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CONGRESS
September 21st - 22nd, 2023

PRE-CONGRESS Training Course
September 20th, 2023

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WELCOME MESSAGE PRESENTATION

It is a great pleasure and an honor to welcome you to Catania for the 9th Mediterranean Endo-Gynecological Surgery Congress.

The Congress offers an intensive scientific program, which includes pre-congress courses, live surgical sessions, lectures and sponsor exhibitions.

Pre-Congress Training Courses:

- Master Class Suturing Program
- Imaging in Endometriosis and in Gynecologic Oncology

Lectures:

- Endometriosis: diagnosis and clinical management. Up to date
- Gynecological Oncology: MIS role and new therapeutic strategies. Up to Date

Oncological Gynecologists surgeons and experts in radical surgery of endometriosis, will also participate in this edition.

The Congress is a meeting point between eminent gynaecological surgeons and surgeons in training who would like to have an important update on minimally invasive surgery.

The main objective will be sharing of diagnostic protocols, counselling models, surgical therapeutic choices, integrated medical therapies and follow-up methods to provide maximum appropriateness, quality and safety, to women affected by pathologies that could severely alter their fertility and their quality of life.

Finally, this Congress represents a great starting point, assuming an important role in a return to training, to education and to the continuous updating of future gynecological surgery.

A special thanks to Armando Romeo for his huge support in the organization of the pre-congress training course and the realization of the scientific program.

We are sure that Catania, through its history, the weather, the scents, the lights and the flavours will be able to guarantee to all the participants the usual hospitality.

We look forward to welcoming you to Catania.

Fabrizio De Nicola
General Manager Arnas Garibaldi

Giuseppe Ettore
Chair of the Congress



9th MEDITERRANEAN ENDO-GYNECOLOGICAL SURGERY CONGRESS

Endometriosis - Oncology - Fertility
Meet the experts

Chair

Giuseppe Ettore

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Philippe Koninckx	<i>Belgium</i>	Shailesh Puntambekar	<i>India</i>
Ewa Milnerowicz	<i>Poland</i>	Arnaud Wattiez	<i>Dubai</i>

National Invited Speakers and Surgeons

Laura Benaglia (Milano)	Domenica Lorusso (Roma)
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Faculty

Adolfo Allegra (Palermo)	Antonino Guglielmino (Catania)
Giovanni Bartoloni (Catania)	Ferdinando Gulino (Catania)
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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

PRE-CONGRESS TRAINING COURSES

September 20th, 2023 - Wednesday

A - Master Class Suturing Programme:

What are the best surgeon knots?

Romeo's gladiator rule technique Basic course in Knot-tying and Loading of the needle

Chair: A. Romeo

Multidisciplinary suturing course (general surgery, gynecologist, urologist)

20 participants

B - Imaging in Endometriosis and Gynecologic Oncology

Chairs: G. Ettore - S. Guerriero

Interactive course with live and pre-recorded demonstration.

40 participants

CONGRESS

September 21st, 2023 - Thursday

Gynecological Oncology: MIS role and new therapeutic strategies

08.30 - 13.30 **Live Surgical Session**

12.00 - 13.30 **Open Lunch**

13.30 - 18.00 **Lectures**

18.30 - 19.30 **Opening Ceremony**

20.00 **Welcome Party**

September 22nd, 2023 - Friday

Endometriosis: diagnosis and management. Up to date

08.30 - 13.30 **Live Surgical Session**

12.00 - 13.30 **Open Lunch**

13.30 - 18.00 **Lectures**

18.00 - 18.30 **Closing of the 9th Mediterranean Endo-Gynecological Surgery congress**

20.00 **Gala Dinner**

PRE-CONGRESS TRAINING COURSES

Aula "Graziella Di Maggio" - Torre A - Piano -1

A - Master Class Suturing Programme:

What are the best surgeon knots? Romeo's gladiator rule technique
Basic course in Knot-tying and Loading of the needle

Chair: Armando Romeo

08.30 **Registration open**

09.00 **Welcome, Introductions and Course Overview**

Chair: Armando Romeo

- Safe, Unsafe and Dangerous knots in laparoscopy:
- How to teach for avoiding the insecure Knots
- Romeo's Gladiator Rule: The universal knot tying technique
- The Theory of the Perfect Stitch

Questions & Answers

All Faculty

10.15 **Break**

10.30 **HANDS-ON LAB:**

- Romeo's Gladiator Knot Tying Technique with right dominant knot tying
- hand from lateral-lateral ports

LAB: Romeo's Gladiator Knot Tying Technique with right hand dominant in supra pubic port and the assistant in left hand port

