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**PROGRAM**

**Convitto della Calza**  
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Thursday, March 19, 2015 – Afternoon

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***Welcome Ceremony***

06.30 p.m. – 07.00 p.m. ***Welcome addresses***

**Giovanni A. Fontana and Pierangelo Geppetti** – Presidents of the Meeting

**Authorities**

07.00 p.m. - 07.45 p.m. ***Opening Lecture***

**Bradley J. Undem** (Baltimore, MD-USA)

Central and Peripheral Sensitization: from Pain to Cough

***Welcome Cocktail***

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Friday, March 20, 2015 – Morning

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### **Session I – Mechanisms of Cough Control**

- Chairpersons:           **Jan Hanacek** (Martin, SK)  
                                  **Milos Tatar** (Martin, SK)
- 09.00 a.m. – 09.30 a.m.   **Donatella Mutolo** (Florence, I)  
                                  Central Control of Cough
- 09.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.   **Brendan Canning** (Baltimore, MD-USA)  
                                  Peripheral Control of Cough
- 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.   **Silvia Varechova** (Nancy, F)  
                                  Coughing and Breathing
- 10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.   **Ivan Poliacek** (Martin, SK)  
                                  Brainstem Neurones Involved in the Upper Airway Control
- 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.   **Paul W. Davenport** (Gainesville, FL-USA)  
                                  The Urge-to-Cough
- 11.30 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.   Coffee *break*

### **Session II – TRP Channels in Pain and Cough**

- Chairpersons:           **Anna Maria Aloisi** (Siena, I)  
                                  **Fulvia Bongianni** (Florence, I)
- 12.00 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.   **Jeffrey S. Mogil** (Montréal, QC-CDN)  
                                  Sex differences in pain control
- 12.30 a.m. – 13.00 p.m.   **Pierangelo Geppetti** (Florence, I)  
                                  Channels in inflammatory, neuropathic and migraine pain
- 13.00 p.m. – 01.30 p.m.   **Kian Fan Chung** (London, UK)  
                                  TRP Channels in Cough
- 01.30 p.m. – 02.30 p.m.   Lunch

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Friday, March 20, 2015 – Afternoon

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### **Session III – Cough and other symptoms in COPD**

**Chairpersons:**

**TBA**  
**Paul Jones** (London, UK)

02.30 p.m. – 03.00 p.m. **Giovanni Fontana** (Florence, I)  
Cough: the most bothersome symptom in COPD

03.00 p.m. – 03.30 p.m. **Paul Jones** (London, UK)  
24 hours symptoms improvement: are the LAMA all the same?

03.30 p.m. – 04.00 p.m. **TBA**  
Adherence to therapy: how much the inhaler device matters

04.00 p.m. – 04.30 p.m. *Coffee break*

### **Session IV – New Options in Cough Therapy**

**Chairpersons:**

**Federico Lavorini** (Florence, I)  
**Alyn H. Morice** (Cottingham, UK)

04.30 p.m. – 05.00 p.m. **Clive Page** (London, UK)  
Overview

05.00 p.m. – 05.30 p.m. **Peter Diczpinigaitis** (Bronx, NY-USA)  
Anticholinergic Agents

05.30 p.m. – 06.00 p.m. **Surinder Birring** (London, UK)  
Gabapentin to refractory chronic cough

06.00 p.m. – 06.30 p.m. **Jana Plevkova** (Martin, SK)  
Relevance of aromatic volatile substances (TRPM8 agonists) in the management of cough

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Saturday, March 21, 2015 – Morning

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**Session V – Update in pain Therapy**

- Chairpersons: **Pierangelo Geppetti** (Florence, I)  
**Alberto Chiarugi** (Florence, I)
- 09.00 a.m. – 09.30 a.m. **Rami Burstein** (Boston, MA-USA)  
Central and peripheral sensitization in migraine pain
- 09.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. **Jordi Serra** (Barcelona, E)  
Hyperexcitability and fibromyalgia
- 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. **Giorgio Cruccu** (Rome, I)  
Novel pain treatments
- 10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. *Coffee break*

**Session VI – Perspectives in Cough and Pain Research**

- Chairpersons: **Rocco Domenico Mediatì** (Florence, I)  
**Massimo Pistolesi** (Florence, I)
- 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. **Giuseppe Lauria Pinter** (Milan, I)  
The genetic of neuropathic pain
- 11.30 a.m. – 12.00 a.m. **Peter Holzer** (Graz, Austria)  
Cough and vomiting: commonalities and differences
- 12.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. **Federico Lavorini** (Florence, I)  
The Converging Stimuli of Deflation Cough
- 12.30 p.m. – 02.00 p.m. *Lunch*
- Chairpersons: **Pierangelo Geppetti** (Florence, I)  
**Giovanni A. Fontana** (Florence, I)
- 02.00 p.m. – 02.15 p.m. **Renato Vellucci** (Florence, I)  
Clinical Case 1 (pain)
- 02.15 p.m. – 02.30 p.m. **Silvia Benemei** (Florence, I)  
Clinical Case 2 (pain)
- 02.30 p.m. – 02.45 p.m. **Silvia Benemei** (Florence, I)  
Clinical Case 2 (pain)
- 02.45 p.m. – 03.00 p.m. **Silvia Benemei** (Florence, I)  
Clinical Case 2 (pain)
- 03.00 p.m. – 03.30 p.m. *Discussion*
- 03.30 p.m. – 04.00 p.m. **Giovanni A. Fontana and Pierangelo Geppetti**  
Closing remarks

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Meeting venue**

Convitto della Calza - Piazza della Calza 6 - 50125 Firenze

### **Registration hours**

The Registration Desk will be open during the following hours:

Thursday, March 19: 06.00 p.m. to 07.45 p.m.

Friday, March 20: 08.00 a.m. to 06.30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21: 08.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.

### **Official language**

English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

### **Registrations**

Conference attendance is free of charge. Please return the registration form to:

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### **CME Accreditation**

The application for CME accreditation has been submitted for Italian Physicians.

The CME credits will be awarded only after full attendance of all sessions.

Completion of the Registration Form, the Learning & Assessment questionnaires are compulsory.

### **Technical facilities**

A Slide Center with PCs (Windows and Macintosh operating systems) will be available for Speakers to preview and finalize their presentations.

Speakers are kindly requested to submit their presentations on USB flash drive, CD or DVD to the Slide Center technicians at least one hour before their talks.

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### **Lunches and coffee breaks**

Lunches and coffee breaks will be provided within the conference premises.

### **Abstracts book**

The participants will receive the Abstracts Book at the conference.

### **Attendance certificate**

The attendance certificate will be issued at the accreditation desk following full attendance at the Conference.