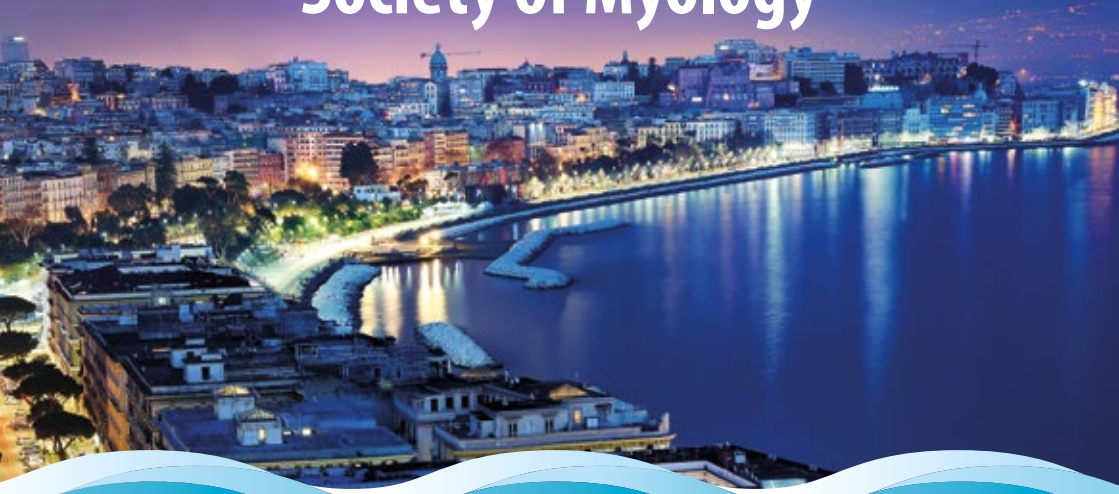




XII Congress of Mediterranean Society of Myology



Naples, 18 - 20 May 2015

Hotel Royal Continental 4****

Chairpersons:

Prof. Giovanni Nigro, *President of the Congress*

Prof. Luisa Politano

Prof. Vincenzo Nigro





Greetings from the President

Dear Colleagues,

As President of the Scientific Program Committee of the Joint Congresses of Mediterranean Society of Myology and the Italian association of Myology, I warmly welcome you to both events and to beautiful Naples.

Knowing that the participants will have different requirements, backgrounds, and interests, we have tried to organize an interesting, and scientifically diverse program. We emphasize both the basic science and clinical aspects of neuromuscular diseases. We trust that the richness of the program covering the newest developments in diagnosis, pathogenesis and treatment of a wide spectrum of neuromuscular diseases will provide an enriching experience.

As it is the custom for more than 20 years, on the occasion of the XII MSM Congress, the 2015 "G. Conte" awards for basic and clinical sciences will be awarded to two scientists who will received the most votes in the nominations. And now, let the sessions begin!

Enjoy the Congresses!

Prof. Giovanni Nigro

President, Scientific Program Committee
XII Congress of Mediterranean Society of Myology
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Preliminary Program

MONDAY 18th MAY

13.00 – 19.00 **Registration of participants**

14.00 – 14.30 **MSM Opening Ceremony**

14.30 – 16.30 **1thSession — Spinal Muscular Atrophies**

Chairpersons: E. Tizzano-Ferrari – E. Mercuri

- History of the gene and advances in genetic and translational research
(*J. Melki*)
- Developmental and evolutive aspects of the disease
(*E. Tizzano-Ferrari*)
- Update on therapeutic trials in SMA
(*E. Mercuri*)

Oral communications on the topic

16.30 – 17.00 **Coffee break**

17.00 – 19.00 **2nd Session — Inflammatory Myopathies**

Chairpersons: M. Dalakas – O. Paciello

- Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies: Novel diagnostic approach
(*M. Mirabella*)
- Inflammatory myopathies: clinical aspects
(*M. Dalakas*)
- Treatment of idiopathic inflammatory myopathies: targets inside the cytokine network
(*B. De Paepe*)

Oral communications on the topic

19.30 **Welcome Cocktail Party**



Preliminary Program

TUESDAY 19th MAY

09.00 – 11.00 **3rd Session** — Next generation sequencing and neuromuscular disorders

Chairpersons: V. Nigro – C. Minetti

- Next generation sequencing in Neuromuscular Disorders (*M. Bartoli*)
- Next generation sequencing in Limb-Girdle-Muscular Dystrophies (*V. Nigro*)
- Pro&Cons on the clinical use of massive parallel sequencing methodologies (*F. Santorelli*)

Oral communications on the topic

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.30 **4th Session** — Heart involvement in Neuromuscular Disorders

