



- WINTER MEETING
OF
**PROTEINS AND
AUTOIMMUNITY**
- Satellite Meeting of the
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
on **AUTOIMMUNITY**

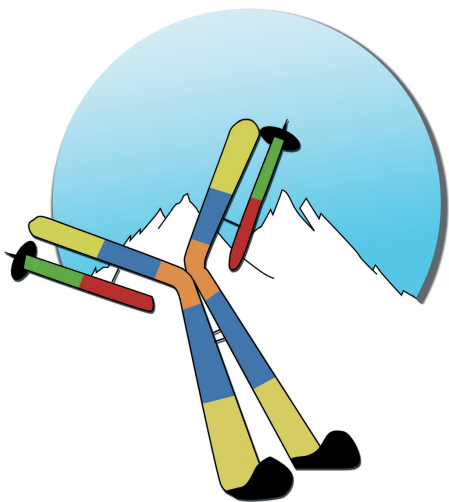
COURMAYEUR

Aosta Valley - Italy

January, the 29th - 30th - 31st 2009



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TOPIC OF THE MEETING

New aspects on standardization of tests for measuring/characterizing biological proteins and innovative approach for standardization of diagnostic assays for autoimmune diseases.

As a wide range of diagnostic kits is currently available on the market and results from several studies on autoimmunity diverge, standardization of diagnostic tests has become a must in the field of autoimmunity. By combining proteins and autoimmunity topics, experience gained so far in any of both these fields will foster the other one.

A joint session on both these topics will be also planned.

English will be the official language of the Meeting. A simultaneous interpreting service (English-Italian) will be available.

Abstracts and posters will be accepted.

300 participants are expected.

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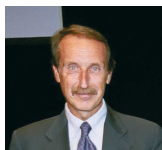
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JANUARY, THE 29TH 2009

08.30 Opening Ceremony

Introduction to the Meeting and welcome addresses from local Authorities:

- *Regional Councillor for Health and Social Care*
- *Director General of the Regional Health Authority of Aosta Valley*
- *Mayor of Courmayeur*
- *Chairpersons: J. Sheldon, P. L. Meroni*

SESSION 1

International standardization of proteins

Chairpersons: T. Galeotti (Rome), J. Bienvenu (Lyon)

09.00 Do we need to be standardised?

J. Sheldon (U.K.)

09.25 Certified reference materials for serum proteins: tailored for their purpose

I. Zegers (Belgium)

09.50 External Quality Control Of Protein Assays-The Challenges

R. Beetham (U.K.)

10.15 Coffee break

SESSION 2

International standardization of CDT

Chairpersons: M. Plebani (Italy), A. Vernocchi (Italy)

10.30 International standardization of carbohydrate-deficient transferrin (CDT) measurement

A. Helander (Sweden)

11.00 Critical evaluation of the current analytical methods for cdt determination

F. Tagliaro, F. Bortolotti (Italy)

11.30 Ethyl glucuronide in Urine as a Short Time Marker of Alcohol Use - Preanalysis, Analysis, Interpretation.
T. Arndt (Germany)

12.00 Discussion

13.00 Lunch

SESSION 3

Standardization concerns in infrequent analysis

Chairpersons: M. Mussap (Italy), J. Sheldon (U.K.)

14.00 Analytical and post-analytical problems of standardization in CSF analysis
G. Bernardi, E. Ciusani (Italy)

14.30 Basic analysis of cerebrospinal fluid: What analysis should be included and why?
A. Regeniter (Switzerland)

15.00 Cystatin C as a marker of GFR--history, indications, and future research
G. Filler (Canada)

15.30 Discussion

16.00 Coffee break

ROUND TABLE

New approaches, recommendations and problems in the field of proteins

Chairpersons: J. Sheldon (U.K.), A. Dolci (Italy),

16.15 Oral communications: *A. Dolci (Italy), A. Vernocchi (Italy), U. Basile (Italy), J. Bienvenu (France), M. Mussap (Italy), A. Regeniter (Switzerland)*

18.15 End of the session

JANUARY, THE 30TH 2009

SESSION 1

Antinuclear antibodies

Chairpersons: K. Conrad (Germany), P.L. Meroni (Italy)

08.30 Inaccurate ANA results

J. Goldman (USA)

09.00 Anti-dsDNA: state of the art

M. Herrmann (Germany)

09.30 The so called anti-nucleosomes

O.P. Reckvig (Norway)

10.00 **Selected oral communications:**

- Anti-Ribosomal-P antibodies and CNS-SLE
N. Among-Levin (Israel)
- Beta-2-glycoprotein-I (β 2GPI), anti- β 2GPI
cross-talk: from protein to small molecules
M. Blank (Israel)

10.30 Coffee break

SESSION 2

Anti-Extractable Nuclear Antigens

Chairpersons: E.K.L. Chan (USA), G. Valesini (Italy)

