

Post-Graduated Course

Thursday, March 29th 2001

PLENARY ROOM

8.30 – 11.00 Modalities of reconstruction after esophagectomy –

Chairmen: J. Baulieux, Lyon – E. Ancona, Padova

08.30	D. Liebermann-Meffert, Munich	<i>Anatomy of the Stomach</i> as esophageal substitute	<i>Live operation:</i> Laparoscopic Gastroplasty R. Rosati, Milano
08.45	S.Merigliano/A.Ruol, Padova	The use of tubulized stomach	
09.05	J.M. Collard, Brussels	The use of total stomach	
10.00	S.Merigliano, Padova	How to elongate the stomach?	
10.15	J.Mendes de Almeida, Lisboa	Pyloric divulsion, Pyloroplasty, nothing.	
10.30	T. Lerut, Leuven	Techniques of colon interposition	
10.50	K. Jeyasingham, Bristol	<i>Long term result of Coloplasty</i>	

11.15 – 11.45 *Coffee Break*

Treatment of Complicated GERD

12.00 – 13.00 Chairmen: R. Naccarato, Padova; P. Parilla, Murcia

12.00	S. Mattioli, Bologna	Work-up and treatment of acquired short esophagus.
12.15	M. Morino, Torino	Argon Plasma ablation and antireflux surgery for the treatment of Barrett's esophagus.
12.30	L. Bonavina, Milan	Comparison between Argon Plasma and Laser ablation in Barrett's esophagus.
12.45	K.H. Fuchs, Würzburg	Management of HGD in Barrett's esophagus.

14.15 – 15.00 Treatment of Achalasia

Chairmen: R. Rosati, Milan; L. Grande, Barcelona

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| 14.15 | M.Patti, S.Francisco | Treatment of Achalasia. | |
| 14.30 | V. Annese, S.Giovanni
Rotondo (Foggia) | Botox treatment. | Laparoscopic
Cardiomyotomy for
achalasia (<i>live operation</i>)
M.Rossi, Pisa |
| 14.45 | L. Benini, Valeggio sul
Mincio, (Mantova) | <i>Pneumatic dilation.</i> | |

16.30 – 17.00 New Diagnostic and therapeutics tools

Chairmen: P. Spinelli, Milano; K.H. Fuchs, Würzburg

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| 16.30 | J. Deviere, Brussels | Endoscopic injectables as antireflux procedure. | |
| 16.45 | M. Smits, Amsterdam | Fluoroscopic endoscopy in Barrett's esophagus: toy or tools? | |
| 17.00 | S.G. Bown, London | New photosensitizers for endoscopic treatment of esophageal cancer. | |

GEEMO meeting

Thursday, March 29th, 2001

PLENARY ROOM

17.30 – 18.00 Multidisciplinary approach to oropharyngeal dysphagia

Chairmen: M. Pera, Barcelona; A. Staffieri, Padova

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| 17.30 | E. Dejaeger, Leuven | Oro-pharyngeal dysphagia; state of the art, | |
| 17.50 | L. Bonavina, Milano | The role of cricopharyngeal myotomy and Botulinum toxin. | |
| 18.00 | A. Wuttge, C. Hannig
Munich | The role of rehabilitative therapy. | |
| 18.15 | S.Narne, Padova | Endoscopic treatment of Zenker's diverticula. | |

Friday, March 30th, 2001

PLENARY ROOM

8.30 – 10.00 Failures of Surgical treatment for benign esophageal diseases

Chairmen: L. Lundell, Gotheborg; G. Zaninotto, Padova

- 08.30 G. Bianchi-Porro, Milano A critical appraisal to laparoscopic antireflux surgery,
- 08.45 S. Freys, Wurzburg Work-up of patients with failed antireflux procedures.
- 09.00 A. Fingerhut, Paris Is laparoscopic antireflux surgery evidence based ?
- 09.15 H. Stein, Munich Re-do surgery for failed open antireflux surgery.
- 09.30 B. Dallemagne, Lieges Re-do surgery for failed laparoscopic antireflux surgery.
- 09.45 L. Lundell, Gotheborg Failures of Surgical Treatment for benign oesophageal disease.

