



Bid to host the ICS 2017 Annual Meeting in Florence, Italy

The City of Florence is honoured to submit its candidacy to host the ICS Annual Meeting in 2017. We would be proud to share our historical heritage, our art, our architecture as well as our hospitality with the participants of the ICS 2017.

PROPOSED DATES

2017, September 10-15

(alternative dates October 8-13 / October 15-20)

September temperatures are ideal: magnificent clear skies, warm sunshine and crisp breezes. The average temperature is 20/25°C (68/71°F)

ANNUAL MEETING CHAIR

Prof. Giulio Del Popolo

Neuro-Urologist

Director - Regional Agency for Spinal Cord Injuries Department, Careggi University Hospital

Director - Neurourology Unit, Careggi University Hospital, Florence

Director - Spinal Unit, Careggi University Hospital

Chair of Neurourology and Urodynamics and Visceral Dysfunctions, Florence University

SIUD (Italian Society of Urodynamics, ICS affiliated) President

ICS member

Past President of SOMIPAR (Italian Medical Society for Paraplegia)

Member of the Executive Board of ICSOS (International Society of Spinal Cord)

EAU member (European Association of Urology) and EAU Panel group member on Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunctions Guidelines

Participation into ICS 1993 (Rome), ICS 1999 (Denver), ICS 2001 (Seoul), ICS 2002 (Heidelberg), ICS 2003 (Florence), ICS 2004 (Paris), ICS 2005 (Montreal), ICS 2007 (Rotterdam), ICS 2008 (Cairo), ICS 2011 (Glasgow), ICS 2012 (Beijing)

Prof. Del Popolo has a clinical and research profile focused on the study and treatment of neurogenic bladder, lower urinary tract dysfunctions, pelvic and perineal pain, as well as on sacral neurostimulation and neuromodulation. He has more than 310 publications about neurourology, urodynamics and neuroandrogyny (abstracts, periodical, videos, book chapter - national and international) and 50 quoted by PubMed, H index 16. He is a reviewer for: European Urology, Journal of Urology, Neurourology and Urodynamics, Spinal Cord. Member Editorial Board Urologia. He's currently leading several experimental studies as Principal Investigator and National Coordinator, also for the Italian Ministry of Health.

SCIENTIFIC CHAIR

Prof. Enrico Finazzi Agrò

Urologist

Prof. Enrico Finazzi-Agrò is Associate Professor of Urology at the University "Tor Vergata" and Director of the Unit of Functional Urology of Policlinico Tor Vergata University Hospital in Rome, Italy. He is also Consultant Urologist of the Fondazione S. Lucia Rehabilitation Hospital in Rome. He has been an ICS member (ICS number 1729) since year 2001 and is actually member of the Urodynamics Committee and of the Neurourology Promotion Committee. Prof. Finazzi-Agrò has attended ICS annual meetings in Rome (1993), Tampere (2000), Heidelberg (2002), Florence (2003), Paris (2004), Montreal (2005), Rotterdam (2007), Cairo (2008), San Francisco (2009), Glasgow (2011), Beijing (2012).

Prof. Finazzi-Agrò has a clinical and research profile focused on Functional and Female Urology. He has extensively published in this field and has organized several national and international meetings. He has also served as Office member for the Italian Association of Urology (SIU) and is vice president and president elected of the Italian Society of Urodynamics (SIUD), affiliated Society of ICS.

JOINT SCIENTIFIC CHAIR

Dr. Marco Soligo

Gynaecologist

Senior Consultant- Gynaecology and Obstetrics Departement, San Carlo Borromeo Hospital, Italy

SIUD General Secretary, ICS affiliated

ICS member

IUGA member

AIUG member (Italian Urogynaecological Association)

Participation into ICS 1998 (Jerusalem), ICS 1999 (Denver), ICS 2000 (Tampere), ICS 2002 (Heidelberg), ICS 2003 (Florence), ICS 2004 (Paris), ICS 2010 (Toronto)

Dr. Soligo has developed particular skills in morphological and functional diagnostic investigations (Urodynamics, Video-Urodynamics, ultrasound) and treatment of the lower urinary tract and pelvic floor disorders (including genital prolapse) in general. He is author and co-author of 15 peer reviewed papers on this topic and more than 100 presentations at national and international meetings.

