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Dear Fellow Interventionalists,

Welcome to CIRSE 2006 in the Eternal City. The young and the old meet in Rome from September 9th to 13th 2006. CIRSE is a young society, having celebrated its 20th anniversary at the CIRSE meeting in Nice in 2005 and Rome is an old city having been in existence for well over 2000 years. CIRSE 2006 will cater for young and old interventionalists, and with approximately 38 special sessions and 45 workshops, CIRSE will cover the enormous breadth and depth of our specialty.

Similar to the past two years, the emphasis of the programme planning committee was to provide a quality programme with quality speakers. There will be many highlights in the programme, some of which are mentioned below.

For novices, there are many basic workshops to choose from as well as two foundation courses. The foundation courses for CIRSE 2006 will be themed. The theme of the first foundation course will be Biliary Intervention and the theme of the second foundation course will be Angioplasty of the SFA.

For the practicing interventionalist, CIRSE 2006 will cover everyday procedures as well as procedures at the cutting edge of our specialty. The latter will include Vascular Imaging, Uterine Artery Embolisation, Endovenous Ablation, Clinical Practice Development and Tumour Ablation. We will also have a mini symposium on Intermittent Claudication which will comprise three separate special sessions on consecutive days.

I believe there will be something for everyone at CIRSE 2006 and I look forward to seeing you in Rome.

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Programme Planning Committee Chair
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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

While hundreds of interventional radiologists and other professionals enjoyed the high quality Scientific Programme of the CIRSE 2005 meeting and the social activities that the charming town of Nice has to offer, the organisational machine of CIRSE never stopped. Future meetings are currently “under construction” and Rome will be the home town of the next CIRSE meeting in September 2006.

The meeting will be held in the "Palazzo dei Congressi", an historical architectural landmark of the town, which is well suited to host a meeting such as CIRSE. Since the majority of the hotels will be located in the city centre, convenient transportation to and from the congress venue will be provided by shuttle buses or by underground.

The Scientific Programme is in preparation as well, and will include all the most important and relevant aspects of Interventional Radiology including a look to the future and to all the innovations in teaching, research and patient care within the minimally invasive therapy spectrum. The meeting will consist of invited educational lectures, workshops, scientific presentations, satellite symposia and learning centres, structured in cooperation with our industrial partners.

As for the social programme, Rome does not need any kind of presentation. When congress hours are over, participants will be able to enjoy on their own the cascade of events that the town has to offer: entertainment, fine dining, cultural activities and live music. For those who prefer to stay within the congress programme, we have prepared a wide range of social events, including dinners in historical venues and a concert.

Rome in September is a perfect place to be for the congress participants, for their partners and families. The weather is usually sunny and the average temperatures are around 21°C.

For the next few months, we will be actively working to assemble a meeting which we hope will be a calibrated mix of education, science and culture. Do not miss it!

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Deadline: February 6, 2006

The Scientific Programme Committee of CIRSE 2006 cordially invites you to submit your abstracts via the online CIRSE Abstract Submission System at www.cirse.org.

All abstracts for papers or posters to be presented at CIRSE 2006 must be submitted by February 6, 2006 at the very latest in order to be considered by the Scientific Programme Committee.

The Programme Committee accepts scientific contributions for:

- Oral Presentation Preferred
  Papers related to the main topics of interventional radiology will be presented during parallel sessions. Only abstracts submitted via the online CIRSE Abstract Submission System will be accepted.

- EPOS™ - Electronic Poster Only
  EPOS™, Electronic Poster Online System. One of the main benefits of EPOS™ is the post-congress availability of the electronic scientific exhibition from any computer with internet connection. It is a very straightforward system and enables the user to search by Title, Poster ID, Author, Keyword or Image Annotation and presents all results in a clear and orderly fashion. There is a two-step submission process.

  **First Step:**
  Submit your scientific abstract via internet on the CIRSE website (www.cirse.org). You will be notified of acceptance or rejection around March/May 2006.

  **Second Step:**
  If your abstract is accepted, submit your complete electronic poster via EPOS™. Information on how to use EPOS™ will be sent to the authors of the accepted abstracts.

  An independent jury will judge the electronic posters with regard to scientific content, educational value and visual impression. Awards will be given for the best posters according to the following: Magna cum Laude, Cum Laude and Recommended.

  Further information will be sent to all presenters.

Submission of Abstracts
Abstracts must be written in accordance with the "Instructions for the Preparation of Abstracts" to be found on the CIRSE website under www.cirse.org. The length of the abstracts must be between 50 and 200 words. For experimental clinical studies and animal studies, a copy of the approval received by the Local Ethical Committee must be sent to the CIRSE Central Office. The abstracts may be submitted from December 1, 2005 to February 6, 2006 by internet only. To access the submission form, please visit www.cirse.org.

