June 7

Session 1: ORGANIZATIONAL MODELS: DIALYSIS NETWORKS
Chairpersons: M. Misra - N. Levin

15.30 Delivering quality of care and stakeholder interests
15.50 The search for a standard of care
16.10 The Medical Director: working for efficacy
16.30 Risk Management: working for safety
16.50 Discussion
17.10 Break and visit to exhibition and posters

OPENING CEREMONY
18.30 Opening Remarks

Invited opening lecture:
- The future of health care reforms
  A. Millburn
- Welcome from Italian Society of Nephrology
  C. Ronco
- Award for best abstract
  M. Misra
19.30 Concert and Welcome Reception

June 8

Session 2: NEW PERSPECTIVES IN HD
Chairpersons: P. Stenvinkel - F. Locatelli

8.10 HD initiation in relationship to the IDEAL data
8.30 Why was the NIH Daily Dialysis RCT successful?
8.50 Nocturnal Dialysis: the FHN trial
9.10 Dialysis management in elderly patients
9.30 Perspectives in home HD therapy
9.50 Lessons from recent trials in HD
10.10 Discussion
10.30 Break and visit to exhibition and posters

Session 3: CARDIOVASCULAR ISSUES
Chairpersons: N. Levin - A. House

11.00 The burden of cardiovascular risk in CKD and dialysis patients (CRS Type 4)
11.20 Microinflammation and endothelial damage in CKD and hemodialysis
11.40 Biomarkers of chronic inflammatory state in uremia and CVD
12.00 Uric acid: metabolic and cardiovascular risk
12.20 Disparities of treatment for ACS and Heart Failure in CKD patients
12.40 Discussion
13.00 Break and visit to exhibition and posters

June 9

Session 4: VASCULAR ACCESS & DRY WEIGHT
Chairpersons: R. Amerling - M. Kuhlmann

14.00 Is AV fistula harming the patient?
14.20 Is Dialysis Catheter harming the patient?
14.40 The wonders of ultrafiltration
15.00 The evils of intradialytic sodium loading
15.20 The concept of wet and dry BNP
15.40 Discussion
16.00 Break and visit to exhibition and posters

Session 5: EVOLUTION OF DIALYSIS MEMBRANES
Chairpersons: S. Stefoni - N. Hoenich

16.20 Recent trials on Hemodiafiltration
16.40 Antioxidant dialytic approach with vitamin E coated membranes
17.00 From High flux to super high flux
17.20 Light chain removal: HCO membranes
17.40 The Treatment of HCV with Affinity Plasmapheresis on Dialysis Machines
18.00 Discussion
18.20 ADDITION

Session 6: LIPID DISORDERS & METABOLISM
Chairpersons: P. Aljama - W. Keane

8.10 The spectrum of metabolic alterations in dialysis
8.30 New insights on inflammation and protein energy wasting in CKD
8.50 Factors determining insulin resistance in hemodialysis patients
9.10 Lipid disorders in uremia & dialysis
9.30 Statins and lipid lowering strategies in cardio-renal patients
9.50 Results from recent trials
10.10 Discussion
10.30 Break and visit to exhibition and posters

Session 7: Ca, P, Vit D AND VDRA
Chairpersons: C. Ronco - D. Warnock

11.00 Restoring the physiology of VDR activation and the concept of selectivity
11.20 The impact of paricalcitol on CKD progression measured by albuminuria (The VITAL study)
11.40 The impact of paricalcitol on LHV (The PRIMO study)
12.00 VDR activators: clinical outcomes
12.20 VDRA: Implications to daily practice
12.40 Discussion
13.00 Break and visit to exhibition and posters

June 10

Session 8: FLUID OVERLOAD IN HD AND AKI
Chairpersons: M. Kuhlmann - F. Peacock

14.10 Body composition and Heart Rate Variability to achieve dry weight and tolerance
14.30 Blood Volume & Biofeedback
14.50 BIVA + BNP in the emergency room
15.10 Extracorporeal Ultrafiltration for congestive heart failure patients
15.30 Discussion
15.50 Break and visit to exhibition and posters

Session 9: ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY
Chairpersons: J. Kellum - M. Okusa

