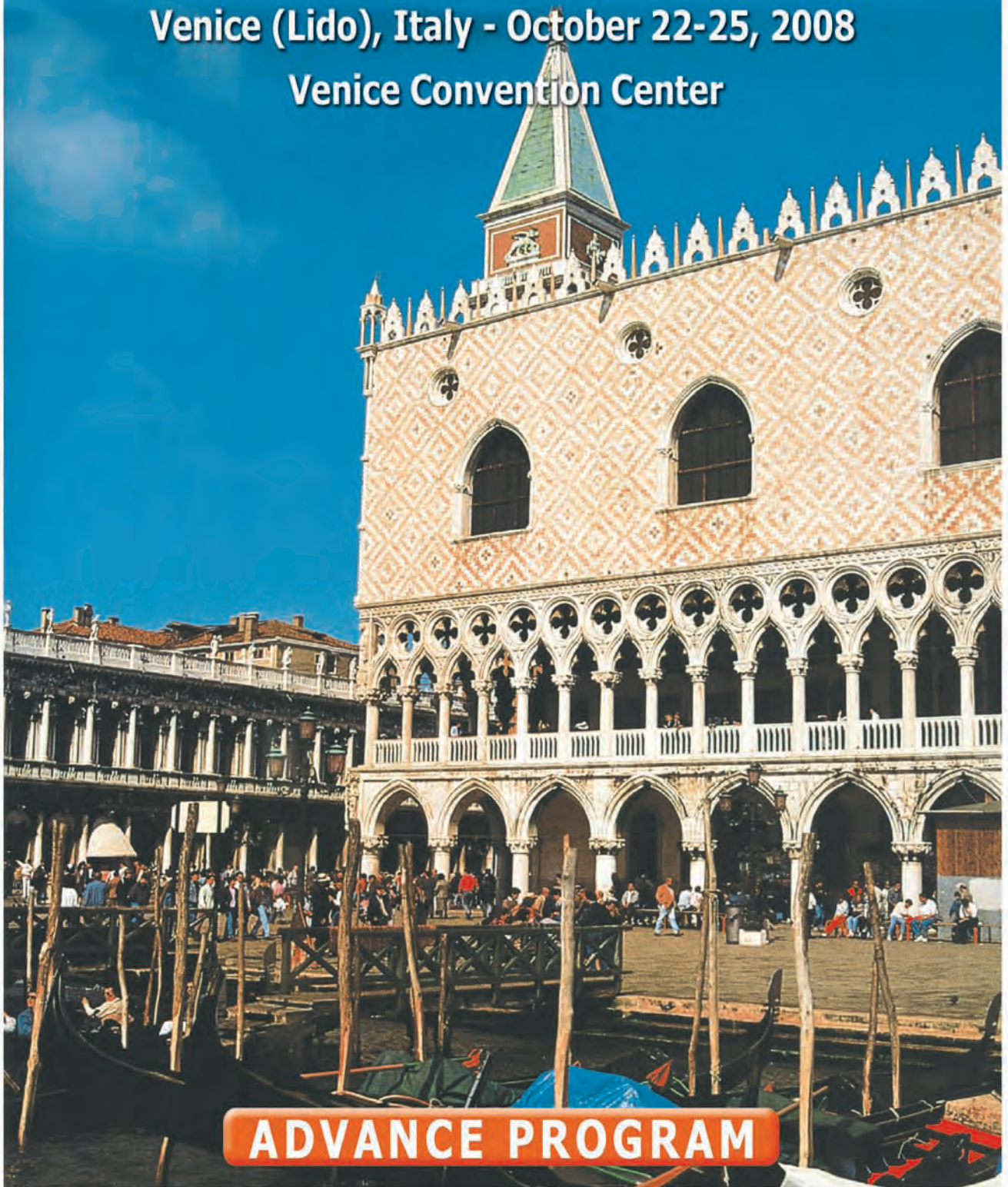


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Scientific Program

Scope of the Symposium

Multiple risk factors management is a critical area in cardiovascular prevention and therapy. The aim of the Symposium is to offer an integrated view of the **new approaches** now prevailing which include **combined control** of lipid disorders, hypertension, thrombosis, and diabetes, and the increasing use of polytherapy to reduce global cardiovascular risk. The meeting will also provide practical answers to the health care professionals who are often confronted with **selecting either a single risk factor for treatment or treating several risk factors simultaneously** and with **which priority**. The concept of the “**global patient**” and of “**personalized medicine**” will be presented and discussed and much attention will also be devoted to **health policy issues**.

