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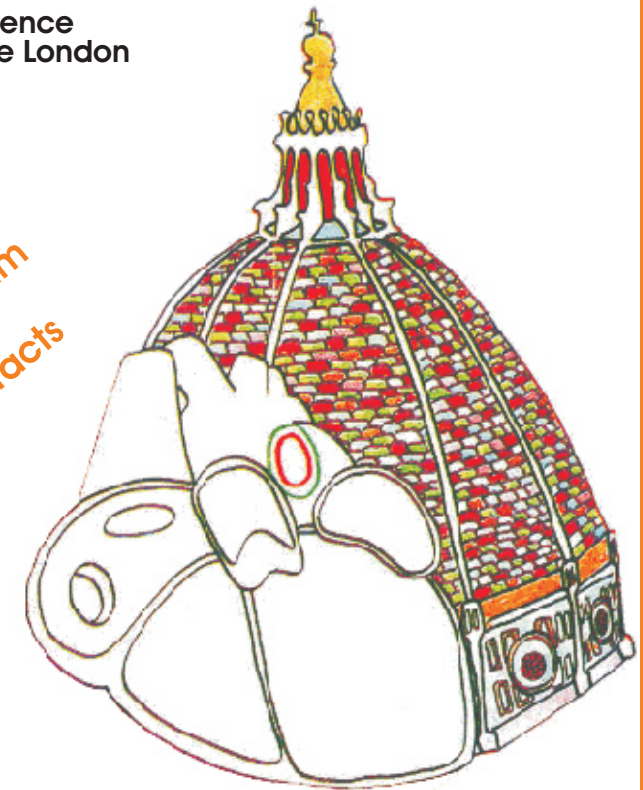
# FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON ADVANCES IN CARDIOMYOPATHIES

## 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN MYOCARDIAL AND PERICARDIAL DISEASES WG OF THE ESC

Convitto della Calza  
Florence, May 22/24 - 2008

Presented by:  
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### **Congress Venue**

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Piazza della Calza, 6  
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*From the Course Directors*

*Dear Colleague,*

*patients with Cardiomyopathies (CM) constitute an increasingly large proportion of patients seen by most cardiologists.*

*This class of diseases can cause important and often unsolved management problems, despite rapid advances in the field. On the other hand, few other areas of cardiology have seen such an impressive contribution from basic science and translational research to the understanding of pathophysiology and clinical management.*


*This course is an attempt to address the topic in a global fashion by experts in the field, and therefore could be of interest to a very wide audience, including physicians, clinical researchers, cardiologists, pathologists, basic scientists, and young investigators.*


*The course is designed to constantly promote close interaction between basic science and clinical practice, and will be preceded by an introductory workshop with how-to sessions and illustrative case study presentations. A wide and open discussion among all the participants is welcome.*

*We believe that some unanswered questions will find solutions and stimulate further research.*

*We hope you will join us in Florence in May 2008!*

*Arrivederci a Firenze !!*

*Franco Cecchi*  


*Magdi Yacoub*  


## Course description

This is the first Florence international course on advances in cardiomyopathies. The two day postgraduate workshop represents an in depth comprehensive analysis of issues relating to diagnosis, classification, genetic evaluation, risk stratification and importantly modern management of different forms of cardiomyopathies.

The course is presented by international experts in the field. The format encourages audience participation and interaction.

## Course objectives

- Discuss recent classifications and controversies.
- Discuss optimal diagnostic procedures and their interpretations.
- Discuss clinical evaluation and follow-up.
- Describe and simplify interpretation of genetic studies.
- Discuss pathophysiology at organ, cellular and molecular levels.
- Discuss prognostic indicators and risk factors.
- Discuss causes and management of arrhythmias and sudden death.
- Discuss modern management strategies.
- Insights and future directions in research.