All Faculty

12.30 **Lunch**

14.00 **LAB:**

- Knot tying with left dominant hand and right assistant hand in supra pubic trocar
- Easy blocking sequences: Half Knots and Half Hitches sequences
- Loading of the Needle maneuvers

17.00 **Certificate**

Aula Dipartimento Materno Infantile - Torre A - Piano zero

B - Imaging in Endometriosis and Gynecologic Oncology

Chairs: G. Ettore - S. Guerriero

08.30 **Registration open**

09.00 **Welcome, Introductions and Course Overview**

G. Ettore

09.10 **The basis for ultrasound diagnosis in gynecology**

V. Chiappa

I SESSION

Ovarian cancer

Chairs: A. Bucolo, D. Franchi, S. Incandela

Discussants: G. Cavallo, L. Lo Presti, E. Pappalardo

09.30 **Benign adnexal masses: learn to define them**

M. Blanco

09.50 **Borderline ovarian cancer and differential diagnosis with papillar cysts**

D. Franchi

10.10 **Invasive ovarian cancer and extension of pathology**

V. Chiappa

10.30 **Ultrasonographic diagnosis of ovarian cancer: IOTA update**

F. Mascilini

10.50 **Live scans and pre-recorded demonstration**

11.10 **Discussion**

II SESSION

Uterus and Endometrial pathologies

Chairs: V. Chiappa, R. Venezia

Discussants: C. Ettore, M.R. Falco Abramo, C. Rubino

12.00 **Sonographic diagnosis of benign and malignant myometrial pathologies**

C. Exacoustos

12.20 **Ultrasound characteristics of endometrial cancer as defined by the International Endometrial Tumour Analysis (IETA) consensus nomenclature**

F. Mascilini

12.40 **Live scans and pre-recorded demonstration**

13.00 **Discussion**

13.30 **Lunch**

III SESSION

Adenomyosis

Chairs: G. Canzone, C. Exacoustos

Discussants: L. Klein, N. La Ferrera, P. Turtulici

- 14.30 **Ultrasound diagnosis in adenomyosis**
C. Exacoustos
- 14.50 **MRI in adenomyosis**
K. Menni
- 15.10 **What type of Adenomyosis can benefit from surgery?**
The surgeon's view
W. Kondo
- 15.30 **Discussion**

IV SESSION

Endometriosis

Chairs: A. Di Giovanni, S. Guerriero

Discussants: D. Catarella, L. Giambanco, A. Vallone

- 16.00 **Endometriomas: role of imaging before surgery**
S. Guerriero
- 16.20 **Ultrasound mapping system for the surgical management of deep infiltrating endometriosis**
A. Di Giovanni
- 16.40 **Imaging of deep endometriosis: MRI role**
K. Menni
- 17.00 **Endometriosis and systematic approach: IDEA consensus step 1 - 2**
S. Guerriero
- 17.20 **Endometriosis and systematic approach: IDEA consensus step 3 - 4**
C. Exacoustos
- 17.40 **Imaging and DIE surgical approach: the surgeon's view**
M. D'Asta, W. Kondo, M. Malzoni, A. Wattiez
- 18.00 **Discussion**
- 18.30 **Closure**

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Gynecological Oncology

08.00 **Open Session**

08.30 **Live Surgical Session**

Chairs: W. Kondo, V. Trojano, E. Vizza

Provokers: S. Caudullo, F. Ciancio, V. Iannone, S. Incandela, F. Legge

Surgeons

F. Cannone, V. Chiantera, A. Ercoli,

J. Gilabert, S. Gueli Alletti, S. Puntambekar

12.00 - 13.30 **Open Lunch**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

13.30 **Symposium**

V-NOTES TECHNIQUE: innovation in gynecological vaginal surgery

M. L. Interdonato

Chair: T. Simoncini

Discussants: M. G. Matarazzo, G. Torrisi

MIS role and new therapeutic strategies

Chairs: V. Chiantera, A. Ercoli, J. Gilabert,

Discussants: F. Cosentino, M. D'Asta, M. Falsaperla, G. Sozzi

14.30 **Anatomic laparoscopy in a changing world of oncology**

S. Puntambekar

Introduces: P. Scollo

15.00 **MIS, Genomics and Artificial Intelligence in Gynecological Oncology**

G. Scambia

15.20 **The applications of fluorescence with ICG in traditional and robotic minimally invasive surgery. Up to date**

J. Gilabert

- 15.40 **Surgical treatment of the cervical cancer after LAAC trial**
E. Vizza
- 16.00 **Discussion**