Target Audience

The Symposium will provide information on the state-of-the-art of global risk and on the most recent therapeutic advances to basic scientists, epidemiologists, cardiologists, endocrinologists, internists, geriatricians, and other healthcare professionals. Officers from regulatory agencies will also benefit from the scientific, clinical, and health policy discussions held during the Symposium.

A) Plenary Sessions *(Preliminary)*

MULTIPLE RISK ASSESSMENT - (Wednesday, October 22 - Morning)

Wolf P.A. (Boston, MA, USA)

MULTIVARIABLE ASSESSMENT OF GLOBAL CARDIOVASCULAR RISK

Dullaart R.P.F. (Groningen, The Netherlands)

NEW AND EMERGING RISK FACTORS

Madjid M. (Houston, TX, USA)

A NEW TARGET FOR PREVENTION: INFLUENZA AS A TRIGGER OF ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES

Wood D. (London, UK)

WHAT IS CHANGING?

Grundey S.M. (Dallas, TX, USA)

WHAT IS CHANGING? SHORT-TERM VS LONG-TERM RISK

CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF MULTIPLE RISKS - (Thursday, October 23 - Morning)

Christensen R. (Copenhagen, Denmark)

BENEFITS AND RISKS OF WEIGHT LOSS MEDICATIONS: EVIDENCE FROM META-ANALYSES

Mancia G. (Monza, Italy)

PREVENTION OF STROKE BY ANTIHYPERTENSIVE TREATMENT. BLOOD PRESSURE DEPENDENT AND INDEPENDENT EFFECTS

Ginsberg H.N. (New York, NY, USA)

THE ROLE OF FATTY ACIDS, INSULIN RESISTANCE AND ER STRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEPATIC STEATOSIS AND HYPERTRIGLYCERIDEMIA

Remuzzi G. (Bergamo, Italy)

RENAL DYSFUNCTION AS A MAJOR RISK FACTOR FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Patrino C. (Rome, Italy)

PLATELET INHIBITION IN ATHEROTHROMBOSIS

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MULTIPLE RISK FACTOR

(Friday, October 24 - Morning)

Crea F. (Rome, Italy)

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO THE PATIENT WITH MULTIPLE RISK FACTORS

Eckel R.H. (Denver, CO, USA)

DIET AND EXERCISE

Chait A. (Seattle, WA, USA)

DIABETES AND RELATED RISK FACTORS

Davidson M.H. (Chicago, IL, USA)

LONG-TERM COMBINATION THERAPY: EFFICACY AND SAFETY

Sirtori C.R. (Milan, Italy)

NEW THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES

BRIDGING SCIENCE AND HEALTH POLICY IN CVD: FOCUS ON LIPID MANAGEMENT – THE FACTS, THE BARRIERS, THE POLICY

(Saturday, October 25 - Morning)

Leal J. (Oxford, UK)

ECONOMIC BURDEN OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Critchley J. (Newcastle upon Tyne, UK)

CARDIOVASCULAR RISK REDUCTION IN WHOLE POPULATIONS: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Volpe M. (Rome, Italy)

CARDIOVASCULAR PREVENTION: A CALL-TO-ACTION TO REDUCE DISEASE BURDEN

Catapano A.L. (Milan, Italy)

CLINICAL EVIDENCE IN LIPID MANAGEMENT

Hobbs F.D.R. (Birmingham, UK)