Young Investigator Awards will be delivered to the best 3 posters presented

## Scientific Programme

8.30 Registration

9.15 **ROOM 1**  
11.15 **How-to Session. Evaluation of Cardiomyopathies**

By Echo

**S. Nistri** (*Florence, I*), **A. Sgalambro** (*Florence, I*)

By MRI

**G. Casolo** (*Viareggio, I*), **L. Rega** (*Florence, I*)

By PET

**D. Neglia** (*Pisa, I*), **R. Sciagrà** (*Florence, I*),

9.15 **ROOM 2**  
11.15 **How-to Session. How to interpret**

Genetic tests

**A. Morrone** (*Florence, I*), **F. Torricelli** (*Florence, I*)

Myocardial biopsy

**C. Basso** (*Padua, I*), **G. D'Amati** (*Rome, I*)

ICD and CRT optimization

**P. Pieragnoli** (*Florence, I*), **C. Porciani** (*Florence, I*)

11.15 *Coffee break*

11.30

11.30 **Illustrative Case Studies**

13.00

**N. Carrabba** (*Florence, I*), **G. Castelli** (*Florence, I*), **C. Chimenti** (*Rome, I*),  
**A. Rossi** (*Florence, I*), **E. Zachara** (*Rome, I*)

13.00 *Buffet Lunch*

14.00 **Official Opening**

14.30 Florence University Rector, Regional and Hospital Authority

14.30 **Session 1**

16.30 **General principles: nomenclature, classification, mechanisms**

Chairmen: **F. Camerini** (*Trieste, I*), **A. Keren** (*Jerusalem, IL*)

14.30 The contemporary classifications of cardiomyopathies

**P. Elliott** (*London, UK*)

14.54 Genetic basis of cardiomyopathies: an overview

**P. Charron** (*Paris, F*)

15.18 Molecular mechanisms of dysfunction and failure

**C. Ho** (*Boston, USA*)

15.42 Contribution of pathology to the understanding of cardiomyopathies

**G. Thiene** (*Padua, I*)

16.06 Role of endomyocardial biopsy in 2008

**A. Frustaci** (*Rome, I*)

16.30 *Coffee break*

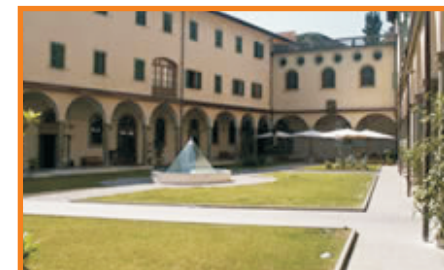
17.00

- 17.00 **Session 2**  
19.24 **HCM diagnosis and clinical assessment**  
 Chairmen: **S. Betocchi** (Naples, I), **O. Parodi** (Pisa, I)
- 17.00 Diagnostic criteria, differential diagnosis and clinical spectrum  
**B.J. Maron** (Minneapolis, USA)
- 17.24 Cardiac involvement in Anderson Fabry disease  
**F. Cecchi** (Florence, I)
- 17.48 Pathophysiology of symptoms and disease progression  
**I. Olivetto** (Florence, I)
- 18.02 Echo versus MRI for clinical management  
**M. Maron** (Boston, USA)
- 18.36 Assessment of microvascular dysfunction and significance of ischemia  
**P. Camici** (London, UK)
- 19.00 Future applications of cardiac MRI imaging  
**Z. Yang** (London, UK)

## FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008

- 8.30 **Session 3**  
10.30 **HCM translational research: insights from basic science and clinical genetics**  
 Chairmen: **W.J. McKenna** (London, UK), **A. Mugelli** (Florence, I)
- 8.30 Lessons from mouse models  
**N. Rosenthal** (Rome, I)
- 8.54 Old genes, new genes and correlations with phenotype  
**M. Ackerman** (Rochester, USA)
- 9.18 Biophysical consequences of sarcomere gene mutations  
**C. Poggesi** (Florence, I)
- 9.42 Genetic and arrhythmogenic DCM  
**E.G. Kranias** (Cincinnati, USA and Athens, GR)
- 10.06 Role of functional remodelling in HCM  
**L. Sartiani** (Florence, I)
- 10.30 Coffee break  
10.50