Chairpersons: D. Duboc – G. Nigro

- Heart involvement in Laminopathies (*D. Duboc*)
- Heart involvement in Myotonic Dystrophy type 1 (*G. Nigro*)
- Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance in Muscular Dystrophies (*A. Florian*)
- New therapeutic options in the end stage heart failure in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (*A. Amodio*)

Oral communications on the topic

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 17.00 **5th Session** — Laminopathies

Chairpersons: G. Lattanzi – L. Politano

- The broad spectrum of laminopathies (*G. Bonne*)
- Cardiovascular disease in premature ageing syndromes LMNA-related (*V. Andr s*)
- Role of cytokine signaling in LMNA-linked muscular dystrophies: new findings and perspectives (*G. Lattanzi*)

Oral communications on the topic

17.00 – 17.30 Coffee break

17.30 – 19.30 **Poster session**

18.30 – 19.30 **MSM Members General Assembly – Election of the new Board of MSM**

19.30 – 20.00 **MSM Board Meeting**

21.00 **Social dinner and Award Ceremony for G. Conte Prize Winners**

Preliminary Program

WEDNESDAY 20th MAY

08.30 – 09.30 6th Session — Mucopolysaccharidosis : A multidisciplinary disease with a multifaceted approach.

Chairpersons: S. Sampaolo – G. Siciliano

- Clinical aspects of mucopolysaccharidosis (*G. Andria*)
- Neuroradiological aspects of mucopolysaccharidosis (*R. Manara*)
- Results of Enzyme Replacement Therapy in mucopolysaccharidosis (*R. Parini*)

09.30 – 11.30 7th Session — New Therapeutic Approach in Neuromuscular Disorders

Chairpersons: C. Angelini - A. Toscano

- Novel translational approach in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy treatment (*S. Messina*)
- Current therapeutic considerations in late onset Pompe disease and upcoming development (*C. Desnuelle*)
- New therapeutic approach on Myotonic Dystrophies (*G. Meola*)
- Histone deacetylase inhibitors: a potential epigenetic treatment for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (*V. Saccone*)
- Givinostat : a new therapeutic approach for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (*B. Gatti*)

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Invited Lectures by the “Gaetano Conte Prize” Winners

13.30 – 14.00 Invited MSM Congress Closing Lecture

- The progress of Myology in the last 30 years (*V. Dubowitz*)

14.00 Congress Closure



General Information

Congress Registration

On-line registration and hotel bookings are available on the Congress web site: www.msm-aim2015.com

Congress Fees:

Early registration deadline: **16th March 2015**

XII Congress of Mediterranean Society of Myology		
Registration Type	Early Fee (Full registration incl. VAT)	Late Fee (Full registration incl. VAT)
* MSM Members	€ 220	€ 250
MSM Non Members	€ 250	€ 250
Under 35	€ 150	€ 180
Accompanying persons	€ 200	€ 200

One day on site registration (lunch break not included): Euro 120,00 vat included.

** A MSM Membership valid for 2015 is required.*

The registration for delegates includes:

Admission to all scientific sessions (Thursday 21st May to Saturday 23rd May)

All coffee and lunch breaks

Congress Social Dinner (Friday 22nd May 2015)

Certificate of attendance, congress bag, name badge, programme handbook

In addition to the above, non members will receive a one year subscription to the journal ACTA MYOLOGICA for 2016

Accompanying Person registration includes:

Admission to exhibition & public areas

1 ticket to the Congress Social Dinner

Guided tour to the archeological excavations on Tuesday 19th May

Note: on request, it is possible to arrange a guided trip to the island of Capri on Wednesday 20th May (minimum 10 participants)

Please be informed that from 20th to 23rd May 2015 will be held in the same Congress venue the 15° Congresso Nazionale AIM. Special rates for registration to both Congresses are available.

XII Congress of Mediterranean Society of Myology + 15th AIM National Congress		
Registration Type	Early Fee (Full registration incl. VAT)	Late Fee (Full registration incl. VAT)
* MSM and AIM Members	€ 395	€ 445
MSM and AIM Non Members	€ 435	€ 485
Under 35	€ 230	€ 260

One day on site registration (lunch break not included): Euro 120,00 vat included.

** A MSM and AIM Membership valid for 2015 are required.*

Abstract submission

Dead-line: 15th march 2015.

Abstracts will be selected by the Scientific Committee for oral and poster presentations.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the journal Acta Myologica, the Official Journal of the Society, on condition that the presenting author is registered for the Congress upon journal printing. The journal issue will be given to all delegates attending the Congress.