BARRIERS AND INCENTIVES TO IMPROVING CVD PREVENTION

Jönsson B. (Stockholm, Sweden)

COST OF CVD AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF LIPID MANAGEMENT: LESSONS FROM CLINICAL TRIALS

Atella V. (Rome, Italy)

COST OF CVD AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF LIPID MANAGEMENT: LESSONS FROM GENERAL PRACTICE

Keynote Lecture:

SETTING LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY OBJECTIVES AT EUROPEAN, NATIONAL, AND REGIONAL LEVELS

B) Workshops (Preliminary List)

(The Workshops will include Invited Lectures and Selected Oral Communications)

MULTIPLE RISK DISEASES

Marx N. (Ulm, Germany)

THE ROLE OF INFLAMMATION IN DIABETES AND VASCULAR DISEASE

Zambon A. (Padua, Italy)

METABOLIC SYNDROME AND CARDIOMETABOLIC RISK

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MULTIPLE RISK FACTORS

Ose L. (Oslo, Norway)

GENDER AND CVD RISK FACTORS

Giampaoli S. (Rome, Italy)

PREVENTION IN LOWER RISK POPULATIONS

Corsini A. (Milan, Italy)

POLYPHARMACY

NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL APPROACHES AND INTERVENTION

De Feo P. (Perugia, Italy)

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR THE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF METABOLIC SYNDROME

Lichtenstein A. (Boston, MA, USA)

GLYCEMIC INDEX VALUES - TO USE OR NOT TO USE

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Marcovina S.M. (Seattle, WA, USA)

EVALUATION OF RISK FACTORS FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN YOUTH WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES

Shepherd J. (Glasgow, UK)

INTENSIVE STATIN THERAPY: GENDER AND AGE CONSIDERATIONS

GENDER PERSPECTIVES

Organized in collaboration with the International Menopause Society (IMS)

Foody J.M. (Boston, MA, USA)

THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBAL RISK FACTOR MODIFICATION

Modena M.G. (Modena, Italy)

FROM ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION TO SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS: THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE

Pines A. (Tel Aviv, Israel)

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CARDIOVASCULAR RISK WITH HRT

HEART AND INFLAMMATION

Libby P. (Boston, MA, USA)

FUNDAMENTAL AND APPLIED ASPECTS OF INFLAMMATION IN ATHEROSCLEROSIS

Maisch B. (Marburg, Germany)

PERIMYOCARDITIS - AN INTEGRATED APPROACH FROM INVASIVE AND NON-INVASIVE IMAGING AND CLASSIC BIOMARKERS TO DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

D) Symposia *(Preliminary List of Topics)*

FROM HOSPITAL TO HOME: CONTINUITY OF CARE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

Organized in collaboration with the Italian Federation on Internal Medicine (FADOI)

MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH MULTIPLE RISK FACTORS

SMOKING: RISK OR CAUSE

E) Selected Oral Communications

See List of Abstract Categories (Topics) on page 11.

F) Posters

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Instructions for On-Line Abstract Submission

On-line submission of abstracts only (<http://www.lorenzinifoundation.org/mrf2008.html>).

The deadline for submission of abstracts is: June 10, 2008. Abstracts received after June 10 will not be accepted.

RULES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

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5. Authors will be notified by email of the acceptance of their abstract(s) by the end of July 2008. Authors will also receive instructions regarding their oral or poster presentation.
6. Authors are allowed to send no more than 2 abstracts as the presenting author.
7. If an abstract is accepted, the presenting author must attend the Symposium and present it personally. Abstracts must be accompanied by the payment of the registration fee.
8. Funding: Abstracts submitted for presentation must include a disclosure of funding sources of commercial nature for the work being presented.
9. The abstracts will be published in an **abstract book issued as a Supplement to the *Journal of Clinical Lipidology*** and will be distributed to all participants upon registration at the Symposium.

