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Welcome from the President of the Scientific Committee

Every year there are many meetings, here and there. However the international biannual meetings of the World Society of Pain Clinicians are special not only because of the clinical perspective and scientific level but also for the mutual esteem, love and respect it is possible to feel among the members. Also Turin 2006 will be planned to be remembered in this way.

More than 25 years have passed since the first WSPC meeting in Delft, and we are proud for our contribution to the growing awareness around the world that pain is not only a symptom but in many case it is a disease in its own. Now new drugs, new technologies, new therapeutical opportunities are appearing, and are available to the Clinicians. Therefore new questions are arising: conservative or interventional treatments? Where may I learn some specific interventional techniques? When to use opioids? How can orientate myself in the NSAIDs jungle?

Our goal is to cover relevant topics of clinical interest in an accessible manner. The 12th WSPC Congress aims to focus mainly the clinical problems as they appear at the physician's office. Therefore, those topics will be covered by eminent experts, mainly from this perspective: to represent a valid aid for the clinicians both from the theoretical and practical point of view.

When we come back from important meetings our patients ask: Doc, did you find something useful to treat my pain?

The scientific program is structured on 15 Plenary Lectures, 36 Topical Seminars, Special Lectures and Sponsored Symposia. Also, a lot of time will be left for discussion and for interacting with the experts. At the Lingotto Convention Center we expect also hundreds of poster presentations and a large exhibition of equipments, devices, drugs and books of interest for the Pain Clinicians.

July in Turin means wonderful weather, late sunsets, lovely nights. This is a magic city, built around the river Po river by the Romans, and named Augusta Taurinorum. The Mole Antonelliana, the Egyptian museum (the second largest in the world), the Cars museum, the Royal Armory are surely places to visit. And do not forget the Holy Shroud Church.

We are really looking forward to greeting you in Turin.

*Giustino Varrassi, MD
Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee*



Welcome from the President of the Congress

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

it is with my great pleasure and pride that I anticipate my personal welcome to all of you for the 12th Biannual Congress of the World Society of Pain Clinicians that will be held in Turin next 4-7 July 2006 with the participation of the most prestigious experts in Pain Medicine.

It is a great opportunity to share with you not only the most updated knowledge in Pain Medicine but also the beauties of Turin, the first Capitol after the unification of Italy in the XIXth century and the traditional Italian hospitality.

The World Society of Pain Clinicians through all these years of activity – we are reaching the 12th International Pain Clinic Congress – has continued to maintain a high standard in the academic and scientific profile of their congresses and this is a sure guarantee for all participants.

In the scientific program you will find a comprehensive update of the more significant and latest developments in the field of pain. In the four days program, plenary lectures, topical seminars, symposia and clinical workshops will cover all different topics of pain.

It is with the enthusiastic participation of colleagues like you that scientific and educational objectives of the society will be achieved.

On behalf of the WSPC, I am looking forward to welcome you to this 12th WSPC International Pain Clinic Congress.

Diego Beltrutti, MD FIPP

President of the 12th WSPC International Pain Clinic

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TOPICS

- A** Acupuncture
 - Aging and pain
 - Acute pain
 - Assessment of pain
- C** Cancer pain
 - Cannabinoids
 - Central pain
 - Chronic pain
 - Co-analgesics
 - Cranio-facial pain
 - CRPS
- D** Disability and pain
 - Discogenic pain
 - Drugs combination and interaction
- E** Education, certification and quality control in pain medicine
 - Efficacy of procedure
 - Epidemiology of pain
 - Epidural steroids
- F** Failed back surgery syndrome
 - Fibromyalgia
- H** Headache
 - Health models in pain management
 - Herbal medicine
 - Heritability and pain
 - Homeopathy
- I** Imaging of pain conditions
 - Interventional pain techniques
- L** Labour pain
 - Litigation and pain
 - Low back pain
- M** Management of painful wounds
 - Mechanisms of pain
 - Migraine
 - Multidisciplinary and multimodal approach to pain
 - Myofascial pain
- N** Neuropathic pain
 - Neuromodulation
 - New technologies in pain management
 - NSAIDs
 - Nursing in pain management