10.00 –11.30 Oral presentations – SESSION 2 - Esophageal Cancer

Chairmen: G.W.B. Clark, Leeds; A. Ruol, Padova

- 10.00 O10 C.D. Morris, G.R. Armstrong, S.E.A. Attwood, Manchester
Cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) in the malignant progression of Barrett's oesophagus.
- 10.12 O11 G. Coggi, D. Graziani, S. Romagnoli, S. Sirchia, N. Sacchi, L. Bonavina, S. Bosari, A. Pernacchia, Milano
Methylation status of RAR β 2 promoter in esophageal cancer.
- 10.24 O12 R. Romagnoli, C.A. Gutschow, J.M. Collard, Brussels
High-grade dysplasia arising in Barrett's oesophagus: endoscopic surveillance or immediate resection?
- 10.36 O13 P. Spinelli, P. Pizzetti, G. Dognini, Milan
Endoscopic mucosal resection as a therapeutic procedure for early esophageal cancer and severe dysplasia.
- 10.48 O14 E. Ancona, A. Ruol, M. Cagol, S. Merigliano, V. Chiarion Sileni, L. Corti, S. Scappin, R. Alfieri, H. Koussis, C. Boso, M. Epifani, Padova
Locally advanced (T4 Nx M0) squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus. Chemo-radiotherapy followed by surgery improves the long-term prognosis.

11.00 O15 W. Schröder, S.P. Mönig, S. Baldus, C. Gutschow, K.T.E. Beckurts, A.H. Hölscher, Cologne
Pattern of nodal metastases in transthoracically resected adenocarcinoma of the distal esophagus.

11:12 O16 P. Yiannopoulos, T. Mariolis, G. Alvanos, H. Katsoulis, G. Veloudis, C. Kounoudes, Athens
Transhiatal esophagectomy: clinical experience of 500 patients.

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break – Posters Session

12.00 – 13.00 Esophageal emergencies

Chairmen: J. Kiss, Budapest; G. Di Falco, Treviso

12.00 E. Ancona, Padova Esophageal perforation..

12.15 R. De Franchis, Milan ***Management of esophageal bleeding.***

12.30 M. Celerier, Paris Esophageal Caustic burns.

12.45 J. Baulieux, Lyon Management of anastomotic leaks.

14.30 – 15.00 Main Lecture: Historical notes on esophageal surgery in Europe
T. Lerut, Leuven

15:00-16:00 Oral presentation – Function disorders – SESSION 4

Chairmen: N. Di Martino, Napoli; M. Costantini, Padova

15:00 O22 C. A. Gutschow, J.M. Collard, R. Romagnoli, M. Salizzoni, A. H. Hölscher, Brussels and Cologne
The denervated stomach as an esophageal substitute recovers intraluminal acidity with time.

15:12 O23 M. Ruth, E. Johansson, H. Rydholm, A. Lehmann, L. Lundell, Gotheborg
Baclofen- mediated gastro-esophageal acid-reflux control in patients with established reflux disease.

15:24 O24 M. G. Lucà, E. Cervellin, D. Lanaro, F. Galeazzi, F. De Marchi, G. Mastropaolo, Padova
Esophageal motility and satiety after gastric banding for morbid obesity.

15:36 O25 H. Tigges, K. H. Fuchs, J. Maroske, S. M. Freys, M. Fein, A. Thiede Würzburg
Combination of endoscopic argon plasma coagulation and antireflux surgery for treatment of Barrett's esophagus.

15:48 O26 G. Portale, G. Zaninotto, M. Costantini, A. Parenti, D. Molena, B. Gnocato, C. Rizzetto, E. Ancona, Padova

Long term ambulatory gastroesophageal reflux monitoring in specialized intestinal metaplasia.

