Dear Friends and Colleagues,

as you probably know, in collaboration with Professor Giovanni Nigro and the MSM Advisory Board, we are organising here in Pisa, 28rd-30th of April 2011, the X International Congress of the Mediterranean Society of Myology (MSM2011). Following the previous editions of MSM meetings, the aim of this event is to address some of the more actual aspects in the management of muscle diseases. Genetic and molecular approaches to muscle diseases continue to generate novel acquisitions capable to drive clinical strategies for diagnosis and therapies of these diseases. In this sense developing treatments, targeted to improve function, quality of life and care of people with muscle disease, require a co-ordinated multidisciplinary approach from medical community in the prospect of novel clinical trial designs. Proposed platform sessions include update on pharmacological treatments, channelopathies and myotonic syndromes, rehabilitation and respiratory treatments in myopathies, this latter within a joint session with the pneumologists.

Pisa is a beautiful city located on the Tyrrhenian cost of the Tuscany rich of art, history, culture and natural riches. Its historical past as a marine republic within the Mediterranean sea makes Pisa as an ideal location for the ongoing MSM Congress, gathering a flavour in a warm hosting of people coming from all over around the sides of this unbelievable sea, the “mare nostrum”. With the deep hope you can participate to this event, it will be our pleasure to welcome you in the city to friendly enjoy your stay and take home a good memory of it.

Looking forward to see you in Pisa,

Gabriele Siciliano
14.00  REGISTRATION AND POSTER DISPLAY

15.00  OPENING CEREMONY
Chaired by: L. Murri, G. Nigro

Welcome from the Local Organizing Committee - Pisa and the Mediterranean

History of miology in Italy and its international connections - Angelini C. (Italy)

16.00  MAIN LECTURE
Can we bypass a metabolic defect in myopathies? Argov Z. (Israel)

16.30  Coffee break

16.45  FIRST SESSION
UPDATE ON PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENTS IN MUSCULAR DYSTROPHIES AND OTHER MYOPATHIES.
Chairpersons: G. Cioni, V. Nigro and A. Toscano

16.45  Treatment of carnitine palmitoyltransferase 2 deficiency myopathy with bezafibrate. Laforêt P. (France)

17.05  Long-term follow-up effects of enzyme replacement treatment of adult form of acid maltase deficiency myopathy. Angelini C. (Italy)

17.25  Emerging treatment strategies in mitochondrial disorders. Mancuso M. (Italy)

17.45  Update on pharmacological treatment in muscular dystrophies. Politano L. (Italy)

18.05  Advancement in treatment of inflammatory myopathies. Dalakas M. (Greece)

18.25  Muscle maturation and early pathogenic findings in spinal muscular atrophy: any clues for therapy? Tizzano E. (Spain)

18.45  Opportunities and challenges of pharmaceutical research and development today. Middleton L. (UK)

19.05  Discussion

19.30  WELCOME COCKTAIL
08.30  **SECOND SESSION**  
**CHANNELOPATHIES AND MYOTONIC SYNDROMES**  
Chairpersons: E. Abdel Salam, G. Siciliano and R. Rüdel  

08.30  Pathogenesis of muscle degeneration in periodic paralyses and therapeutical consequences.  
*Lehmann-Horn F.* (Germany)  

09.00  News in non-dystrophic myotonias.  
*Deymeer F.* (Turkey)  

09.20  Timothy syndrome and cardiomyopathy.  
*Bloise R.* (Italy)  

09.40  Muscle ryanodine receptor in congenital myopathies and channelopathies.  
*Treves S.* (Italy-Swiss)  

10.00  Molecular pathomechanism of DM2/PROMM: similarities and differences between DM1 and DM2.  
*Meola G.* (Italy)  

10.20  Neuromyotonia: potassium channelopathy or non ionic protein disorders?  
*Serratrice G.* (France)  

10.40  Crossing barriers - how medical doctors and researchers can partner with Advocacy Groups.  
*Feld L.* (Orlando, FL)  

11.00  Coffee break  

11.20  **FREE COMMUNICATIONS**  
Chairpersons: M. Filosto and R. Massa  

13.00  Lunch and **POSTER VIEW**  

15.00  **THIRD SESSION**  
**REHABILITATION IN MYOPATHIES**  
Chairpersons: B. Rossi, G. Serratrice and J. Zidar  

15.00  Functional evaluation of muscle impairment in neuromuscular disorders.  
*Mercuri E.* (Italy)  

15.30  Chronic muscle electrical stimulation in myotonic dystrophy.  
*Chisari C.* (Italy)  

15.50  Neuromuscular electrical stimulation training in facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy.  
*Sacconi S.* (France)  

16.10  Wearable monitoring systems and rehabilitation.  
*De Rossi D.* (Italy)
16.30 Coffee break

16.45 Early indicators of respiratory impairment in muscular dystrophies: from bioengineering to rehabilitation. D’Angelo M.G. (Italy)

17.05 Respiratory rehabilitation in Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Fiorentino G. (Italy)

17.25 Rehabilitation surgical treatment in Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Riccio E. (Italy)

17.45 Discussion

18.00 MSM MEMBERS ASSEMBLY
Election of the new MSM Board

20.30 SOCIAL DINNER
Ceremony of Gaetano Conte Prizes Grating

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

08.15 FOURTH JOINT SESSION WITH PNEUMOLOGISTS
RESPIRATORY ASSESSMENT IN MYOPATHIES

Introducing: G. Siciliano and N. Ambrosino

08.30 ONORARY LECTURES of the Gaetano Conte Prize winners
Chaired by: G. Nigro

WORKSHOP 1
Chairpersons: A. Palla and F. Guarracino

10.15 Respiratory assessment in neuromuscular disorders. Winck J. (Portugal)

10.45 Indications for mechanical ventilation. Scala R. (Italy)

11.15 Coffee Break

WORKSHOP 2
Chairpersons: P. Paggiaro and P. Malacarne

11.45 Strategies of mechanical ventilation. Winck J. (Portugal)

12.15 Airway clearance management and how to wean away from mechanical ventilation. Goncalves M. (Portugal)

13.00 CLOSING REMARKS and FAREWELL
GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT ENGLISH IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CONGRESS.

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(until March 28th 2011)
- Residents and PhD students € 100,00
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- Accompanying person € 150

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Upon request, the Organizing Secretariat may arrange guided tours to the city of Lucca on 29th April and Capraia Island on 1st May (application deadline 18th April).

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