O Opioids

P Pain and gender

Pain in children and infants

Pain in the malignant diseases

Pain in the pelvic and perineal area

Pain inhibition

Pain management and
rehabilitation in the athlete

Pain management and care in
catastrophic events

Pain management in difficult
conditions

Pain management in war theatres

Pain mechanisms

Palliative care

Perioperative pain

Phantom limb pain

Psychology of pain

Q Quality of life

R Radiofrequency

Rheumatic pain

S Side effects minimalization

Surgery of pain

Symptomatic pain control

T Thoracic pain

Traditional medicine

Trigeminal pain

V Vascular pain

Visceral pain

PRELIMINARY TIME-TABLE

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2006				
REGISTRATION AND PRE-CONGRESS COURSES	<i>Time</i>		<i>Rooms</i>	
	08,30-16,00	REGISTRATION		<i>Pre-Congress Courses</i>
	08,30-16,00	REFRESHER COURSES	Parallel Hall	
	16,00-17,00	WSPC Italian Chapter Invited Lecture		
	17,00-19,00	Symposium	Plenary	
	19,00-20,30	Opening Ceremony and Presidential Lecture	Plenary Hall	
	20,30-23,00	WELCOME PARTY		

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2006				
SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL EXHIBITION 08,30-18,30	<i>Time</i>		<i>Rooms</i>	
	08,30-10,00	Plenary Lectures	Plenary Hall	<i>Poster Area</i>
	10,00-12,00	Parallel Sessions n. 3 speakers	Parallel Hall	
	12,00-14,00	Symposia n. 4 speakers	London Room	
		Symposia n. 4 speakers	Berlin Room	
	14,00-15,30	Parallel Session n. 3 speakers	Parallel Hall	
	15,30-16,45	POSTER SESSION DISCUSSION & COFFEE		
	16,45-17,30	Special Lecture	Plenary Hall	
	17,30-18,45	Symposium	Plenary Hall	

PRELIMINARY TIME-TABLE

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006		
SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL EXHIBITION 08,30-18,30	<i>Time</i>	<i>Rooms</i>
	08,30-10,00	N. 3 Plenary Lectures Plenary Hall
	10,00-12,00	Parallel Sessions n. 3 speakers London Room
	12,00-14,00	Symposia n. 4 speakers London Room
		Symposia n. 4 speakers Berlin Room
	14,00-15,30	Parallel Session n. 3 speakers Parallel Hall
	15,30-16,45	POSTER SESSION DISCUSSION & COFFEE
	16,45-17,30	Special Lecture Plenary Hall
	17,30-18,45	Sponsored Symposium Plenary Hall
	20,00-23,00	GALA DINNER

Poster Area

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2006		
SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL EXHIBITION 08,30-15,30	<i>Time</i>	<i>Rooms</i>
	08,30-10,00	N. 3 Plenary Lectures Plenary Hall
	10,00-12,00	Parallel Sessions n. 3 speakers London Room
	12,00-14,00	Symposia n. 4 speakers London Room
		Symposia n. 4 speakers Berlin Room
	14,00-15,30	Parallel Session n. 3 speakers Parallel Hall
	15,30-16,45	POSTER SESSION DISCUSSION & COFFEE
	16,45-17,30	Special Lecture Plenary Hall
	17,30-18,45	Closing Ceremony Plenary Hall

Poster Area

OBJECTIVES

WSPC has objectives that are exclusively educational, scientific and charitable.