Confirmation of Scientific Contributions
Scientific contributions will be confirmed around March/May 2006. Should you not have received confirmation, please contact the CIRSE Central Office, info@cirse.org.

Manuscripts - Publication - CVIR
All abstract submitters are encouraged to also consider submitting a manuscript for publication in "CardioVascular and Interventional Radiology" (CVIR).

CVIR electronically processes all submitted manuscripts through the online centre, Manuscript Central (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cvr). All submissions are received, reviewed and decided upon through this website.

Manuscripts must be written in accordance with the "Guidelines for Authors" published in each issue of the CVIR Journal. Abstracts will be published online and in a supplementary Abstract Brochure.
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Registration

08:30 - 09:45
Special Sessions

Trauma
Imaging strategies for the multiple trauma patient
Can IR make a difference?
Management of iatrogenic injury

Robotics for Interventional Procedures
Value of robotics in patient care
MR guided robotic intervention
Robotic-assisted interventions for US and CT Guidance
The future of robotics in medicine and health

Clinical Practice
Setting up a clinical in-patient service
How to setup an out-patient department
The importance of daily rounds
Informed consent for IR

09:45 - 10:15
Intermission - Exhibition

10:15 - 11:30
Special Sessions

Vascular Biology - Statins: Ubiquitous Therapy for all?
Atherosclerotic plaques: Pathophysiology
Statins: Mechanisms of action
Who should take statins

UAE: Where do we stand?
REST Study results
EMMY Study results
HOPEFUL Study results
BSIR/CIRSE registry data

IVC filters
Permanent filters - Do we still need them?
Retrievable filters: The Holy Grail?
Filter complications

11:30 - 12:00
Intermission - Exhibition

12:00 - 13:00
Foundation Course: Biliary Intervention

What information do I need before drainage?
Biliary anatomy and bismuth staging
Key points to success
How to place a stent
When nothing works!

13:15 - 13:45
Satellite Symposia

14:00 - 15:00
Workshops

1. Rescuing the failing A.V. fistula
2. Venous access for beginners
3. Biliary intervention
4. Embolisation for GI bleeding
5. Building a clinical practice in IR
6. Arterial thrombolysis and limb salvage: How I do it
7. Conscious sedation for IR
8. Renal artery intervention: Tips for success
9. Basic paediatric intervention

15:00 - 15:30
Intermission - Exhibition

15:30 - 16:20
Free Papers

16:30
CIRSE Opening Ceremony and Awards

Sunday, September 10, 2006

08:30 - 09:45
Special Sessions

Musculoskeletal Intervention
RF ablation of bone lesions
Vertebroplasty: What is the evidence?
Bone biopsy techniques
Disc and facet joint IR treatments

Intermittent Claudication 1
Prevalence, risk factors & epidemiology
History and Clinical Examinations: What can be learned
Interpretation of non-invasive imaging tests
MRA vs. CTA
Lessons Learned
Carotid stenting
EVAR
UFE

Good Morning CIRSE:
Case session 1: Complications & how to deal with them
09:45 - 10:15
Intermission - Exhibition

10:15 - 11:30
Special Sessions

Stroke Therapy
Current strategies for imaging stroke patient
Stroke lysis and when to do it
Outcomes of lysis
Post procedure care

Venous Insufficiency
Anatomy, patient selection and work up
Tools for ablation and sclerotherapy
How I do it
Outcome and follow up

RF Ablation for Primary Liver Cancer
Principles and device selection
Tips for a successful ablation
Management of post ablation syndrome
Therapeutic management of the patient with liver cancer

11:30 - 12:00
Intermission - Exhibition

12:00 - 13:00
CIRSE Meets India

13:15 - 13:45
Satellite Symposia

14:00 - 14:45
Andreas Grüntzig Lecture

14:45 - 15:15
Intermission - Exhibition

15:15 - 16:15
Workshops

10. Enteral nutrition and the interventional radiologist
11. Aortoiliac angioplasty and stenting: how I do it
12. EVAR: lessons for beginners
13. UAE: What you need to know
14. Embolisation materials: What should I use and where?
15. Venous insufficiency: Clinical appraisal and Doppler
16. Endovenous ablation: Sclerotherapy, laser, RF
17. TIPS: How I do it
18. Evidence based practice in interventional radiology

16:30 - 18:00
Free Papers

Monday, September 11, 2006

08:30 - 09:45
Special Sessions

Carotid Stenting
Patient selection and pre-procedure imaging
Device selection
Tips to prevent complications
Endarterectomy versus stenting: Is the pendulum swinging to stents?