He has been involved in the dissemination of the methodology of the ultrasound transvaginal bladder wall thickness assessment within the Italian urogynaecologists, as documented by various presentations at meetings, seminars and hands-on courses. Dr. Soligo is especially interested in the Multidisciplinary approach to pelvic floor disorders, developing in depth research in functional aspects of the posterior compartment of the pelvic floor.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Vincenzo Li Marzi - Urologist

Aldo Tosto - Urologist

Elisabetta Costantini - Urologist/Gynaecologist

Antonella Biroli - Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Maurizio Serati - Gynaecologist

Stefano Salvatore - Gynaecologist

Giovanni Mosiello - Paediatric Surgeon/Urologist

Gianfranco Lamberti - Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Donatella Giraudo - Physiotherapist

Simone Crivellaro - Urologist

WHY FLORENCE ?

- **ACCESSIBLE** (and sustainably too!)

Thanks to two international airports, well connected to the center via public transport and brand new environment-friendly shuttles, and its central train station, Florence is easy-to-get-to.

- **DELICIOUSLY DELECTABLE**

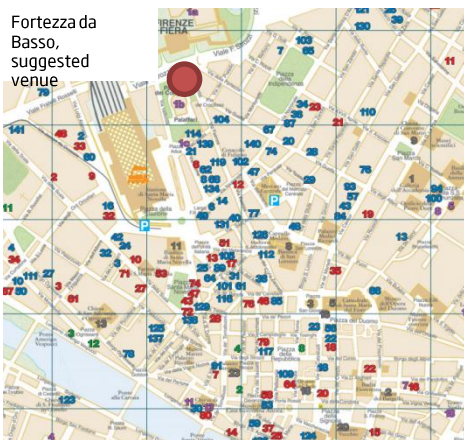
Tuscany is the most celebrated of all food and wine capitals, and Florence's city center, with its immense array of diverse dining options is a fairytale like destination for gourmands, wine lovers and all!

- **INSPIRING**

Blessed with breathtaking landscapes and famed masterpieces, the so-called "Cradle of the Renaissance" is an open-air museum, a genuine lifestyle experience, a real, yet dreamlike, treasure chest, filled with innumerable inspiring discoveries.

- **CHARMING HOSPITALITY**

Being a historical sought-after tourist destination, Florence boasts countless Hotels, adequate to all standards and all budget requirements. Most hotels are located in the main city center, at just a short walking distance from major landmarks, event venues and conference facilities.



Congress Center is in the heart of the city

All the Hotels are within walking distance to the Congress Centre

PROPOSED VENUE

The Fortezza Da Basso, a short distance from the Central Railway Station of Santa Maria Novella, is one of the city's most important monuments from the Medici era.

The complex extends over an area of almost 100,000 square metres (55,000 indoor); the number and variety of its rooms and spaces make it an ideal setting for conferences and trade fairs.

PROPOSED VENUES FOR THE SOCIAL PROGRAM:

Chairman's Dinner

Palazzo Borghese (1)

Welcome Reception

Fortezza da Basso (2)

Annual Dinner

Teatro della Pergola (3)



PRE AND POST TOUR PROPOSALS

Guided tour of florentine hills:

Fiesole and Piazzale Michelangelo

The Chianti area - internationally renowned as one of the finest wine producing areas of the world recognized as such since the 16th century.



LOCAL SUPPORT:

Municipality of Florence - Province of Florence - Region of Tuscany
Firenze Convention Bureau - Firenze Fiera, Congress & Exhibition Centre - Defoe - Local PCO e
CME Provider