They include the following:

- a) to bring together clinicians with a common interest in the treatment of pain
- b) to stimulate education, learning and knowledge in the field of pain
- c) to encourage the dissemination of information on pain throughout the world, via meetings and through its journal
- d) to organise a World Congress on clinical aspects of pain every 2 years
- e) to organise other meetings and formative initiatives that could be useful and desirable from the standpoint of advancing the Society's aims
- f) to publicise the objectives of the WSPC amongst relevant Governmental and Health Authorities, and to the public administration in general
- g) to encourage audit and scientific research on all aspects of pain, but especially regarding treatment and clinical aspects
- h) to promote any other activities that might favour the aforementioned aims

For further information referred to the WSPC, please visit the web site of the Society at www.painclinicians.org



CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts for poster presentation are very welcome!

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **December 15, 2005**.

Abstracts should be submitted in English and should not exceed 300 words in length including the following headings: title, names of authors, name of institution, background, aim, material/subjects and methods, results, conclusions.

Detailed guidelines for preparing and submitting abstracts for the proceedings are available on the Congress web site.

The Pain Clinicians Congress Organizing Secretariat will provide an ID number to each submitted abstract. Please refer to this number in all correspondence with the Organizing Secretariat.

Please submit your abstract by e-mail to the following web site address:
www.pain2006.com

Notice that some abstracts of particular relevance will be selected from the Scientific Committee for oral presentation during the afternoon poster session. The Authors of the selected abstracts will be informed by **February 28, 2006**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location and Date

Turin, July 4-7, 2006

A brief note about Turin

Former national capital, Turin is located at the foot of the Alps in the north-western corner of Italy. With its one million inhabitants and a historic center dating from the 17th century, Turin is one of Italy's major cities and an industrial center of international level. Equally famous for its cuisine and fine wines, the city is home to royal palaces, national monuments, extraordinary art collections such as the Egyptian Museum, which is second only to the one in Cairo, the Galleria Sabauda housing a reknown collection of Flemish art and the centuries-long exhibition of the Holy Shroud.

Transfers and how to reach Turin

By plain

Turin is reachable through two international airports.

Caselle International Airport is only 10 miles away from the city centre, the conference centres and the hotels. A train link is available.

We suggest to utilize this airport because it is near the city center. For the intercontinental arrivals, the airport offers direct flights to the main European Hubs.

“Malpensa 2000” Intercontinental Airport, between Turin and Milan, about 80 minutes by coach from the city centre. Daily connected to 128 destinations, it's one of the main European Hubs. Malpensa is the airport that allows direct intercontinental connections.

By train

Turin has two main railway stations, Porta Nuova and Porta Susa, both close to the town centre. They are connected to the rest of Italy, France and Switzerland, and from there to the rest of Europe. High speed trains are used frequently for destinations in France and Italy. Paris is just 5 hours and a half away. From Porta Susa Station it is also possible to reach Lingotto Station, next to the Lingotto Conference Centre.

By car

Turin lies on the web of the main Italian motorways A4, A5, A6, and A21 and is well connected to the European system, with Milan at 1.5 hours motoring distance, Genoa at 2, Nice and Paris at 3 and 8 respectively.

Congress Venue

Lingotto Conference Centre
Via Nizza, 280 - 10126 Turin (Italy)
www.expo2000.it

A brief note about Lingotto

Lingotto is a prestigious international centre for exhibitions and conferences. Renzo Piano's design has turned the building that once was Europe's most famous motorcar manufacturing complex into a modern multipurpose centre.

The Conference Centre, Hotel, Exhibition Centre, Business Centre, Offices, Commercial Gallery and large underground parking space make Lingotto a centre for business and cultural events.

All building structures are integrated and offer to operators flexible solutions and vanguard technological equipment for all events and to visitors a welcoming and dynamic place downtown Turin complete with services satisfying all their needs.

How to reach the Congress venue

Lingotto Conference Centre is served by several bus lines (Public Transport Service). Tram/bus n. 1, 18, 35 are available from city centre to Lingotto Conference Centre.

Registration

All participants are requested to register. Registration takes place at the Congress Centre Registration Desk.

All Congress material is handed out upon registration according to reservations made on the registration form.

Badges

All registered participants receive a Badge upon registration.

