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Florence, Italy - Villa Vittoria

13th International Congress on Neutron Capture Therapy

Second Announcement

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I'm very pleased and honoured to invite you to attend the 13th International Congress on Neutron Capture therapy (ICNCT-13) to be held on November 2-7, 2008 in Florence, Italy.

This is the first time that the biennial meeting of the International Society for Neutron Capture Therapy (ISNCT) will be hosted in Italy. For this exceptional event we have chosen an exceptional site. Located in the old town centre of Florence, close to the railway station and within walking distance from the main hotels and the most celebrated monuments of this wonderful city, the Congress Palace (Palazzo dei Congressi) is a unique building with its historical and architectural features.

It is therefore an ideal place for a conference focussed on intellectual exchange, constructive discussions and thorough presentations of experimental results. That is exactly what NCT needs now: it has proved to be a powerful technique for the therapy of certain types of cancer, but it is still waiting for widespread acceptance, new fields of application and original treatment ideas able to exploit its intrinsic characteristics.

We look forward to receiving a valuable contribution from everyone of you.

Welcome to Florence! I hope you will have an enjoyable and inspiring meeting.

Aris Zonta, M.D., Ph.D.

President of ISNCT & ICNCT-13



Organised by:

National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN)

University of Pavia

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University of Firenze

University of Catanzaro

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Committees of ICNCT-13

Organising Committee:

Aris Zonta, University of Pavia (President)

Saverio Altieri, University of Pavia and INFN (Secretary-General)

Laura Roveda, University of Catanzaro (Programme Committee Chairperson)

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Paolo Dionigi, University of Pavia and S.Matteo Policlinic Foundation - Pavia

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Silva Bortolussi, University of Pavia and INFN



The members of the **Scientific Programme Committee**, of the **International Advisory Committee** and of the **Local Organising Committee** will be published on the official website of the Congress by 28th February 2008.

Date & Venue

November 2(Sun) – 7(Fri), 2008

Congress Palace (Villa Vittoria), Florence, Italy

Important dates and deadlines

Abstracts submission

Selected abstracts notification

Online Hotel Reservation

Travel Fund for young scientists*

Paper submission for publication

Registration: Early

 Late



1st March 2008

15th April 2008

31st May 2008

31st May 2008

30th June 2008

15th September 2008

7th November 2008

*See the section of this circular dedicated to the Fairchild Award

General Information

Official Language

The official language of the Congress is English. All abstracts and presentations must be in English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Climate and Clothing

The climate in Florence is usually comfortable at the time of the scheduled Congress. The average temperature in November is in the range 10-15° C. Accordingly, a coat or jacket would be appropriate.

Currency and Shopping

The unit of currency is Euro. Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks, international airports, and other authorised exchanges. Furthermore, cash can be obtained at money ATM machines throughout the town.

Electricity

220V and 50 Hz is the standard power supply throughout Italy



Request for Letter of Invitation

Upon request, the Secretariat Office will issue a letter of invitation. The sole purpose of the letter is to facilitate the participant's travel and visa arrangements. It does not imply provision of financial or other support.

No Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted at the Congress site, outside the designated areas.

Projection Facilities

Beamers (LCD data-projection) are available. Presenters will be invited to prepare a Microsoft Powerpoint presentation or an Adobe Acrobat PDF file, which can be brought to the Congress on a pen drive (memory stick) or CD. All the presentations should be submitted to the slide room at least 30 minutes before the session. Details will be sent with confirmation of abstract acceptance.

Liability

The 13th International Congress on Neutron Capture Therapy and the Congress Secretariat shall not be responsible for any personal injury, loss, damage, accident to private property or additional expenses incurred as a result of delays or changes in air, rail, sea, road or other services, strikes, sickness, weather, or any other cause.

Insurance

The organizers will not accept liability for individual medical, travel or personal insurance. Participants are strongly advised to take out their own personal insurance policies.

ECM Accreditation

ECM accreditation will be provided by the Italian Ministry of Health.

Provisional Scientific Programme

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Evening</i>
<i>2nd November (Sun)</i>		<i>Registration</i> <i>Meetings of ISNCT</i> <i>Executive Board and</i> <i>Board of Councillors</i>	<i>Welcome party</i>
<i>3rd November (Mon)</i>	<i>Registration</i> <i>Opening Addresses</i> <i>Plenary Session</i>	<i>Oral Presentations</i>	
<i>4th November (Tue)</i>	<i>Oral and Poster</i> <i>Presentations</i>	<i>Oral and Poster</i> <i>Presentations</i>	
<i>5th November (Wed)</i>	<i>Oral and Poster</i> <i>Presentations</i>	<i>Free</i>	
<i>6th November (Thu)</i>	<i>Oral and Poster</i> <i>Presentations</i>	<i>Oral and Poster</i> <i>Presentations</i> <i>General Assembly</i>	<i>Congress Banquet</i>
<i>7th November (Fri)</i>	<i>Oral and Poster</i> <i>Presentations</i> <i>Round Table Discussion</i> <i>Closing Remarks</i> <i>(Sara Liberman, CNEA</i> <i>Argentina, President</i> <i>Elect ISNCT and</i> <i>ICNCT-14)</i> <i>ISNCT Business</i> <i>Meetings</i>		

Social Events

Due to its history, its monuments, its culture and also food, fashion and entertainment, Florence is one of the most important and famous cities of Italy. During the congress week, especially on Wednesday afternoon, when no presentations are planned, the participants may enjoy walking through the city centre, visits to museums, shopping in the exclusive boutiques or sightseeing in the beautiful, easy to reach surroundings of the city. Help will be provided to anyone who would like to make visits or trips to local places of interest.

