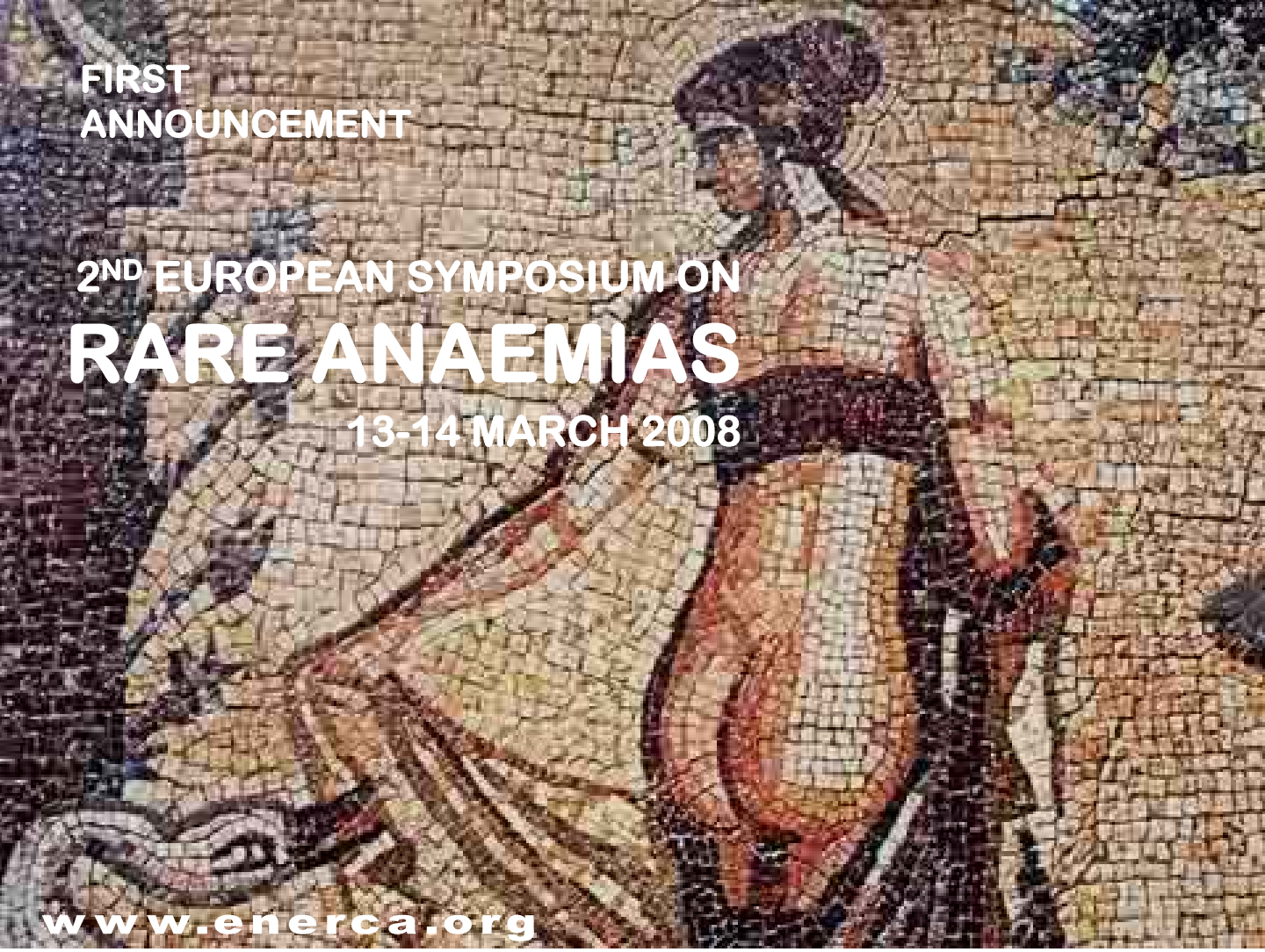

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Enerca working group, we would like to invite you to the Second European Symposium on Rare Anaemias that will be held in Nicosia Cyprus, on March 13-14, 2008.