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break – Poster Session

16:30 – 18:00 Palliation and quality of life in esophageal cancer

Chairmen: A. Del Genio, Napoli; A. Hölscher, Colonia

16.30	D. Alderson, Bristol	Quality of life and esophageal cancer.
16.50	A.W. Szlawowsky, Warsaw	Role of Palliative surgery.
17.10	S.E.A. Attwood, Manchester	Metal Stents.
17.25	G. Battaglia, Padova	Metal Stents.
17.30	N. Bethge, Berlin	Plastic stents.
17.45	J. Pertkiewicz, Warsaw	Lasertherapy.

18:00 – 19:00 GEEMO Council Meeting

ASTROLABIO ROOM

08:30 – 10:00 Selected oral presentations – Esophageal Cancer - SESSION 1

Chairmen: P. DeLeyn, Leuven; L. Bonavina, Milan

- 08.30 O1 P. Guillem, J.P. Triboulet, Lille
Etilefrine for post-esophagectomy chylothorax / chyloperitoneum: results of a pilot study of 6 cases.
- 08.40 O2 M. Cagol, A. Ruol, S. Merigliano, V. Chiaron Sileni, L. Corti, S. Scappin, R. Alfieri, H. Koussis, C. Boso, M. Epifani, E. Ancona, Padova
Squamous cell carcinoma of esophagus treated with chemo- or chemo-radiotherapy followed by surgery: early and long-term results in patients with complete or nearly complete pathologic response.
- 08.50 O3 M.A. Foster, F. Rowlands, J. Byrne, SE Attwood, Manchester
Oesophagogastric carcinoma and its relationship to asthma and reflux in a single community.
- 09.00 O4 M. Fein, Fuchs K. H., H. Stopper, D. Wittmann, S. Diem, M. Herderich, Würzburg
Duodenogastric reflux and foregut carcinogenesis: analysis of the duodenal juice in the rodent cancer model.
- 09.10 O5 D. Liebermann-Meffert, Munich
Tumor metastasis: what is known about normal lymphatic drainage of the esophagus?
- 09.20 O6 F. Coppa, A. Ruol, G. Zaninotto, A. Parenti, L. Giacomelli, S. Merigliano, M. Cagol, S. Scappin, M. Epifani, F. Buin, E. Ancona, Padova
Esophageal carcinoma arising after esophageal caustic burns: intratumoral and peritumoral fibrosis may explain its better prognosis.
- 09.30 O7 S. Mattioli, M. P. Di Simone, L. Ferruzzi, V. Pilotti, R. Carella, A. D'Errico, Bologna
Surgical therapy for adenocarcinoma of the cardia: patterns of histopathological aggressiveness, modalities of recurrence and extension of resection.
- 09.40 O8 L. Norberto, R. Ranzato, S. Marino, I. Angriman, F. Erroi, D. D'Amico, Padova
Laser palliative therapy of esophageal and cardiac cancer.
- 09.50 O9 S. Santi, A. Gennai, M.G. Fabrini, M. Anselmino, B. Solito, M. Lamacchia, L. Cionini, M. Rossi, Pisa
Self-expanding metal stents and intraluminal HDR-brachithery in the management of unresectable malignant esophageal obstruction.

12.00 – 13.00 Selected oral presentations – SESSION 3

Chairmen: S. Attwood, Manchester; S. Mattioli, Bologna

- 12.00 O17 M. Pavanello, G. Di Falco, Treviso

Multidisciplinary approach to oropharyngeal dysphagia.