- 10.50 **Session 4**  
13.15 **HCM clinical management**  
 Chairmen: **D. Antoniucci** (Florence, I), **P.L. Stefàno** (Florence, I)
- 10.50 An overview of contemporary treatment options  
**F. Cecchi** (Florence, I)
- 11.14 State-of-the-art management of atrial fibrillation and ventricular arrhythmias  
**F. Gaita** (Asti, I)
- 11.38 Prevention of systemic embolism: old and new drugs  
**R. Abbate** (Florence, I)
- Round Table**  
**How to relief LVOT obstruction**
- 12.02 Lessons learned from four decades of surgical myectomy  
**S. Ommen** (Minneapolis, USA)
- 12.17 Lessons learned from a decade of alcohol septal ablation  
**H. Seggewiss** (Schweinfurt, D)
- 12.32 Restorative tailored surgical approach  
**M. Yacoub** (London, UK)
- 12.47 Discussion  
13.15
- 13.30 **Luncheon Panel**  
14.10 **ARB, DRI and statin treatment for cardiomyopathies: from today's evidence to future expectations**  
 Chairmen: **G.F. Gensini** (Florence, I), **G. Ambrosio** (Perugia, I),  
**A. Mugelli** (Florence, I), **C. Rapezzi** (Bologna, I)



- 15.00 **Session 5**  
16.36 **LV dysfunction, dilated cardiomyopathy and ARVC**  
 Chairmen: **C. Ho** (*Boston, USA*), **L. Tavazzi** (*Pavia, I*)
- 15.00 Genetic screening in the clinical setting: state of the art  
**W.J. McKenna** (*London, UK*)
- 15.24 From asymptomatic LV dysfunction to DCM: heart failure prevention and treatment  
**G.F. Sinagra** (*Trieste, I*)
- 15.48 Update on ARVC: morphological spectrum and outcome  
**C. Basso** (*Padua, I*)
- 16.12 Clinical management of ARVC  
**B. Bauce** (*Padua, I*)
- 16.36 *Coffee break*  
17.00
- 17.00 **Session 6**  
18.12 Restrictive cardiomyopathies and children  
 Chairmen: **E. Arbustini** (*Pavia, I*), **M. Yacoub** (*London, UK*)
- 17.00 Cardiomyopathies in children including LV non compaction  
**J. Towbin** (*Houston, USA*)
- 17.24 Differential diagnosis and management of cardiac amyloidoses  
**C. Rapezzi** (*Bologna, I*)
- 17.48 Tropical neglected cardiomyopathies  
**A.O. Mocumbi** (*London, UK*)
- 18.12 **Session 7**  
19.00 **Round Table**  
**How to implement education and translational research in cardiomyopathies**  
**E. Arbustini** (*Pavia, I*), **B.J. Maron** (*Minneapolis, USA*),  
**W.J. McKenna** (*London, UK*), **J. Towbin** (*Houston, USA*),  
**M. Yacoub** (*London, UK*)
- The Italian perspective  
**G.F. Gensini** (*Florence, I*)

- 8.30 **Session 8**  
10.00 **Sudden death prevention: ICD patients selection and risk/benefit ratio**  
 Chairmen: **L. Padeletti** (*Florence, I*), **A. Raviele** (*Venice, I*)
- 8.30 In HCM  
**P. Spirito** (*Genoa, I*)
- 8.45 In DCM and ARVC  
**G. Boriani** (*Bologna, I*)
- 9.00 In athletes and in the young  
**D. Corrado** (*Padua, I*)
- 9.15 Prevention and management of ICD-related complications  
**G. Ricciardi** (*Florence, I*)
- 9.30 Discussion  
9.50
- 9.50 Young investigator awards. Selected poster presentation  
10.10
- 10.10 *Coffee break*  
10.30
- 10.30 **Session 9**  
12.06 **New advances in CRT, LVAD, heart transplant and regenerative medicine**  
 Chairmen: **F. Cecchi** (*Florence, I*), **M. Marzilli** (*Pisa, I*)
- 10.30 New directions for cardiomyopathies: what's next  
**L. Tavazzi** (*Pavia, I*)
- 10.54 Patients selection and expected benefits of cardiac resynchronization therapy  
**L. Padeletti** (*Florence, I*)
- 11.18 LVAD and heart transplant: new perspective for the future  
**L. Miller** (*Washington, USA*)
- 11.42 Gene therapy and stem cells: dream or reality?  
**R. Hajjar** (*New York, USA*)
- 12.06 **Lecture**  
12.36 New advances in reverse remodelling and regenerative medicine  
**M. Yacoub** (*London, UK*)
- 12.36 Conclusion and final remarks  
13.00 **F. Cecchi** (*Florence, I*)

## GENERAL INFORMATION



### Congress Venue

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Piazza della Calza, 6 - Florence

In the characteristic quarter of "Oltrarno" very close to the Boboli Garden, Pitti Palace and the Ponte Vecchio, the Convitto della Calza can be easily reached from both the tollway and the Santa Maria Novella train station.