Enerca is the European Network for Rare and Congenital Anaemias co-funded by the European Commission. All the information on this project can be found on the Enerca website (http://www.enerca.org/). The website is particularly addressed to professionals in this field such as, health care professionals, research scientists, laboratory technicians. It offers useful tools especially a diagnosis flowchart, online forum, information on databases and registries, quality insurance and a newsletter.

One of the main goals of Enerca is Health Information and Education. To achieve this goal, Enerca also organizes scientific meetings on rare and congenital anaemias. The first Enerca Symposium was held in Barcelona in March 2007, with a great success. Cyprus will host the 2nd Enerca Symposium in March 2008 with an exciting and rich scientific program.

Cyprus, is a wonderful island at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa, situated in the north-eastern corner of the Mediterranean Sea, with a warm climate and a long and rich history. Today Cyprus marries elegantly European culture with ancient legends.

Looking forward to welcome you to Enerca 2008!

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Programme

Venue:

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13 2008

09:00	Welcome: Introduction to the Second European Symposium on Rare Anaemias *Marina Kleanthous*
09:15	ENERCA presentation *Joan Lluis Vives Corrrons*
	Session 1: Current Progress in Prenatal and Neonatal Diagnosis of Haemoglobinopathies
09:30	Prenatal diagnosis for thalassaemia and other haemoglobinopathies. New approaches *Marina Kleanthous (Cyprus)*
10:00	Preimplantation genetic diagnosis therapy in beta-thalassemia and other haemoglobinopathies *Mireille Claustres (France)*
10:30	Neonatal screening for sickle cell anaemia and other haemoglobinopathies in Europe *Béatrice Gulbis (Belgium)*
11:00	Genetic Counselling on Haemoglobinopathies. New Challenges. *Patricia Aguilar Martinez (France)*
11:30	*Coffee break*
	Session 2: Iron overload and chelation therapy
12:00	Advances in iron metabolism *Clara Camaschella (Italy)*
12:30	Updating iron chelation therapy in thalassaemia *Maria Domenica Cappellini (Italy)*
13:00	Chelation Therapy in Thalassaemia. The Cyprus experience *Soteroula Christou (Cyprus)*
13:30	*Lunch*

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 2008

Session 3:
Treatment of haemoglobinopathies. Current situation

15:00	Transfusion therapy *Antonio Piga (Italy)*
15:30	Stem cell transplantation *Franco Locatelli (Italy)*
16:00	2 selected oral presentations
16:30	*Coffee break*
17.00	Patients Associations in the prevention of Thalassaemias and other haemoglobinopathies *Androulla Eleftheriou - TIF Representative*

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 2008

Session 4:
Red blood cell hereditary disorders

09:00 General approach for the identification and diagnosis of hereditary RBC membrane defects
Leticia Ribeiro (Portugal)

09:30 Stomatocytosis and allied disorders. An update
Jean Delaunay (France)

10:00 RBC enzyme defects. New challenges
Joan LLuis Vives Corrons (Spain)

10:30 Standards for laboratory diagnosis of rare anaemias
Andrea Mosca (Italy)

11:00 *Coffee break*

Session 5:
Very rare anaemias

11:30 Anaemia and porphyria
Carole Beaumont (France)

12:00 New inherited microcytic hypochromic anaemias
Achille Iolascon (Italy)

12:30 Congenital Dyserythropoietic Anaemias. Diagnosis and therapy.
Hermann Heimpel (Germany)

13:00 *Lunch*

Session 6 :
Free Communications Session

14:30 - 15:30 Oral presentation of the six top quality selected posters

15:30 Sideroblastic anaemias
Mario Cazzola (Italy)