- 12.10 O18 M. Costantini, G. Zaninotto, R. Marchese Ragona, C. Briani, L. Zanetti, M. Ferraro, G. Rosa, G. Portale, D. Molena, M. Costantino and other members of the University Hospital of Padua Swallowing Team, Padova
Multidisciplinary treatment of oro-pharyngeal dysphagia: preliminary results.
- 12.20 O19 J.A. McCullough, P. Lawlor, PJ Byrne, JV Reynolds, Dublin
Non-invasive measurement of gastric function: a new technique to evaluate the effect of chemoradiation and surgery.
- 12.30 O20 C. A. Gutschow, J. M. Collard, R. Romagnoli, J. M. Michel, M. Salizzoni, A. H. Hölscher, Brussels, Belgium and Cologne
Effect of vagotomy, posture, gastric drainage, erythromycin therapy, and time elapsed since the operation on bile exposure of the intra-thoracic stomach.
- 12.40 O21 M. P. Di Simone, F. Bassi, S. Brusori, C. Bona, L. Ferruzzi, G. Gavelli, S. Mattioli, Bologna
Numerical parameters for the radiological classification of esophageal shortening in GERD.
- 12.50 O22 E. Fiorentino, F. Barbiera, D. Capizzi, G. Cupido, A. M. Maiorana, G. Pantuso, Palermo
Gastroesophageal reflux disease and otolaryngologic manifestations: use of the videofluorography.

13.30 - 14.00 Working lunch **“ New technologies in surgical haemostasis “**
Sponsored by Tyco Healthcare Italia– by invitation

16.30 – 18.00 Selected oral presentations – SESSION 5

Chairmen: K.H. Fuchs, Würzburg; V. Annese, S. Giovanni Rotondo(Foggia)

- 16.30 O27 K. Papagiannopoulos, D. Van Raemdonck, W. Coosemans, P. De Leyn, J Tack, J Janssens, T. Lerut, Leuven
Does laparoscopic Heller myotomy have a place in the treatment of achalasia? Initial experience with 25 patients.
- 16.40 O28 C. Gheorghe, G. Aposteanu, L. Gheorghe, C. Popescu, Bucharest
How safe is endoscopic dilation and biopsy in esophageal strictures?
- 16.50 O29 S. Contini, R. Vinicola, A. Bertelè*, G. Nervi*, A. Franzè*, Parma
Dysphagia and clinical outcome after laparoscopic Nissen or Rossetti fundoplication in a sequential prospective study.
- 17.00 O30 G. S. Sica, J. Wheeler, J. Dixon, S. Reddy, N. Maynard, Oxford
Needle Catheter Jejunostomy after oesophagectomy for cancer .

- 17.10 O31 G. Izzo, V. Maffettone, V. Napolitano, G. Amato, A. Renzi, G. Rossetti, P. Limongelli, A. Del Genio, Napoli
Laparoscopic approach in the surgical treatment of esophageal epiphrenic diverticula.
- 17.20 O32 L. Bonavina, L. Antoniazzi, M. Pagani, M. Reitano, M. Lanni, U. Fumagalli, A. Pernacchia, Milano
Reoperations for achalasia in the laparoscopic era.
- 17.30 O33 E. Eypasch, Köln
The gastrointestinal quality of life index (GIQLI) - a practical instrument to assess quality of life in esophageal disease.
- 17.40 O34 R. Saetti, M. Silvestrini, M. Galiotto, S. Narne, Padova
Caustic ingestion injuries of upper aero-digestive tract: endoscopic treatment.
- 17.50 O35 D. Molena, G. Zaninotto, M. Costantini, G. Portale, L. Nicoletti, M. Costantino, E. Ancona, Padova
Failure patterns of antireflux procedures in the laparoscopic era.

Saturday , March 31st , 2001

PLENARY ROOM

08.30 –10.30: Workshop: Presentation of selected new European protocols

Oral presentations – SESSION 6 –Therapy of esophageal diseases

Chairmen: T.N. Walsh, Dublin; A. Fingerhut, Poissy

- 08.30 Z. Guzel, Warsaw Accelerated external beam radiotherapy with concomitant chemotherapy for esophageal cancer.
- 08.45 Lyczek J, Warsaw Brachithery for palliation of esophageal cancer.
- 09.00 O36 C. Favara, A. Racalbutto, M. Dell'Arte, G. Aprile, G. Trama, A. Calzona, A. Licata, A. Russo, Catania
Endoscopic pneumatic dilation in achalasia using Rigiflex system: a safe and efficacious long term treatment.
- 09.12 O37 A. Renzi, G. Izzo, V. Maffettone, L. Bruscianno, P. Limongelli, M. Di Marzo, A. Del Genio, Napoli
Effective treatment of esophageal achalasia: laparoscopic cardiomyotomy and Nissen-Rossetti fundoplication.
- 09.24 O38 P. Peško, J. Knežević, A. Simić, N. Radovanović, M. Dunjić, D. Stojakov, Z. Gerzić, Belgrade
Redo surgery after achalasia operations.
- 09.36 O39 C.A. Gutschow, R. Romagnoli, J.M. Collard, L. Goncette, Brussels

