynaud’s phenomenon* - *Marco Matucci Cerinic (Florence, Italy)*

- **09.40**  *Role of videocapillaroscopy in autoimmune diseases*  
  *Ida Muratori, Rosario Russo (Palermo, Italy)*

- **10.00**  *Cardiovascular risk in autoimmune disease* - *Piercarlo Sarzi Puttini (Milan, Italy)*

- **10.20**  Discussion

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**Aortic Abdominal Aneurisms (AAA)**

**Chairmen:** *Adriana Visonà (Castelfranco Veneto, Italy) – Guido Bajardi (Palermo, Italy)*

- **11.00**  *Vascular biology: atherosclerosis and molecular mechanisms*  
  *Domenico Palombo (Genoa, Italy)*

- **11.15**  *AAA: Pathophysiological and clinical aspects*  
  *Corrado Amato, Filippo Ferrara (Palermo, Italy)*

- **11.30**  *AAA: Technology evolution in EVAR*  
  *Walter Dorigo (Florence, Italy)*

- **11.45**  Discussion

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| 12.30-13.00 | **Lecture**  
  *Bioactive biomaterials, regenerative medicine, and biodegradable scaffolds*  
  *Domenico Palombo (Genoa, Italy)* |

**Chairman:** *Giovanni Cerasola (Palermo, Italy)*

- **13.00-14.00**  **LUNCH (BREAK)**
ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

09-00.10.30
Joint Symposium of the European Chapter of the International Union of Angiology

Awareness of Angiology /Vascular Medicine in Europe

Chairman: Zsolt Pécsvárady (Budapest, Hungary)

09.00  VAS Awareness: PAD & Vascular European Days
    Mariella Catalano (Milan, Italy)

09.20  Lower limb major amputations trends related to peripheral arterial disease in Hungary
        (2004-2012). A nationwide study (hunvascdata)
    Endre Kolossvary (Budapest, Hungary)

09.40  National ABI screening program in Hungary
    Katalin Farkas (Budapest, Hungary)

10.00  Ilocriteria study: Conservative treatment for no-interventional option CLI patients
    Zsolt Pécsvárady (Budapest, Hungary)

10.20  Discussion

ROOM C – PARALLEL SESSION

12.30-13.00
Lecture
Statins: Beyond The Control Of Cholesterol
Alberto Corsini (Milan, Italy)
Chairman: Alberto Notarbartolo (Palermo, Italy)

ROOM A – PLENARY SESSION

15.30-16.00 Take home message – Salvatore Novo (Palermo, Italy)
Closing the Congress and CME-EBAC questionnaire
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CONGRESS SECRETARIAT
The congress secretariat and registration desk will be at the participants’ disposal in the congress venue from October 2nd at 09.30 hrs and throughout the duration of the Congress

CONGRESS LANGUAGE
The official language of the Congress is English. No simultaneous translation is provided

ADMISSION
Badges are used as passes. Participants are requested to wear their badge during the Congress activities and social events. The badge give admission to scientific works, coffee breaks, working light lunches and Opening Ceremony. Accompanying persons are not entitled to attend scientific sessions and working light lunches. Lost badges are replaced against the payment of Euro 45,00 (VAT 22% included) and upon proof of original registration.

Congress badges are distinguished as follows:
Partipants: transparent
Faculty: red
Sponsors: green
LUNCHES
A buffet lunch will be provided to participants from October 2nd to October 5th. Participants are kindly requested to wear their badges.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE
Certificates of attendance will be send upon request to all registered participants after the end of the Congress by email.

Smoking is not allowed in the Congress area

Delegates are kindly requested to keep their mobile phones in the off position in the halls where scientific sessions are being held.

REGISTRATION

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*Registration must be accompanied by a copy of the passport/identity card.
Registration includes: Admission to the Congress, Exhibition, Opening Ceremony, Congress documentation, Certificate of Attendance, Coffee breaks and Light lunches.

OPENING CEREMONY
The Opening Ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 2nd, at 18.00 hrs, at the Sala Magna of “Palazzo Steri Chiaramonte” (Piazza Marina, 61 – Palermo)

TAXI
A taxi service is available day and night.
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SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

CREDITS

CME – EBAC Credits
European accreditation with EBAC (European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology) and Italian Ministry of Health CME accreditation will be requested for the Congress.

ITALIAN CME – Continuing Medical Education
The Course is included in 2014 Training Plan - AIM Education - Provider nr. 93 (www.aimeducation.it) and has been accredited by the National Commission for Continuing Education with the educational objective Documentazione Clinica. Percorsi clinico-assistenziali diagnostici e riabilitativi, profili di assistenza – Profili di cura for Profession Medico Chirurgo and for the following specialties: Angiologia; Cardiologia; Endocrinologia; Gastroenterologia; Geriatria; Malattie metaboliche e diabetologia; Malattie dell'apparato respiratorio; Medicina interna; Nefrologia; Reumatologia; Cardiochirurgia; Chirurgia generale; Chirurgia vascolare; Radiodiagnostica; Medicina generale (medici di famiglia); Scienza dell'alimentazione e dietetica, for nr. 500 participants. Beyond that number and for professions / specialties different from those above mentioned it will not be possible to assign credits.
Participants will be entitled to credits only if they attend to 100% of scientific works and answer correctly at least 75% of the questions of the learning test.
In order to receive credits, participants must attend all the accredited sessions. Some sessions will be in parallel, therefore participants have to decide which session attend. Attendance to the sessions will be verified by portals that will read a tag integrated in the badge, therefore participants must always wear their badge.

THE EVENT HAS OBTAINED NR. 13 CME CREDITS.

EBAC - Accredited Educational Programme
The event “A multidisciplinary Approach to Cardio-Vascular Disease - 1st Meeting of the Multinational Chapter of the International Union of Angiology (IUA) in conjunction with the XXIV Congress of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery (MLAVS)” is accredited by the European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology (EBAC) for 23 hours of External CME credits as follows:
• October 2, 2014 = 5 CME credits
• October 3, 2014 = 6 CME credits
• October 4, 2014 = 6 CME credits
• October 5, 2014 = 6 CME credits

Each participant should claim only those hours of credit that have actually been spent in the educational activity. EBAC works according to the quality standards of the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), which is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS).
Those who are interested in EBAC Credits should ask for the EBAC Evaluation form at the moment of badge collection at the Secretariat Desk.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND POSTERS

Oral Communications
Oral Communications are held on October 2\textsuperscript{nd} and on October 3rd. Each presentation is given 10 minutes including discussion; presenters are requested to observe the guidelines indicated above to upload their presentation.

Poster display
All participants are invited to come and view the posters which are displayed in Poster area (II Floor) from October 2\textsuperscript{nd} to October 5th. Posters should be attended by the authors at breaks and lunch time to answer questions.

AUDIO-VISUAL INSTRUCTIONS
Only PC data projection will be available at the Meeting. Each room will be equipped with a laptop. Therefore the use of one’s laptop will not be allowed. Files must be in Power Point 2003, CD or USB drive. Speakers are kindly requested to refer to the technician in the Slide Center to upload their presentations.

We kindly recommend each speaker to contact the technician the day before their presentation or at least 45 minutes before the session.