Renal Artery Intervention
Who should undergo renal artery intervention?
Technique - Tips for success
Success & patency rates
Medical therapy of renal insufficiency pre/post-intervention

Intermittent Claudication 2
Exercise and medical therapy are sufficient
Balloon angioplasty: Where does it fit?
Implications of TASC 2
Does subintimal angioplasty have a role?

Good Morning CIRSE:
Case session 2: Good Morning CIRSE 1

09:45 - 10:15
Intermission - Exhibition
Tuesday, September 12, 2006

08:30 - 09:45
Special Sessions

IR/OR Suite of the Future
Structure and design
Imaging modality integration: MR, CT, US CT/PET
Who will use it?

Thoracic Stent Grafts
Pre-procedure imaging and patient selection for TAA
Tips for a successful procedure
Results, morbidity and mortality
Stent grafts in asymptomatic dissections/INSTEAD trial

Intermittent Claudication 3
Stent vs. PTA: What is the evidence?
Covered stents: Has their time come?
Emerging technologies
What is the role of fem-pop bypass?

Good Morning CIRSE:
Case session 3: Good Morning CIRSE 2

09:45 - 10:15
Intermission - Exhibition

10:15 - 11:30
Special Sessions

AAA Stent Grafts
Implications of EVAR and DREAM trials
Will emergency EVAR replace open surgery?
Surveillance and when to treat type 2 endoleaks
How to treat type 2 endoleaks

Iliofemoral DVT
Limitations of current management strategies
Thrombolysis
Mechanical thrombectomy

Controversies in Non-Vascular IR
Cutting needles are all you need for percutaneous biopsy?
TIPS or endoscopic treatment for variceal bleeding
Is colonic stenting before colon resection necessary?

11:30 - 12:00
Intermission - Exhibition

12:00 - 13:00
Film Interpretation Panel
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**Satellite Symposia**

14:00 - 15:15  
**Morbidity & Mortality**

15:15 - 15:45  
Intermission - Exhibition

15:45 - 16:45  
**Workshops**

28. Carotid stenting: Getting started
29. Closure device: When, how and what device?
30. Advanced venous access
31. Post Partum haemorrhage: Prevention and treatment
32. Lung and renal RF
33. Thoracic stenting: How I do it
34. EVAR: Patient selection, technique and follow-up protocols
35. Intervention in severe acute pancreatitis
36. IVC Filters

17:00 - 18:30  
Free Papers

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**Wednesday, September 13, 2006**

08:30 - 09:45  
**Special Sessions**

**Vascular Imaging 1: Imaging of the Legs**
Tips to improve MRA  
Tips to improve CTA  
Doppler sonography: tips in difficult patients/diseases

**New IR Therapies for Cancer**
Principles of cancer treatment  
Drug eluting particles  
Interstitial radiotherapy  
Combined therapies

**Uterine Fibroid Embolisation**
Work up and embolisation technique  
Post procedure follow up and imaging  
Long term results and fertility issues

09:45 - 10:15  
Intermission - Exhibition

10:15 - 11:30  
**Special Sessions**

**Vascular Imaging 2: Plaque Imaging**
CT imaging of the vulnerable plaque  
MR  
Endovascular ultrasound  
Optical coherent imaging

**Controversies in Vascular IR**
Stenting of the SFA is the future  
Renal Artery stenting is indicated for hypertensive patients  
Fertility is preserved after UAE

**Radiation Protection for Interventional Radiologists**
Doses to the eye in the IR suite  
Strategies to reduce doses in the IR suite  
Flat panel digital technology

11:30 - 12:00  
Intermission - Exhibition

12:00 - 13:00  
**Workshops**

37. Chemoembolisation: Tips and tricks  
38. Abscess drainage: How I do it  
39. Below knee angioplasty: How I do it  
40. Cardiac Imaging (Coronary CTA and MR myocardio perfusion)  
41. Follow up and assessment of tumour post IR therapy  
42. DVT thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy  
43. Basic genitourinary intervention  
44. EVAR in ruptured AAA  
45. Venous angioplasty/stenting
CIRSE Creates an Educational Database

CIRSE has initiated and established E³IR - Electronic Education Excellence in Interventional Radiology - an online tool, which enables those interested to benefit, once more, from the educational material from the CIRSE meetings, Europe’s leading congress in interventional radiology.

A number of Foundation Courses, Special Sessions, Workshops and Satellite Symposia presented by internationally renowned medical professionals from CIRSE 2005 have been recorded are now available on the CIRSE website. However, this is just the beginning; an ever increasing amount of educational material will be included over the months and years to contribute to this outstanding service.

CIRSE constantly makes every effort to fulfill its service to the interventional radiology community in the most fitting and efficient manner and sincerely hopes that E³IR will prove to be a valuable tool in the scope of IR education and training.