Terminalized semi-mechanical side-to-side suture technique for cervical esophago-gastrostomy.

- 09.48 O40 V. Penopoulos, P. Soundoulidis, J. Walonga, N. Gougoulas, G. Christianopoulos, Thessaloniki
Cricopharyngeal myotomy for cervical esophageal dysphagia.
- 10.00 O41 M. Morino, F. Rebecchi, C. Giaccone, V. Festa, G. M. Del Genio, Torino
Laparoscopic management of giant hiatal hernia: an unresolved problem.
- 10.12 O42 U. Fumagalli Romario, S. Bona, M. Zago, P. Bisagni, R. Rosati, A. Pernacchia, Milan
Laparoscopic approach to epiphrenic diverticula.

11.00-12.30 Workshop Biomarkers and esophageal cancer

Chairmen: De Leyn, Leuven; M. Pera, Barcelona

- 11.00 G. O' Sullivan, New prognostic factors in esophageal cancer.
Cork
- 11.20 A.H. Holscher, Biomarkers predictive of chemo-radiotherapy response.
Cologne
- 11.40 G.Coggi, Milano Relationship between morphological and molecular findings
in Barrett's esophagus.
- 12.00 P. Guillem, / J-P. Gene Overexpression in esophageal carcinoma.
Triboulet, Lille

12.30 Presentation of the best 2 posters

Conclusion of the Symposium

Thursday March 29th and Friday March 30th

Poster Session

- P01 Antoniazzi L., Bonavina L, Bruno A, Castellani M, Gerundini P, Peracchia A *Esophageal cancer staging by positron emission tomography: correlation with computed tomography*
- P02 Barion Umberto, Saetti R, Mirri L, Peracchia A, Narne S
Surgical treatment of acquired tracheoesophageal fistulas in adults.
- P03 Bonavina L., Pagani M, Saino G, Via A, Peracchia A.
Semi-mechanical cervical esophageal anastomosis: methods and results.
- P04 Borghi Felice, Suppo M, de Vicariis A, Dusio P, Locatelli L.
Multidisciplinary approach to oropharyngeal dysphagia: case report.
- P05 Casella Giovanni, Perego D, Grasso M, Rossi B, Corti G, Cambareri AR, Baldini V
Black esophagus: should be considered an unfavourable prognostic factor?
- P06 Collard Jean-Marie,
Exclusive radical surgery for esophageal adenocarcinoma
- P07 G. S. Sica, J. Wheeler, J. Dixon, B. F. Warren*, N. D. Maynard, Oxford
The importance of circumferential resection margin in oesophageal cancer.
- P08 Di Simone Massimo Pierluigi, Carella R, Ferruzzi L, D'Ovidio F, D'Errico A, Grigioni WF, Mattioli S
Histological patterns of corpus, antrum and fundus in cancer of the cardia
- P09 Fabrini Mariagrazia, Ducci F, Manfredi B; Gennai A, Anselmino M, Santi S, Solito B, Rossi M, Cionini L.
HDR brachytherapy in malignant oesophageal obstruction: technique and results.
- P10 Foster Mark, A. Attwood SEA
Current guidelines fail young patients with oesophagogastric cancer.
- P11 Gennai Alessandro, Solito B, Anselmino M, Santi S, Naldini G; Gori G, Rossi M
Palliation of malignant dysphagia using self-expanding metal stents: technique and results.
- P12 Guzel Zuzanna, Jeziorski K, Szawlowski A
Definitive chemo-radiotherapy with high dose rate brachytherapy for squamous-cell carcinoma of the thoracic oesophagus
- P13 Karandreas Tassos, Yannopoulos P
Upper thoracic prevertebral abscess formation and its complications after failure of cervical esophagogastric anastomosis.
- P14 not received
- P15 Marini Mario, Frosini G
Our experience in multiple esophageal stents implant in malignant dysphagia