***Chairs:** G. Bartoloni, R. Bordonaro, S. Gueli Alletti*
***Discussants:** F. Cannone, F. Fraggetta, E. Giurato, G. Scibilia*
- 16.30 **Molecular and histological features in ovarian cancer**
G. F. Zannoni
- 17.00 **Endometrial cancer: how the molecular profile is changing
the integration of surgery and adjuvant therapies**
D. Lorusso
- 17.20 **Ovarian cancer, tumour biology and HRD status:
a possible guide for tailored care**
G. Blanco
- 17.40 **Discussion**
- 18.30 **Opening Ceremony**
F. De Nicola, A. Chiantera
- 20.00 **Welcome Party**

Endometriosis: diagnosis and management. Up to date

08.00 **Open Session**

08.30 **Live Surgical Session**

Chairs: *P. Koninckx, J. Gilabert*

Provokers: *A. Bucolo, S. Cianci, N. Cinardi, G. Cucinella, L. Giambanco*

Surgeons:

A. Wattiez, W. Kondo, M. Malzoni

M. D'Asta, E. Milnerowicz, R. Zaccoletti

12.00 - 13.30 **Open Lunch**

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

13.30 **Symposium**

**Relugolix combination therapy: first GnRH antagonist
for the management of uterine fibroids**

A. Maiorana

Chairs: *N. Colacurci, M. Palumbo*

Discussants: *E. Lomeo, E. Russo*

Infertility in patients with Endometriosis

Chairs: *E. Cittadini, A. Ussia*

Discussants: *A. Allegra, E. Falciadia, A. Guglielmino*

14.30 **Endometriosis and infertility**

L. Benaglia, P. Viganò

14.50 **Management of endometriosis before ART:
role of surgeon and surgery. An evidence-based approach**

P. Koninckx

15.10 **Discussion**

Endometriosis management: up to date

Chairs: J. Gilabert, A. Ussia

Discussants: M. D'Asta, A. Maiorana, L. Piazza

- 15.30 **Ethiopathogenesis of endometriosis**
C. Nezhat
- 15.50 **The 10 Cardinal Signs in the diagnosis and treatment of Endometriosis: a Bayesian approach**
P. Koninckx
- 16.10 **Endometriosis when, why, and where perform surgery: state of art**
A. Wattiez
- 16.30 **Colo-rectal endometriosis: how to tailor surgical approach**
M. Malzoni, W. Kondo
- 17.10 **Neuropelviology: state of art**
M. Possover
Introduces: V. Chiantera
- 17.40 **Postoperative pain management with opioids**
G. Ettore
- 18.00 **Discussion**
All Faculty
- 18.30 **Closing of the 9th Mediterranean Endo-Gynecological Surgery Congress**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates

20-22 September, 2023

VENUE

Pre Congress Training
20 September

GARIBALDI NESIMA HOSPITAL
(Live surgical session)

Via Palermo 636 - 95122 Catania

Congress
21-22 September

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Piazzale Rocco Chinnici s.n., 95129 Catania

Congress language

The official language of the Congress is Italian. Simultaneous translation will be available during the scientific sessions.

CME Accreditation (11.9 credits)

The 9th Mediterranean Endo-Gynecological Surgery Congress is accredited by Age.na.s for Continuing Medical Education (CME) of Italian Medical Specialists.

Registered participants will be able to obtain the CME certificate upon completion of the Congress Test that will be delivered at the end of the Congress.

Certificate of attendance

The participants who request it will receive a simple Certificate of Attendance.

Transfer Services

Shuttle services are reserved for Speakers and Participants staying at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel and Nettuno Hotel.

Shuttle transfers will be guaranteed only in the morning and in the afternoon to reach the congress venue and to return to the hotel and to connect the Hospital with the Congress Venue.

For further paid transfers please contact the following numbers: 095 8833 - 095 6188

Social Events

21 September: 18:30 Opening Ceremony - 20:00 Welcome Party (Centro Fieristico Le Ciminiere)

22 September: 20:00 Gala Dinner (Palazzo Biscari - Via Museo Biscari 10 - Catania)

REGISTRATION

PRE CONGRESS COURSE A or B (No CME), 20th September

Physician – 340,00 EUR VAT included

Resident, student and trainee - 300,00 EUR VAT included

CONGRESS 21st - 22nd September

Physician – 585,00 EUR VAT included

Resident, student and trainee - 320,00 EUR VAT included

PRE CONGRESS COURSE (No CME) + CONGRESS

Physician – 850,00 EUR VAT included

Resident, student and trainee - 620,00 EUR VAT included

Information
Registration



Deadline September 1st 2023

The registration fee includes:

- Access to all the scientific session
- Refreshments
- Certificate of attendance
- Congress kit
- CME credits in compliance with the CME regulations



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