The Organising Committee of the ICNCT-13 is pleased to invite the participants (members, non-members and accompanying persons) to the Congress banquet on Thursday evening. It will be held in the ancient castle of Verrazzano, located in the hills outside Florence, in the middle of the Chianti country, famous for the production of delicious wines. Transport will be provided to take the participants to the castle and to return to Florence after the dinner.

Following custom a reception party will be held on Sunday evening, to welcome everyone and to start with the best mood for the week of the Congress. It will be offered in another historical building of the city, close to the Congress site: Palazzo Gaddi.

Accommodation

The Organising Committee has reserved a fixed number of rooms in the hotels close to the Congress site. The link for on-line reservation will soon be available on the official website. In order to keep the prices as low as possible, we have contacted an agency that will manage all the reservation and the payment of the rooms. The prices are guaranteed up to 31st May 2008, so we strongly recommend to reserve on-line through the website choosing the category that best fits your requirements. In the table below, indicative prices can be found.

category	in	out	Prices per room per night	
			<i>Breakfast and tax included</i>	
	02-nov	07-nov	<i>Double room for 1 person</i>	<i>Double room for 2 persons</i>
A			€ 155	€ 170
B			€ 130	€ 150
C			€ 110	€ 120
D			€ 80	€ 100

Category	Stars	Distance from Conference Centre	Hotel Type
A	<i>4 star Superior</i>	<i>Walking distance - within 300 mt</i>	<i>Albani Hotel or similar</i>
B	<i>4 star standard</i>	<i>Walking distance – within 900 mt</i>	<i>Jolly Hotel or similar</i>
C	<i>3 star Superior</i>	<i>Walking distance – within 300 mt</i>	<i>Cellai Hotel or similar</i>
D	<i>3 star standard</i>	<i>Walking distance - within 900 mt</i>	<i>Corona d'Italia Hotel or similar</i>

Participants registration fees

	<i>Up to 15th September 2008</i>	<i>From 16th September to 7th November 2008</i>
<i>Members</i>	500 €	600 €
<i>Non-members</i>	600 €	700 €
<i>Students</i>	250 €	300 €
<i>Accompanying persons</i>	200 €	250 €

Abstracts may be sent now.

Papers will only be accepted after the registration fee has been paid.

The registration fee of participants (except accompanying person) includes:

- *Participation at all scientific sessions, Congress bag with all documents,*
- *Copy of Proceedings,*
- *Admittance to the exhibition area,*
- *Two coffee breaks per day during the scientific sessions,*
- *Invitation to the Welcome Reception on Sunday 2nd November and to the Banquet on Thursday 6th November.*

The accompanying person's fee includes:

- *Admittance to the exhibition area,*
- *Invitation to the Welcome Reception on Sunday November 2 and the Banquet on Thursday November 6.*

Cancellation of Congress Registration

All cancellations of Congress registration will incur an administration fee of at least 20%. This sum will increase significantly with time and no refund of registration fee will be possible for cancellations received less than two months before the Congress due to contractual commitments.

Call for Abstract and Papers

*The deadline for Abstracts submission is fixed for **1st March 2008**. Abstracts may be sent now; they must be uploaded in the appropriate section of the Congress website: http://www.pv.infn.it/icnct-13/abstract_submission.html. At this address, authors can also find a Word template for the Abstract draft. **Authors may submit more than one Abstract.***

*The Programme Committee will notify the authors as to the review results by **15th April 2008**.*

*The complete and final version of the paper that will be published in the Congress proceedings volume must be sent to the Secretariat by **30th June 2008**. The template for the paper draft and a section for the papers upload, will be available on the website.*

The Scientific Committee will review the papers, ask the authors for revision and then collect the corrected versions to prepare the publication. The published book with the papers will be distributed during the time of Congress. Therefore, it is requested that papers should be submitted before the indicated deadline.

Topics

<i>Clinical Matters and Biomedical Applications</i>	<i>Clinical trials Medical physics Clinical imaging</i>
<i>Biology</i>	<i>Radiobiology Molecular biology</i>
<i>Chemistry and Pharmacology</i>	<i>New boron carriers Drug delivery</i>
<i>Boron Imaging</i>	<i>Imaging techniques</i>
<i>Physics and Nuclear Engineering</i>	<i>Quality management Treatment planning Neutron sources Beam dosimetry</i>

Fairchild Awards for young researchers

During the Congress, a number of young researchers that had previously applied will receive financial awards under the Ralph Fairchild Fellowship award scheme. Applicants should not be older than 35 years. A letter for the application and the paper for the proceedings must be sent to the Secretariat by e-mail by 31st May 2008. The financial contribution to the young scientists is the monetary prize of the Fairchild Award.