16.20 Special Lecture:
  J. Kellum
  M. Okusa
16.30 A. Maisel
16.50 AKI Biomarkers and endpoints for Clinical Trials
17.10 AKI: can we prevent it?
17.30 Impact of AKI on CKD and its progression
17.50 Discussion
18.10 ADDITION

Session 10: WEARABLE DIALYSIS TECHNOLOGY
Chairpersons: V. Gura - H.D. Polaschegg

8.10 Wearable ultrafiltration for heart failure
8.30 The WAK project: where are we?
8.50 Financial implications from application of wearable technology
9.10 Clinical benefits of a wearable approach
9.30 Wearable dialysis: what is missing?
9.50 Discussion
10.10 Break and visit to exhibition and posters

Session 11: ANEMIA AND ITS MANAGEMENT
Chairpersons: A. De Francesco - M. Rosner

10.30 Anemia Trials in CKD and Clinical practice: Refining the approach to ESA’s use
10.50 New ESAs and new Iron formulations
11.10 Impact of dialytic technique on anemia
11.30 The Cardio Renal Anemia syndrome
11.50 Anemia and Hypoalbuminemia as Prognostic Indicators in HD: Fact or Artefact?
12.10 Anemia in HD and PD: similar treatments?
12.30 Discussion
12.50 Closing of the course
GENERAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be offered.

VENUE The course will be held at the Fiera Congress Center, Via dell'Oreficeria, 36100 Vicenza (Italy), on June 7-10, 2011.

REGISTRATION The deadline for registration is May 13th, 2011. The registration fee is 900 Euro (€ 750 + Tax) and includes: congress kit, proceedings, attendance to scientific sessions. Registration after May 13th will be possible on-site only and the registration fee will be 990 Euro (€ 825 + Tax).

The registration will be available: ON LINE - www.vicenzanephrocourses.com
THROUGH BANK TRANSFER
ON SITE

CANCELLATION 50% of the registration fee will be refunded by May 13th, 2011. There is no refund after May 13th. All cancellations must be submitted in writing and faxed to +39 0444 753949.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION The course organizers will not arrange hotel accommodation for participants. A complete list of hotels will be available on the website with instructions for individual reservation.

INDUSTRY EXHIBITION The Course will host an Industry Exhibition including the latest technology, equipment, pharmaceutical products and literature. To discuss sponsorship opportunities and rates, please contact the Course Secretariat. The exhibition will be open all day long during the congress.

ECM The course will be accredited by the Italian Ministry of Health (ECM) through the Educazione Continua in Medicina program. To obtain the ECM credits the Italian attendance must participate in all of the Scientific Sessions.

CME/UEMS The course will be incorporated in the Continuous Medical Education program and will be given CME credits by the European Community Ministry of Health.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: Please submit your abstract using Microsoft Word 2003 format on one A4 page using Times New Roman font 14 for the title, names and affiliation (only title in bold) and 12 for the body of the text. Abstract will be printed as it is. Submit abstracts to info@vicenzanephrocourses.com Deadline: April 29, 2011

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The Vicenza International Courses are well renewed scientific events held in the city of Andrea Palladio. Starting in 1982, international Vicenza courses have been held on peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis and critical care nephrology every year featuring an outstanding faculty and gathering participants from numerous countries. The 2011 edition of the course dealt with hemodialysis leading to the most comprehensive review in the field. As in the previous edition the course is organized in collaboration with the International Society of Nephrology and COMGAN. This edition will also be done in conjunction with the International Society of Hemodialysis. The course on hemodialysis is made in strict collaboration with the industry of the field. A series of lectures and panel discussions will be held during the days of the course. Several of the most actual and interesting issues in the field will be debated by world leading experts. The growing interest for training courses and the need for conveying the maximal amount of resources into the educational task of the event convinced us to publish the proceedings of the course but at the same time to minimize the social program and the scientific exhibition. We hope that a large number of delegates will join this important event transforming it into a classic appointment for the experts and physicians wishing to receive an updated information in Hemodialysis.

President of the Conference
Prof. Claudio Ronco

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Abstracts welcome