10.45 Autoantibodies to cytoplasmic antigens associated

with RNA interference and induced stress

E.K.L. Chan (USA)

11.15 Myositis specific and associated antibodies

A. Doria (Italy)

11.45 Automated image acquisition, processing
and analysis for the standardization of
autoantibody screening

K. Conrad (Germany)

12.15 **Selected oral communications:**

- Automated testing of anticardiolipin antibodies
B. Gilburd (Israel)

- Potential usefulness of autoantibody level titration in the ANA screening approach
G. Mengozzi (Italy)

12.45 Lunch

SESSION 3

Disease specific autoantibodies

Chairpersons Y. Shoenfeld (Israel), A. Sinico (Italy)

14.00 ANCA: state of the art
A. Sinico (Italy)

14.30 Autoantibodies in RA - RF, ACPA and beyond
G. Steiner (Austria)

15.00 Anti-phospholipid antibodies in 2009
A. Tincani (Italy)

15.30 Autoantibodies in celiac disease
N. Bizzaro (Italy)

16.00 Coffee break

SESSION 4

Autoantibodies and organ damage

Chairpersons: M.E. Gershwin (USA), P. Youinou (France)

16.15 Primary Biliary Cirrhosis: the Role of the AMA to unmask nephritis in lupus
M.E. Gershwin (USA)

16.45 Complement: do we need a standardization?
F. Tedesco (Italy)

17.15 The autoantibodies predictive of nephritis in lupus
P. Youinou (France)

17.45 Defining and Dissecting Autoantibodies in

Companion Animals
L.J. Gershwin (USA)

18.15 Selected oral communications:

- The incidence of AMA in the general population
C. Selmi (Italy)

18.30 End of the session

JANUARY, THE 31ST 2009

COMMON SESSION

Chairpersons: Y. Shoenfeld (Israel), P.L. Meroni (Italy),

08.30 Autoimmunity in renal diseases:
from proteomics to patients
G. Ghiggeri (Italy)

09.00 Analyses of diverse autoimmune diseases
via a multiplex technique
Y. Shoenfeld (Israel)

09.30 Anti-thyroid autoantibodies: state of the art
P. Beck Peccoz (Italy)

10.00 ANA standardization in Germany
P. von Landerberg (Germany)

10.30 Standardization
H. Schimmel (Belgium)

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 ROUND TABLE WITH THE FACULTY From protein standardization to autoantibody standardization. A common road?

Chairpersons: P.M. Meroni (Italy), J. Sheldon (UK)

12.30 Closing of the Meeting

GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting will last three days, **29 - 30 - 31 January 2009** covering proteins and autoimmunity issues separately. A joint session will address, problems common to both these fields

LOCATION

Centro Congressi Courmayeur
(New Courmayeur Congress Centre),
Piazzale Monte Bianco - Courmayeur

WORKING LANGUAGE: English

DATES

January the 29th - 30th - 31st 2009

SCHEDULING

01/29/09 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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01/31/09 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FEES

Until 15/01/09:

- € 250 for Sibioc and Simel Members only
- € 300 for all the other

From 16/01/09 to 28/01/09:

- € 300 for Sibioc and Simel Members only
- € 350 for all the other

CME ACCREDITATION

The Local Organizing Committee will provide to request CME credits corresponding to this event.

AIRPORT INFORMATION AND TRAVEL TO COURMAYEUR

Courmayeur is easily linked to north-western Italy and is 218 km far from Milan. It is also linked to France (Lyon is about 250 km far away and you can drive there in a few hours) by the Mont Blanc Tunnel and to Switzerland (100 km far from Geneva).

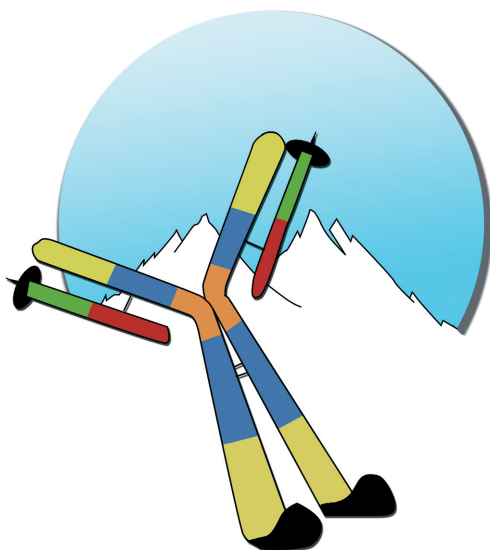
The closest airports to Courmayeur are the following:

MILANO/Malpensa ➔ 212 KM

TORINO/Caselle ➔ 149 KM

MILANO/Linate ➔ 237 KM

GINEVRA/Cointrin ➔ 105 KM





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