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5. Abstract Title

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8. Sample

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7.	Dyslipidemia
8.	Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Risk Factors
9.	Established and New Emerging Risk Factors
10.	Gender Perspectives in Cardiovascular Risk Factors
11.	Genetics
12.	Guidelines for Practice
13.	Health Economy
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15.	Heart and Inflammation
16.	Heart and Other Organs
17.	HIV and Cardiovascular Risk
18.	Hypertension
19.	Iatrogenic Risk Factors
20.	Metabolic Syndrome and Cardiometabolic Risk
21.	Multiple Pharmacy
22.	Multiple Risk Factors and Biomarkers
23.	Multiple Risk Factors and “omics”
24.	New Drugs and New Clinical Trials
25.	Non-Pharmacological Approaches and Intervention
26.	Nutraceuticals
27.	Obesity
28.	Peripheral Vascular Disease
29.	Pharmacosurveillance and Pharmacovigilance
30.	Prevention of Multiple Risk Factors
31.	Renal Diseases
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36.	Thrombosis and Thrombolysis
37.	Treatment of Multiple Risk Factors

Registration Information

Registration and Fees

REGISTRATION FEES (VAT 20% included)	Early Registration by JUNE 10, 2008	Late Registration from JUNE 11 TO OCTOBER 10, 2008	Registration from OCTOBER 11 is ON-SITE ONLY
Participant	€ 550,00	€ 650,00	€ 710,00
Student/Nurse*	€ 230,00	€ 250,00	€ 270,00
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SOCIAL PROGRAM	Date	Place	
Welcome Reception	October 22, 2008	Venice Convention Center	Complimentary
Tour (for Accompanying Persons only)	October 23, 2008	Tour of the "Gallerie dell'Accademia"	Complimentary

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How to Register for the Symposium

On-line Registration

- On-line registration is the only means of registering accepted by Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini. The registration form is available on www.lorenzinifoundation.org/mrf2008.html. All persons registering on-line by October 10, 2008 will receive an immediate on-line acknowledgement of registration followed by an e-mail, including user ID number and password to be used for further contacts or to revise their data (*please do not forget to print it*).

The deadline for on-line registration is October 10, 2008

After this date participants will have to register on-site in Venice.

Methods of Payment (On-line)

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Participants and Students/Nurses are entitled to:

- attend all Scientific Sessions
- attend the Opening Ceremony of the Symposium and the Welcome Reception
- receive Final Program and Abstract Book
- receive tickets for Coffee Breaks
- receive tickets for Light Lunches

Accompanying Persons are entitled to:

- attend the Welcome Reception
- receive ticket for the Tour

Name Changes

After September 15, 2008 those who wish to make name changes will be charged an handling fee of € 35,00 (VAT 20% included) per name change. A new revised registration form must be completed for each participant replacement before any name change will be made. Individuals can make name changes only in exceptional cases. Written permission from the original participant will be required in order to process an individual name change.

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Cancellation by September 15, 2008	30% of the registration fee will be withheld
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Procedure

The Group registration is offered when a single sponsor registers at least 15 individuals. The Group registration procedure is available on-line in the Symposium website www.lorenzinifoundation.org/mrf2008.html. The early registration fee will be applied when the payment is received by June 10, 2008 even without the list of participants. The final list of participants must be sent to AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS by **September 30, 2008**. Should the deadline of June 10 not be met, the difference between early and late registration fees will have to be paid in order to process the Group registration. Replacements of participants are acceptable at no additional fee until September 30, 2008. After this date, sponsors who wish to make name changes will be charged a fee of € 35,00 (VAT 20% included) per name change.

To proceed with Group Registration go to the Symposium website:
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All group registrations must be prepaid and must be submitted using the on-line procedure. No refund will be made for any partially or totally cancelled group.

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Group leaders will receive the invoice for their Group registration at the address indicated during the on-line Group Registration procedure.

Material Collection

To collect Group registration material on-site, Group leaders must provide AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS with a copy of the letter sent to his/her group delegates informing them that their Symposium kit will be collected by the Group leader and directly delivered to them. Group leaders are also requested to give the names of the participants who will collect their registration material on their own directly on site to AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS in advance.