Official Website and contacts

The ICNCT-13 website is at:

<http://www.pv.infn.it/icnct-13>

The website will be updated regularly with the programme details as these become available.

The Congress Secretariat and the President have a dedicated e-mail address:

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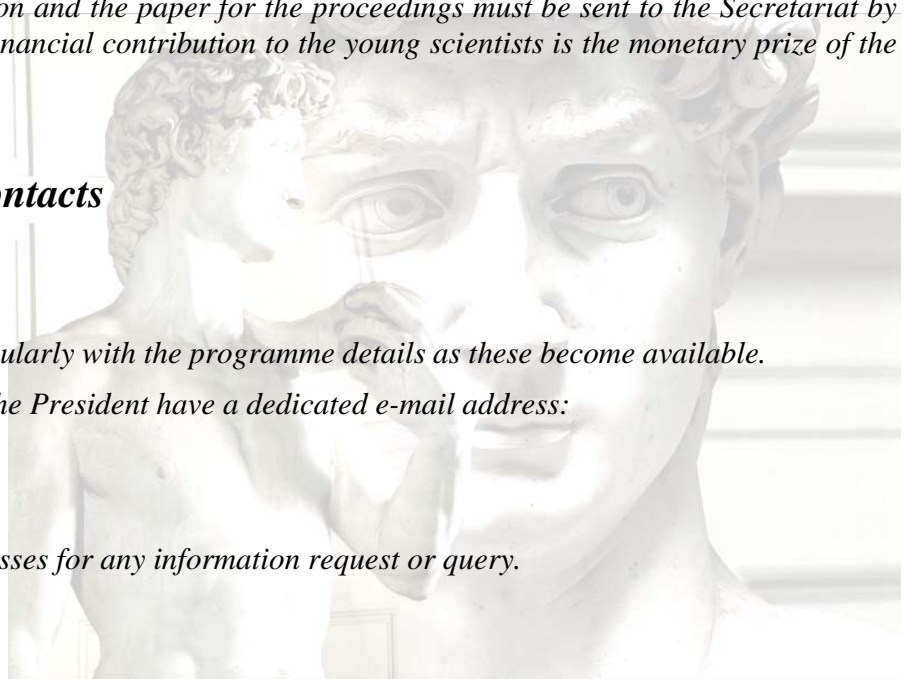
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Feel free to contact these addresses for any information request or query.

Travel information

The Congress Palace is located nearby the railway station Santa Maria Novella of Florence (Piazza Adua), at an easy walking distance from the allocated hotels and from the city centre.

[map of Florence](#)



How to reach Florence:

By Plane

-Florence International Airport "Amerigo Vespucci" (connected to the main European cities) IATA CODE: FLR - [http:// www.aeroporto.firenze.it](http://www.aeroporto.firenze.it) .

It is located 4 km (2.5 miles) from Florence and it can be reached by taxi (20 minutes, approximately 20 €) or by the “Vola in bus” shuttle bus, a special connection service from/to the Vespucci Airport and Santa Maria Novella train station, jointly run by ATAF and SITA.

- Pisa International Airport "Galileo Galilei"

(connected to the main European cities) IATA CODE: PSA - www.pisa-airport.it

It is located in Pisa, 60 km (38 miles) from Florence. It can be reached in 1 hour by train from the Santa Maria Novella train station (there is one train every hour); airport passengers can check in at the station (platform 16).

By Car

An efficient motorway network connects Florence to the rest of Italy and Europe. The Congress Palace is just 4 km (2.5 miles) from the main Italian motorway (the A1: Autostrada del Sole - Exit “Firenze Nord”).

Two large parking areas, for 600 and 800 cars, respectively, are just 100 metres away the Congress site; another parking area for 400 cars can be reached by bus. **Fortezza Parking:** located in Caduti nei Lager square, near the Congress palace; **Firenze Santa Maria Novella Railway Station Parking:** underground parking, in front of the Congress site; **Parterre Parking,** in Libertà square, 1.5 km away from the Congress Palace

By Train

There are 3 [train stations](#) in Florence:

- Santa Maria Novella Central Station: 50 metres from the Congress Palace
- Rifredi: approximately 2 km (1.2 miles) away
- Campo di Marte: approximately 1.5 km (1 mile) away

Public Transportation

Many town buses stop at Piazza della Stazione (Santa Maria Novella train station). Further details can be found at the website of Florence public transportation company ([ATAF](#)).

In addition, a large number of [bus services](#) connect the centre of Florence to its surroundings (Fiesole: Ataf bus no. 7 - Settignano: Ataf bus no. 10). The regional coach lines (Cap, Lazzi, Sita) connect Florence to the other wonderful Tuscan cities such as San Gimignano, Pienza, Arezzo, Volterra, Siena, Laiatico, Forte dei Marmi)