- P16 Marino Marco, Brosolo P, Minerva F, de Pretis G
Granular cell tumor of the esophagus (Abrikossoff's tumor) - endoscopic, echo-endoscopic and clinical aspects
- P17 Diaz de Liano, N Moras, Cobo F, Aizcorbe M, Trujillo R, Ciga MA, Oteiza F
Multifocal basaloid and squamous carcinoma of the esophagus
- P18 Moretti Marco, Francioni F, Venuta F, De Giacomo T, Mercadante E, Aratari MT, Filice MJ, Anile M, Coloni GF
Synovial sarcoma of the esophagus, a rare entity Poster Cancer29-31/03/2001
- P19 Pignata Giusto, Barone M, Sottosanti G, Simeone RM, Luise M, Giurissa A, Serra R, Paulovich S
Thoracoscopic resection for pseudotumor inflammatory of the esophagus.
- P20 Reitano M., Bonavina L, Tortorano AM, Viviani MA, Rigoni AL, Peracchia A.
Candida colonization of gastrointestinal tract in patients with esophageal disease: a prospective study
- P21 Ruol A., Merigliano S, Cagol M, Scappin S, Battaglia G, Alfieri R, Epifani M, Pagani M, Peracchia A, Ancona E
Surgical treatment of neoplastic recurrence occurring after resection surgery for adenocarcinoma of the gastric cardia
- P22 Sihvo Eero, Salminen JT, Ramo OJ, Rantanen TK, Ahotupa M, Salo JA
Oxidative stress and malignant transformations of Barrett's esophagus
- P23 Yiannopoulos Panagiotis, Kounoudes C, Mariolis T, Kotoulas C
"Tracheoesophageal fistulae; experience from the surgical treatment of 18 cases"
- P23A Clark G., Beardsmore DM, Verbeke C, Sarela AI, Li AGK, Davies CL, Guillou PJ
The inhibitor of apoptosis gene, survivin, is upregulated in oesophageal cancer
- P24 Balint Andra's, Maté M, Solymosi A, Bart T, Kovacs GCs, Szabo K
Our early experiences with laparoscopic antireflux surgery
- P25 Boehme Elke, Hesse V, Beyer J, Finke R.
Esophageal manometry - experiences with gas perfusion in pediatric surgery - Case reports
- P26 Borghi Felice, Suppo M, Gattolin A, Dusio P, Locatelli L
Failures after laparoscopic approach to the gastro-esophageal junction
- P27 Bresadola Vittorio, Dado G, Terrosu G, Bresadola F.
Diagnosis of bile reflux in patients with symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux
- P28 Bronder Christine, Morris CD, Armstrong GR, Attwood SE.
Treatment of oesophageal eosinophilia with Montelukast
- P29 Cuttitta Danilo, Amato G, Cosenza A, Esposito V, Sodano B, Renzi A, Monaco L, Vincenzo L, Fei L

Ultrastructural study of esophageal hiatus: meaning of the use of a prosthesis in the surgical treatment of hiatal hernia associated to GERD.

