Program:

DAY 1  MONDAY Sep. 21, 19:00  
Welcome reception: A brief history of calcification (A. Covic Romania)

DAY 2  TUESDAY Sep. 22,  8:30 - 16:30  
Welcome and introduction (P. Evenepoel, Belgium)  
Opening session: The year in Vascular calcification (M. Vervloet, The Netherlands)  
Symposium 1: 4 burning questions in uremic vascular calcification  (chair: M. Cozzolino and A. Covic)  
Q1: Is vascular calcification clinically relevant in CKD?  
  • Conductance vs resistance vessels?  
  • Intima vs. media calcification? (D. Goldsmith, United Kingdom)  
Q2: What’s new in the pathophysiology of uremic VC?  
  • The kidney-bone-vascular axis (P. Urena, France)  
  • Premature aging and vascular calcification in CKD (P. Stenvinkel, Sweden)  

Coffee break

Q3: Do we have to screen for vascular calcification in CKD?  
  • Who, when and how to screen for VC in CKD (J. Bover, Spain)  
Q4: Is vascular calcification modifiable in CKD?  
  • Targeting bone: treat the bone to cure the vessels (S. Mazzoferro, Italy)  
  • Targeting PTH (P. Evenepoel, Belgium)  
  • Targeting phosphate (M. Cozzolino, Italy)  
  • Vitamin-K, matrix Gla protein and vascular calcification (J. Floege, Germany)  

Lunch

Symposium 2:  State of the art in calciphylaxis  (chair: M. Cozzolino and P. Evenepoel)  
  • Results of the expert consensus meeting (Leuven, Sept. 21 2015) (V. Brandenburg, Germany)  
  • General discussion: Questions and answers (All)  

Concluding remarks (V. Brandenburg, Germany)