Your Badge is the document to enter the Congress and any of the working rooms. We kindly ask you to wear your Badge during all events.

Refreshments will be served free of charge only to identifiable Congress participants during morning and afternoon breaks.

Registration and Accommodation Forms

Registration Information

Registration form will be conveniently accessed or downloaded visiting the 12th International Pain Clinic Congress web site: www.pain2006.com

Fee per person (VAT included)

	Early Registration Fee (by February 28, 2006)	Late Registration Fee (from March 1, 2006)
WSPC Member	Euro 280,00	Euro 330,00
No WSPC Member	Euro 320,00	Euro 370,00
Refresher Courses	Euro 150,00	Euro 200,00
Nurses	Euro 230,00	Euro 280,00
Gala Dinner (to be held on Thursday, July 6, 2006)		Euro 60,00

Hotel Reservation

Accommodation form will be conveniently accessed or downloaded visiting the 12th International Pain Clinic Congress web site: www.pain2006.com

Language

The official language of the Congress is English.

Passport and VISA

A VISA may be required from some Countries. For information about VISA and other related requests we recommend to contact the Italian Embassy or Consulate in your Country or ask your travel agent to check if you need a VISA to Italy.

Letter of Invitation

Upon request, the Congress Secretariat will send a personal invitation to participate in the Congress. It should be understood that such an invitation is only meant to help participants raising travel funds or obtaining VISA, and does not represent a commitment of the organizers to provide any financial support.

KEY DATES

- Deadline for submission of an abstract: **December 15, 2005**
- Notification of acceptance: **February 28, 2006**
- Deadline for early registration: **February 28, 2006**
- Deadline for late registration: **June 28, 2006**
(After the above mentioned date, the registration will be formalized at the Congress Registration Desk)
- Deadline for hotel reservation: **May 31, 2006**

The full programme will be available on the 12th International Pain Clinic Congress web site: www.pain2006.com. The web site will be regularly updated.

Internet point

An Internet Service Point is available to Delegates on the main floor of the Lingotto Conference Centre. Please note that 10 minutes is the time limit per session.

Instructions to Authors - Slide Centre

Scientific Presentations will be given on Personal Computer: Power Point-XP (and previous versions), or file .pps are available. Alternatively, the overhead projector could be requested. Please ask for help at the Slide Centre of Lingotto Conference Centre not less than two hours before your presentation (or the day before, if your presentation is scheduled in the morning).

Meals and Coffee Breaks

Congress lunches are not included in the registration fee. Many different types of restaurants are located in "8 Gallery" upstairs Lingotto Conference Centre. Morning and afternoon coffee breaks are served in the main floor of Conference Centre.

Foreign Exchange and Banking

Upstairs the Conference Centre, in "8 Gallery", there is a Bank (open Monday-Friday) and a Bancomat-VISA cash-dipenser. Most international credit cards are accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants.

Social Programme

WELCOME RECEPTION: Tuesday, July 4, 2006 - Lingotto Conference Centre

GALA DINNER: Thursday, July 6, 2006

Social activities will be available for accompanying persons.

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OUR SCIENTIFIC PATH

Meetings of the World Society of Pain Clinicians

1984 Delft, Netherlands	1 st Congress	J. Pernak
1986 Lille, France	2 nd Congress	J. Meynadier
1988 Florence, Italy	3 rd Congress	M. Zoppi
1990 Kyoto, Japan	4 th Congress	M. Hyodo
1992 Jerusalem, Israel	5 th Congress	D. Niv
1994 Atlanta, USA	6 th Congress	P. Raj
1996 Istanbul, Turkey	7 th Congress	S. Erdine
1998 Tenerife, The Canary Islands, Spain	8 th Congress	J. De Vera
2000 San Francisco, USA	9 th Congress	E. Krames
2002 Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy	10 th Congress	G. Varrassi
2004 Tokyo, Japan	11 th Congress	K. Hanaoka
2006 Turin, Italy	12 th Congress	D. Beltrutti

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