- P30 Cuttitta Danilo, Izzo G, Napolitano V, Maffettone V, Allaria A, Bruscianno L, Limongelli P, Fei L
Dual channel esophageal 24 hour pH-monitoring in patients with otorhinolaryngologic manifestations of GERD
- P31 Di Falco Giuseppe, Pavanello G
Modality of reconstruction after esophageal-pleural fistula in patient with right thoracoplasty and thoracostomy
- P32 Francioni F, Venuta F, De Giacomo T, Mercadante E, Moretti M, Ciccone AM, Proposito D., Carboni M, Coloni GF
Salvage stripping esophagectomy for iatrogenic perforation
- P33 Fuchs Karl-H, Maroske J, Freys SM, Fein M, Tigges H, Thiede A
Indication, technique and results of laparoscopic cardiomyotomy and thal-fundoplasty in achalasia.
- P34 Fuchs Karl-H., Fein M, Maroske J, Freys SM, Tigges H, Thiede A.
Association between duodenogastric and duodenogastroesophageal reflux.
- P35 Fuchs Karl-H, Freys SM, Feub M, Valiati L, Valiati W, Maroske J, Tigges H, Thiede A
Correlation between symptoms and functional esophageal defects.
- P36 Gherzi Stefania, Cappiello R, Zanasi A, Caliceti U, Baldi F
G-O reflux and chronic persistent cough: dual probe oesophageal pH-metry vs PPI test
- P37 Guillem Philippe, Delcambre F, Cohen-Solal L, Triboulet J-P, Antignac C, Heidet L, Quandalle P.
Esophageal syndrome in a diffuse esophageal leiomyomatosis patient
- P38 Guillem Philippe, Porte H, Saudemont A, Triboulet J-P, Quandalle P, Wurtz A
Perforation of Barrett's ulcer: report of 4 cases and review of the literature.
- P39 Guillem Philippe, Lipsky D, Leteurtre E, Triboulet J-P.
Does antireflux surgery for Barrett's esophagus prevent the occurrence of adenocarcinoma?
- P40 J. Beyer, P. H Rehak, R. Finke, V. Hesse, Halle and Graz
The gas-perfused catheter method for gastrointestinal manometry.
- P41 Renzi A, Izzo G, Maffettone V, Fei L, Allaria A, Vincenzo L, Cuttitta D, Del Genio A
Long-term results of laparoscopic Nissen-Rossetti fundoplication for the treatment of gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GER-D)
- P42 Mercadante Edoardo, Francioni F, De Giacomo T, Venuta F, Moretti M, Filice MJ, Ibrhaim M, Coloni GF.
Late complication in esophagocoloplasty for benign disease. Case report
- P43 Monaco Luigi, Di Martino N, Sodano B, Dorato A, Cuttitta D, Torelli F

24-hour ambulatory esophageal manometry in the study of sclerodermic esophagus

- P44 Monaco Luigi, Di Martino N, Martiniello G, Torelli F, De Pascale V
Influence of biliary reflux in patients with GERD and Barrett's esophagus: preliminary study with bilitec 2000
- P45 Monaco Luigi, Di Martino N, Sodano B, Martiniello G, Torelli F, De Pascale V.
24-hour ambulatory esophageal manometry in the study of achalasic esophagus before and after laparoscopic Heller and Nissen
- P46 Narne Surendra, Saetti R, Cutrone C, Barion U
Endoscopic treatment of Zenker's diverticulum: our experience with Stappler
- P47 Pavanello Maurizio, Di Falco
Gesophageal epiphrenic diverticula: laparoscopic approach.
- P48 Radovanovic Nebojsa, Pesko P, Knezevic J, Simic A, Bjelociv M, Sabljak P, Gerzic Z
Redo surgery after failed primary interventions in benign esophageal lesions
- P49 Zaninotto G., Costantini M, Molena D, Portale G, Costantino M, Gnocato B, Nicoletti L, Ancona E.
"Failures of laparoscopic treatment of esophageal achalasia; ethiology, diagnosis and treatment".
- P50 Scarone P., Schiavon A, Sassi S.
""Forced"" conservative treatment of caustic esophago-gastric injury".
- P51 Matsui U., Strate T, Izbicki J, Von Schrenck T.
GI function tests in 1.689 patients suspected to have gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD): a 3.5 year experience in an interdisciplinary GI function laboratory.
- P52 S. Contini, R. Vinicola, A. Bertelè*, G. Nervi*, G. Iapichino
Learning curve and medium (>2 years) clinical outcome of laparoscopic fundoplication. Does it really influence ?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of Congress

March 29 – 31, 2001

Congress Venue

Teatro Congressi "P. D'Abano"

Largo Marconi, 16

Abano Terme (Padova)

Organizing Secretariat

Will be located at the ground floor of the Congress Centre and open with the following schedule:

Thursday, March 29th from 08.00 to 18.00

Friday, March 30th from 08.00 to 18.00

Saturday, March 31st from 08.00 to 13.00

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Language

The official language of the conference will be English.

