

# **EAACI & GA<sup>2</sup>LEN ALLERGY SCHOOL ON HYMENOPTERA VENOM ALLERGY**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 , Ancona- ITALY**  
(Arrival Thursday afternoon, end Sunday at 11:00)

## **Venue**

**University Hospital, Ospedali Riuniti di Ancona – Ancona**

## **Organisers: Interest Group (IG) on Hymenoptera Venom Hypersensitivity, EAACI**

With the collaboration of the Allergy Diagnostics IG, EAACI

Delivered by AAITO (Italian Association of Allergists and Immunologists)

## **Local Organisers:**

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## **Scientific Committee:**

**M.Beatrice Bilò**, Chairman of the Insect Venom Hypersensitivity IG  
**Franziska Ruëff**, Secretary of the Insect Venom Hypersensitivity IG  
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## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

### **DAY I : Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009**

#### **Welcome introduction**

**IG on Venom Hypersensitivity/Local Organiser: M.B.Bilò**

**EAACI/GA2LEN: L. Delgado**

#### **18:30 LECTURE**

**Chairperson: F. Bonifazi**

The history of Hymenoptera venom allergy – *U. Muller*

#### ***COCKTAIL DI BENVENUTO***

**DAY II: Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**8:30 -13:00**

**Theoretical Session I: Entomology, Epidemiology, Natural History and Diagnostic Tools**

**Chairpersons:** A. Mari, U. Muller

Epidemiology and natural history – *M. B. Bilò*

Risk factors – *F. Ruëff*

Diagnosis of insect venom allergy: skin test and serum-specific IgE - *M. B. Bilò*

Additional in vitro tests - *F. Ruëff*

*10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break*

Hymenoptera venoms: composition, standardization and stability – *M. Ollert*

Cross-reactivity in venom allergy: Clinical Relevance – *W. Hemmer*

Future strategies in diagnosis of insect venom allergy – *A. Mari*

*13:00-14:30 LUNCH*

**14:30-16:00**

**Practical session I**

Skin tests in allergic patients

Tutors: *M. B. Bilò* and *F. Ruëff*

*In vitro* tests

Tutors: *G. J. Sturm* and *W. Hemmer*

Presentation of some difficult cases in diagnosis

Tutors: *U. Muller* and *P. Campi*

*16:00 – 16.30 Coffee break*

**16:30 LECTURE**

Mechanisms of early and long VIT protection – *C. Akdis*

**17:30 Visit to Ancona city**

**DAY III: Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**8:30 -13:00**

**Theoretical Session II: Treatment with Venom Immunotherapy**

**Chairpersons:** F. Bonifazi, C. Akdis

Venom immunotherapy: indication and duration - *H. Mosbech*

How to reduce side effects during VIT? - *M. B. Bilò*

Monitoring the effects of VIT - *F. Ruëff*

*10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break*

Venom immunotherapy in difficult to treat patients – *P. Bonadonna*

Future strategies in treatment of insect venom allergy – *U. Muller*

*13:00-14:30 LUNCH*

**14:30-16:00**

**Practical session II**

Skin tests in allergic patients

Tutors: *F. Ruëff*

Updosing of venom immunotherapy: which schedule is the best?

Tutors: *M. B. Bilò*

Presentation of some difficult cases in VIT

Tutors: *H. Mosbech* and *G. Sturm*

*16:00 – 16.30 Coffee break*

**16:30 – 18:00**

**Poster presentation session**

**Chairpersons:** *C. Troise, L. Antonicelli*

***18 :00 Beach party in Portonovo bay***

Portonovo is a natural bay where the ever-green oaks smoothing the mountain touch the sea. The lovely bay is a jewel of the Mt. Conero Park that was especially founded to preserve and safeguard the natural beauties and rarities of this area. [www.conero.it/webcam.php3](http://www.conero.it/webcam.php3)

**DAY IV: Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**9:00-11:00**

**Theoretical Session III: Emergency treatment in insect venom allergy**

**Chairpersons:** *A. Romano, L. Delgado*

Insect stings and bites: non only hymenoptera – *P. Schmid – Grendelmeier*

Emergency treatment: prescription and self administration – *H. Oude-Elberink*

Present and future of venom allergy: conclusions – *F. Bonifazi*

**11:00 End of the Course and coffee break**