To collect the Group material, Group leaders must contact AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS to arrange an appointment.

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Internet

Home page for the MRF 2008 Symposium is located at: www.lorenzinfoundation.org/mrf2008.html

Location and Date of the Symposium

The Symposium will take place on October 22-25, 2008 at:

VENICE CONVENTION CENTER
LUNGOMARE MARCONI, 30
30126 VENICE LIDO, ITALY

Symposium Information

Registration at the Symposium

Please refer to pages 12-14 of this publication for registration procedures, costs, and policies.

On-Site Registration will be available as follows:

Tuesday, October 21	3.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Wednesday, October 22	7.30 am – 7.00 pm
Thursday, October 23	7.30 am – 7.00 pm
Friday, October 24	7.30 am – 7.00 pm
Saturday, October 25	7.30 am – 1.00 pm

Official Language

The official language of the Symposium will be English. Both presentations and discussions must be in English.

Audio-visual Equipment

Power Point presentation (single slide) will be accommodated with an LCD-panel projection system only.

Badges

The official badge must be worn for admission to all scientific sessions and other activities of the Symposium. Accompanying persons may not attend the scientific sessions. Lost badges will be replaced for a fee of € 35,00 (VAT 20% included) with proof of the original registration.

Lunches

Light lunches will be provided on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to registered participants.

Coffee Breaks

Coffee Breaks will be provided from Wednesday morning until Saturday morning to registered participants.

Certificate of Attendance

Certificates of Attendance will be available on request at the end of the Symposium.

Slide Library

A Slide Library of key selected presentations will be available after the Symposium on www.lorenzinifoundation.org

CME Credits (EBAC, EACCME, AMA, and ECM)

CME credits for the MRF 2008 Symposium will be requested from **EBAC** (European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology) and **EACCME** (European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) for European and US participants, and from the **Italian Ministry of Health** for Italian participants (ECM). EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA). To convert **EACCME** credit to AMA PRA category 1 credit, please contact the AMA.

Scientific Exhibition

During the Symposium an exhibition on pharmaceuticals, instruments, publishing, and suppliers of medical technology will be held in the Symposium area. For more information, please contact the Scientific-Organizing Secretariat.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To receive the Sponsor Prospectus, please contact the Scientific-Organizing Secretariat at: mrf@lorenzinifoundation.org.

Visa Requirements

Participants needing a visa must register for the Symposium in order to require the official letter necessary to obtain the visa. This letter will not imply any obligation from the Organizers to provide any kind of financial contribution. Please begin your visa application process as soon as possible. In some countries consulates take several months to process applications.

Insurance

Registration for the Symposium implies that the delegate agrees that neither the Scientific-Organizing Committee nor the Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini (Milan and Houston) assume any liability or responsibility whatsoever. Symposium delegates are requested to make their own arrangements for medical, travel, and personal insurance.

Cancellation of the Symposium

Please note in the unlikely event that the 7th International Symposium on Multiple Risk Factors in Cardiovascular Diseases is abbreviated or cancelled for any reason whatsoever, the Giovanni Lorenzini Medical Foundation and the Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to unilaterally terminate the Symposium. In such cases, the registrant and/or any funding/sponsoring organization hereby agrees to waive any claim against the Giovanni Lorenzini Medical Foundation and the Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini for damages or compensation including, but not limited to, fees for registration, housing, airfare, and incidental charges.

Electricity

Voltage in Italy is 220 volts - 50 Hz. Foreign appliances may require an adapter.

Posters Awards for Young Investigators (35 years old or less)

Research awards will be made to recognize scientific merit and outstanding research achievements in a poster presentation by an investigator, 35 years old or less, who submits an abstract in the competition. Selection is based on originality, importance of work, work accomplished, quality of experimental design and methodology, strength and reliability of data, and means of expression.

Each winner will receive a certificate and an award of \$ 1,000.

The posters in the competition will be judged by a special Committee.