Coffee break

A coffee break will be offered to all Participants, at 11.30 a.m. and at 4.00 p.m. in the Congress area.

Foreign exchange and banking facilities

Exchange of foreign currency at prevailing market rates will be available at the majority of banks, located at a walking distance from the Congress Centre. Opening time for Banks is the following: Monday to Friday, from 8.30 to 13.00 hrs, and from 14.30 to 15.30. All Banks are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Exchange of foreign currencies can be made also in all hotels.

Credit Cards

Major credit cards (VISA, MASTERCARD, DINER'S, AMERICAN EXPRESS) are honoured in most restaurants, stores and hotels.

Shopping

Abano Terme and Padua offer many excellent stores and design boutiques.

Shops are open Tuesday to Saturday, from 9.30 to 12.30 and from 15.30 to 19.30. Majority of shops are closed on Sunday. Please ask the Organizing Secretariat for suggestions.

Restaurant reservation service

Will be available at the Congress Secretariat desk.

Driving and Parking

The town centre of Abano Terme, where the Congress Centre is located, is closed to private vehicles (only guest staying in the hotels located in the pedestrian area are allowed to enter). All hotels in Abano Terme have parking facilities and are located at walking distance from Congress Centre.

Transportation (local)

Most hotels are within a walking distance from the Congress Centre.

Public bus service (marked with "A" or "M"): is available, good and reliable to move in and around Abano Terme. The same service can be used to get to Padua; please refer to the Organizing Secretariat for all details. Bus tickets can be purchased at all tobacconist shops.

Taxi service: to call a taxi please dial : 049 8669345, or board it at nearest taxi station (very close to Congress Centre); taxi do not stop in the street at request.

Bicycle

Is a good alternative to move in Abano Terme by bicycle, there is a large pedestrian area in the City centre and beautiful surroundings to visit. Please ask the Hotel Concierge for a complimentary bicycle rental.

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

Information to speakers

Oral presentation each speaker is allowed 7 minutes maximum for the presentation

A 5 minutes discussion will follow at the end of each presentation, in Plenary Room, 3 minutes discuss for presentations in Astrolabio Room.

Video presentation The length of each video should not exceed 12 minutes.
VHS video will be accepted

Poster presentation Posters will be on display throughout the Congress .
A Poster discussion of 12 minutes will be conducted by a Chairperson and the presenting author , in front of his poster, onat.....
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Preview room and slide centre

A preview room will be available at the Congress Centre. All slides and/or diskettes should be handed in at least one hour before the presentation.

Certificate of attendance

A certificate of attendance will be issued to all Participants.

Technical and commercial exhibition

A technical exhibition of the latest products stressing trends of the industry will take place during the Congress.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

The Conference Social Program is open to all Participants who paid the full registration (members and not members) and to regularly registered Accompanying persons.

The Social Dinner ticket is a detachable part of the Certificate of attendance and must be presented when boarding congress busses or entering to the Venue.

Free transportation is provided from the Conference Centre to the Venue. Return transfer to Abano Terme, will be at the end of the event's program. Transportation will not be provided for Participants wishing to come back to Abano Terme before the end of the program.

March 29th, 2001

OPENING CEREMONY ?????

At Congress Centre at

March 30th, 2000

SOCIAL DINNER

Departure time h. 19.30 from Congress Centre

Return to Abano Terme at approx. h. 24.00

The social dinner will take place in the beautiful surroundings of Villa Foscarini Rossi, ancient venetian residence in the Brenta Riviera.

PLEASE NOTE

Punctuality at departure is essential for a good course of the social events.

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