From the Santa Maria Novella train station (which is also the terminal for the Florence Airport shuttle) its only a few minutes by bus.

### Registration

Fees (including VAT) By March 20, 2008  
Euro 350,00

After March 20, 2008  
Euro 500,00

### Registration fee includes:

- Admission to scientific sessions
- CME kit
- Congress kit and name badge
- Final programme
- Certificate of attendance
- Coffee-points
- Working lunches

Please fill in the enclosed registration form and return it to the Organizing Secretariat OIC srl. Online registration is also available on the website [www.oic.it/cardiomyopathies2008](http://www.oic.it/cardiomyopathies2008).

### Hotel reservation

Different price category hotel rooms have been reserved for the duration of the Course by the Official Housing Bureau OIC Way. You are kindly requested to return the hotel booking form giving details on required accommodation together with the appropriate deposit (see chart on the registration form) which includes Euro 20,00 for booking fee. In order to avoid disappointment, early bookings are recommended.

No telephone reservations will be accepted. It is also possible to book accommodation via the web site: [www.oic.it/cardiomyopathies2008](http://www.oic.it/cardiomyopathies2008).

OIC Way will operate on a "first come first served" basis with incoming requests. Reservations will only be confirmed if deposit and booking fee are received.

In Florence are available many Bed & Breakfast that can be booked through the web site: [www.bedandbreakfastfirenze.it](http://www.bedandbreakfastfirenze.it)

## SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

### Call for abstract

Scientific contributions will be accepted as posters and can be submitted by e-mail sending the abstract as an attachment to the following address:  
**[cardiomyopathies2008@oic.it](mailto:cardiomyopathies2008@oic.it)**.

Authors are kindly requested to respect the following instructions:

- text must be no more than 2.000 characters (Arial font, size 11);
- the title should be typed in all capital letters;
- authors' names should include first initials and full last names;
- the abstract should contain purposes, methods, results and conclusions;
- all details of the corresponding Author should be clearly indicated: name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail for further correspondence.

**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS  
MARCH 10, 2008**

Acceptance, together with technical details for poster presentation will be notified to the submitting author by March 20, 2008.

Registration in the Course is mandatory for the submission of the scientific contribution.

### Posters

Posters will be on display on Friday, May 23 from 8.30 to 19.00.

A prize for the best poster is foreseen.

Young Investigator Awards will be delivered to the best 3 posters presented

### Slide Center

Meeting rooms will be equipped with PC slide projector. It will not be possible to use personal laptops in the meeting rooms. Presentations on personal laptops must be downloaded at the Slide Center before the session. Speakers are kindly requested to use PowerPoint for Windows. The use of CD-rom, pen or memory stick is advisable to easily download the presentations.

### CME Accreditation

CME credits are awarded for the Meeting and UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists) accreditation will be applied for.

### Official Language

The official language of the Course will be English. Simultaneous translation into Italian will be provided.

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 Address for invoicing \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
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**For Italian participants: Codice Fiscale o P.IVA** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Congress Registration

REGISTRATION FEES (VAT included)	Early Fee paid by March 20 2008	Normal Fee paid after March 20 2008	Total €
^ Congress	€ 350,00	€ 500,00	
<b>TOTAL A</b>			

#### 3. Hotel Accommodation

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As single rooms are limited, OIC Way reserves the right to assign double rooms for single occupancy if necessary; the price in this case will be slightly lower than the double room rate and will be indicated in the room details confirmation. Reservations will only be confirmed if deposit and booking fee are received.

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No refunds will be processed for cancellations received **after March 30, 2008**.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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