Interested participants must specify in the on-line abstract submission process if they wish to apply for the YIA. You must email (mrf2008.yia@aimgroup.it) a short CV. Proof of the date of birth will be verified on-site. Interested participants must register and pay the registration fee. The application deadline is: **June 10, 2008**.

Social Program

Invitation tickets will be required for all Social Events, whether included or not in the registration fee. No admittance will be possible without presentation of the corresponding invitation ticket. Please note that invitation tickets for any reserved event are valid for one person only.

Deadline for Social Events reservations is September 15, 2008.

After September 15, 2008 reservations for Social Events may not be guaranteed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As attendance is limited, please make your reservations as soon as possible on-line.

Social Events

FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

- **Wednesday, October 22, 2008 (evening)**
WELCOME RECEPTION AT THE “VENICE CONVENTION CENTER” - (complimentary)

FOR REGISTERED ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

- **Thursday, October 23, 2008 (morning – half day)**
TOUR OF THE “GALLERIE DELL’ACCADEMIA” - (complimentary) - Lunch not included.

The greatest existing collection of Venetian art is housed in the three buildings of the **Gallerie dell’Accademia** and features five centuries of masterpieces. Founded by Giambattista Piazzetta in the 18th century, the collection was greatly enlarged by Napoleon, who transferred a large number of works from the convents and churches he himself had suppressed.

Among the numberless works of art, you should not miss the *Legend of St. Ursula*, by Vittore Carpaccio, a cycle of eight magnificent paintings dating from the late 16th c., the *Coronation of the Virgin*, a bright polyptych painted in 1325 by Paolo Veneziano, considered the very founder of the Venetian school, and the enigmatic *Tempest* by Giorgione, a painting in which the innovative use of the landscape influenced all the art of the following centuries.

Many other paintings are worth a stop: you will view works by the three Bellinis (Jacopo, Gentile, and Giovanni), Andrea Mantegna, Lorenzo Lotto, Paolo Veronese, Jacopo Tintoretto, and Tiepolo.

Please check the website for further details.

How to Reach Venice and Venice Lido

- **By Plane – Venice Marco Polo Airport**

Located 12 km by road and 10 km by water from the city, this airport is connected to Venice Lido by the Public ACTV watertaxi service: it is a private watertaxi service which uses public transport stops. Please take Alilaguna Red Line and get off at Lido stop (it takes around 55 minutes). A shuttle bus will take you to Hotel Excelsior.

- **By Plane – Treviso Antonio Canova Airport (*especially for low-cost airlines*)**

Located 20 km by road from Venice, this airport is connected to the nearby railway station of Venezia - Santa Lucia by scheduled bus services.

- **By Train**

Santa Lucia is the Venice Train Station. It is connected to the rest of Italy with Eurostar trains, Intercities and Interregional, and local trains. From here, frequent boat connections to Venice Lido are available.

- **By Car**

Venice can be reached with the following motorway and road connections: A4 from Trieste and from Turin, A27 from Belluno, A13 from Bologna, and the state roads SS.309 Romea from the Adriatic Coast, SS.14 from Trieste, SS.13 from Treviso, SS.11 from Padua. Once you arrive near the lagoon, get on to the Ponte della Libertà - a long bridge with two lanes linking Venice to the mainland - follow the signs for Venice and you will arrive at Piazzale Roma, where the Railway Station is located. Here you have to **leave your car**. **Parking areas at Piazzale Roma: the Autorimessa Comunale, the Garage S. Marco and the small open air car park S. Andrea. One alternative is the large car park on the Tronchetto island.**

- **By Public Transportation (once in Venice)**

Public transportation to Venice Lido (S.M. Elisabetta) will be available from every water-bus stop in Venice. Traveling time by water-bus from San Marco Square to Venice Lido: approximately 15 minutes. The Symposium will provide a round-trip shuttle bus service from the S.M. Elisabetta Pier in Venice Lido to the Symposium Venue.

- **Shuttle bus (on the Lido)**

A shuttle bus service from S.M. Elisabetta Pier on the Lido and the MRF 2008 Symposium hotels on the Lido to the Symposium Venue will be provided.