Submission instructions

Abstracts must be submitted electronically no later than 15th March 2015 on the following web site: www.msm-aim2015.com

Only the presenting author can be the submitter of an abstract. An abstract submitted by someone else might be refused.

Abstracts cannot be submitted by fax, hard copy or e-mail.

Acknowledgement of receipt of the submission will be sent to the stated e-mail address.

The presenting author will receive all correspondence concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing co-authors of the status of the abstract.

Everyone may be presenter of two abstracts at most

Abstract instructions

Abstracts must be written in English. Maximum 250 words (excluding title and contact information on authors).

References and credits are not to be included in the abstract, nor subheadings or keywords.

Note that all sub headings in abstracts automatically will be cancelled by the programme committee.

It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract; if accepted, any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author.

Upon submission, please indicate one of the topics that best describes the content of the abstract.

Abstracts will also be welcome on advances across the neuromuscular field.

Withdrawal or correction of a submitted abstract can only be accepted until the abstract submission deadline. Abstracts submitted later than deadline will not be accepted (unless an extension of the deadline is officially announced by the congress secretariat).

Additional information are available on the Congress web site:

www.msm-aim2015.com



Congress Venue:

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80121 Napoli

www.royalgroup.it

The Royal Continental is located on Naples' waterfront. It's easy to lose yourself between the sea and the symbols of the city: opposite the hotel, you'll see the legendary Castel dell'Ovo and the Borgo Marinari, just a few minutes walk away is the Piazza del Plebiscito and a little further, the Maschio Angioino.

The hotel is located in the centre of the large pedestrianised island of the promenade, while still being well-connected to the rest of the city.

How to reach the Congress Venue:

By Plane:

Naples has an International Airport called Capodichino. The airport has good links to main European cities like London, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich and main Italian cities like Milan and Rome by direct flights. For additional information, please visit the airport official web site: www.gesac.it

The airport is located at a 7 km from the city centre; to reach the Congress venue you may a taxi or the Alibus busline.

The trip by taxi costs around 25 euros and lasts around 20/40 minutes depending on the traffic (for additional information you may call +39 081 8888 or visit: www.consorziotaxinapoli.it).

If you take the Alibus busline you should get off at Piazza Municipio; continue on foot to via Acton and take bus 154; get off at the stop for Saint Lucia, and the hotel is just a few steps away.



By Train:

The main railway station of Naples is called Napoli Centrale - Piazza Garibaldi. Naples has good train connections through Fast Trains (Freccia Rossa or Freccia Argento with all main Italian cities).

For further information and schedules visit the website: www.trenitalia.com

The station is linked to the city centre by underground, public buses or taxi.

From Napoli Centrale you may take Metro Line 1 (Garibaldi, just outside the station), going towards Dante, and get off at Toledo. From there, you can take a taxi or enjoy a pleasant walk along Via Toledo and through Piazza del Plebiscito.

Otherwise from the railway station you may take a taxi (it costs around 15 Euros and the trip lasts 20/25 minutes depending on the traffic).

By Car:

From the motorway (from Rome: Highway A1 (Autostrada del Sole), from Bari: Highway A14, from Reggio Calabria: Highway A3) drive towards Piazza Municipio/Porto, continue on Via Acton, cross the Tunnel della Vittoria and follow Via Morelli. After 100m turn left into Piazza Vittoria.

Turn left to stay in the square and then turn left into via Arcoleo. Just before the entrance to the Tunnel della Vittoria, turn right into via Chiatamone. At number 54, turn right into via Dumas and at the end of the road turn left into the garage of the hotel.

About Naples

The Province of Naples is a magical place where colors, flavors, culture and history are intertwined in a charming mix of knowledge, joy and fun.

The area is loomed over by Mt. Vesuvius and overlooks a marvelous bay, whose beauty has served as driving inspiration for many an artist.

The allure of the landscape, the beautiful islands that dot the blue waters of the Mediterranean like jewels, the energy of a fiery and vivacious people open the doors to that joie de vivre that pervades every inch of this land, whose popular songs and delicious recipes never fade.

Naples is a real treasure trove of art and history, of indelible signs from past dominations, each of which has contributed to this city's construction. Its center, in particular, encompasses a heritage so rich that it has been designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2,500 years of history is evidenced in palaces, churches, monuments and art galleries, amidst which the Neapolitani carry on their daily lives with their trademark vivacity and creativity.

The multitude of places will excite every type of tourist: from the art and history enthusiast to the nature and sea lover, from the enogastronomy to the ancient traditions.

To be noted that for many years the city of Naples hosts the event "in May of Monuments", which attracts many tourists, limiting the hotel availability. Therefore, we invite you to reserve your accommodation in advance.

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