



**12° INTERNATIONAL  
CONGRESS ON  
ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID  
ANTIBODIES**

**Florence 18-20 April, 2007**

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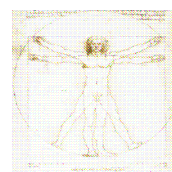
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*Dear Colleagues,*

*it is our pleasure and honour to inform you that the International Advisory Board decided that the next meeting will take place in Florence, Italy, April 18-20, 2007.*

*The Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS) is still an evolving and exciting topic that covers several medical sub-specialities. New pathogenic aspects came out in the last years suggesting that APS does not mean "clot" only but involves different biological events spanning from molecular interactions, cell activation to the involvement of immune mediators. APS is more and more becoming a true autoimmune systemic disease and an interdisciplinary field of research both from a clinical and biological point of view. As the capital of the Italian Renaissance, Florence is the ideal place to burst such growing scientific interests.*

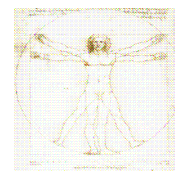
*More than 500 attendees are expected and a parallel patients' meeting will be also organized.*

*We encourage you to submit a paper on your work and be a member of this vital community.*

***Science and Tuscany are waiting for you!***

Prof. Pierluigi Meroni and Prof. Angela Tincani

*Chairpersons*



**April 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

**Registration & Satellite Symposia**

**Main Topics**

- *aPL Targets and Mediated Effects*
  - PL-binding Proteins*
  - Target Cells*
  - Experimental in vivo models*
- *Inflammatory events: YES or NOT?*
- *aPL and arterial events: YES or NOT?*
- *The APS story*

**April 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**Main Topics**

- *Meet the professor*
- *Therapeutical Intervention*
  - When the standard regimen fails*
  - Additional therapies*
- *Primary prophylaxis therapy: ALWAYS or JUST IN SOME CASES?*
- *Non Traditional Clinical Manifestations*
- *aPL detection assays: the real life in 2007*
- *Long follow up in aPL positive patients/subjects*
- *Patients' Session*

**April 20<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Joint venture with the 5th INTERNATIONAL  
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PREGNANCY AND THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES



**Main Topics**

- *Meet the professor*
- *Antiphospholipid damage to the foetus: from thrombosis to adaptive & innate immune responses (pathogenic mechanisms)*
- *Pathogenesis of the antiphospholipid mediated pregnancy complications infertility, miscarriage and preclampsia*

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- *Mothers and babies: long term outcome in APS syndrome*
- *Treating difficult cases*

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