Detailed information will be available on the website.

Hotel Accommodation

For information and/or reservations please contact the official housing bureau and travel agency of the Symposium:

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AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS will be at your disposal for any information regarding hotel reservations.

How to make a hotel reservation

Please carefully read the instructions available on the Symposium website:

www.lorenzinifoundation.org/mrf2008.html in the section dedicated to HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

Make your reservation by September 15, 2008. After that date, rooms cannot be guaranteed. A voucher will be sent out as confirmation for your reservation.

Payment of the agency reservation fee of € 20,00 is mandatory. Bookings without reservation fee will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Rooms will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Should single rooms not be available, double rooms for single occupancy will be assigned. AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS reserves the right to change the booking according to availability in the same category.

Method of Payment (On-line)

Every reservation must be guaranteed by **credit card**. A reservation fee of € 20,00 will be charged on the credit card provided upon confirmation of the booking.

AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS will issue regular invoice for the charged amount. The credit card provided will be kept as guarantee for the hotel reservation and **NO FURTHER COSTS** will be charged.

No reservation will be confirmed without guarantee.

Please do not send any payment to the hotel.

All room charges (room, mini-bar, telephone charges, room service etc.) **MUST be settled directly with the hotel at check out.**

A minimum stay of 3 nights is highly recommended.

Cancellation Policy

Notice of cancellation should be sent to AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS, Accommodation Department **in writing** only.

Cancellation Fees

By September 15, 2008	NO CHARGE except the handling fee of € 20,00
From September 16 to October 1, 2008	1 NIGHT accommodation
From October 2, 2008 onward	100% of the requested reservation

For further information and assistance, as well as for group reservation, please contact:

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Further Assistance to Delegates

AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS will be glad to offer assistance for any special request (ie, earlier/later check in and check out, different type of room, e.g, triple, etc., any change in your reservation).

Special efforts shall be made to find inexpensive accommodations (pensions, student residences, etc.) for young scientists/physicians to facilitate their attendance. For information please contact AIM GROUP - AIM CONGRESS.

Hotel Rates

Venezia Lido		
HOTEL CATEGORY	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM
4 stars	min € 170 - max € 230	min € 190 - max € 250
3 stars	min € 130 - max € 170	min € 145 - max € 180
2 stars	min € 120 - max € 120	min € 130 - max € 130
Venezia Downtown		
HOTEL CATEGORY	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM
5 stars	min € 400 - max € 670	min € 460 - max € 690
4 stars	min € 310 - max € 396	min € 345 - max € 407
3 stars	min € 290 - max € 310	min € 310 - max € 330

All rates are inclusive of bed and breakfast and taxes and may be subject to changes. Please check the website which is permanently updated regarding availability and rates.

Venice



Legend

- ① Congress Venue
- ② Piazzale Roma
- ③ Railway Station
- ④ Grand Canal

- ⑤ San Marco Square
- ⑥ S.M. Elisabetta Square
(arrival of ferry boats from Downtown Venice)

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Early Registration	June 10
Late Registration	October 10
On-line Registration (last day)	October 10
Registration Cancellation	September 15
Social Program Reservation	September 15
On-line Hotel Reservation (last day)	September 15
Hotel Reservation Cancellation	September 15

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Seattle, WA, USA, July 9-11, 2008

3rd International Symposium on INTEGRATED BIOMARKERS IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

Co-chairs: **A. Chait** (Seattle, WA, USA), **V. Fuster** (New York, NY, USA), and **R. Paoletti** (Milan, Italy)

Director: **S.M. Marcovina** (Seattle, WA, USA)

For more information, please contact: biomarkers@lorenzinifoundation.org

For further information, please check the website: www.ibcvd.org

Boston, MA, USA, June 14-18, 2009

XV International Symposium on ATHEROSCLEROSIS

Co-chairs: **A.M. Gotto, Jr.** (New York, NY, USA) and **E.J. Schaefer** (Boston, MA, USA)

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