For more information regarding E³IR as well as CIRSE Membership, please refer to www.cirse.org.

CME Credit Allowance

CIRSE 2006 has applied for CME credits at the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), www.uems.be.

CIRSE 2005 in Nice, France, was granted 27 hours of European external CME credits.

Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that she/he actually spent in the educational activity.

European Accreditation is granted by the EACCME in order to allow participants to validate the credits obtained at this activity in their home European country.

EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physician’s Recognition Award (PRA). To convert EACCME credit to AMA PRA category 1 credit, contact the AMA.

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Electronic Education Excellence in Interventional Radiology

EPOS™

CIRSE 2006 will, once again, stage a paper-free scientific exhibition. Traditional posters have been replaced by an electronic, paper-free scientific exhibition using EPOS™, the Electronic Presentation Online System, developed by the European Congress of Radiology (ECR).

EPOS™ offers much greater flexibility than traditional scientific exhibits and enhanced opportunity for scientific communication: the ability to use moving images, to link to related websites, to search the entire database for specific topics, to email entire exhibits to personal email accounts and to access the scientific and educational exhibits from any computer with internet connection after the meeting. Participants will have the opportunity to engross themselves in the online presentations at one of the 30 available workstations.

For more information regarding EPOS™ as well as CIRSE Membership, please refer to www.cirse.org.
Hands-on Workshops

The workshops will provide participants with an insight into the basic principles and techniques of the relevant topics.

**Skeletal Interventions / Vertebroplasty**

Percutaneous vertebroplasty is a newer technique in which acrylic cement is injected through a needle into a collapsed or weakened vertebra to stabilise the fracture. This procedure is effective for treating certain types of painful vertebral compression fractures and some painful or unstable benign and malignant vertebral lesions that fail to respond to the traditional conservative therapies.

Continued from CIRSE 2005, this workshop will give an insight into the principles and techniques of the procedure. The workshop will start with a 20 minute introduction and a brief review of the principle and indications of percutaneous vertebroplasty. This will be followed by a hands-on demonstration and participants will then have an opportunity to practise needle placements, cement preparations and injections. Work will be carried out on plastic spine models under fluoroscopic guidance.

**Tips and Tricks in Radiofrequency Ablation**

The focus of this workshop is the description of approaches and methods that can improve the outcome or decrease the chances of complications in liver, lung, kidney, and bone tumour ablation. Furthermore, there will be a discussion on how to handle the different equipment and electrodes available for RFA. By the end of the workshop, the participants should have a good understanding of the spectrum of RFA techniques and be aware of some key clues for proper clinical application.

**Virtual Reality**

In 2005, CIRSE organised, for the first time, a workshop in the scope of Virtual Reality (VR) and due to its success, intends to develop this activity in 2006.

Registration and more information on the Hands-on Workshops will be available as of February 2006 via the CIRSE website only.

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**CIRSE Meets… India**

A new and welcomed addition to the annual meeting’s scientific programme is the CIRSE Meets… series. The aim of the sessions is to establish and consequently develop relations between IR within and outside of Europe.

We were very pleased that last year’s session was CIRSE Meets Korea, which proved to be a great success. Outstanding lectures and presentations were staged by our colleagues and friends from KSIR, Korean Society of Interventional Radiology, which included an introduction to the society as well as an account of the status and development of various interventional procedures.

We are very happy to announce that CIRSE 2006 will be the proud host of the Indian Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology in CIRSE Meets India. CIRSE recognises the commitment of Indian interventional radiologists, both to CIRSE and, indeed, to developing interventional radiology in their own country. The society will have the opportunity to present topics of special importance to India to the European interventional radiological community during the especially dedicated session.

The 60 minute session will be scheduled on Sunday, September 10, 2006, from 12:00 to 13:00.
Congress Registration

Online registration for CIRSE 2006 will be available on www.cirse.org (secured payment) from February 1, 2006 - August 21, 2006. Register before June 8, 2006 in order to benefit from reduced Early Bird registration fees.

Please note that your registration needs to be submitted and all fees paid by the appropriate deadlines. Registrations without a full name and/or full address cannot be processed.

Registration Fees (Euros)

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*to be accompanied by a certificate, signed by the Head of Department. Please fax the confirmation within 5 days after your registration to: +43 (0)1 904 2003 30

Reduced CIRSE Member registration is only available for individuals, who had been members in good standing during the year 2005 (individuals who become members of CIRSE in 2006 will be able to benefit from reduced congress fees for the meeting in 2007).

Method of Payment
Registration fees are to be paid in Euros (€) by:
- Bank Transfer
- Credit Card (Visa or Eurocard / Mastercard)

The registration fee includes entrance to all sessions and the welcome reception, as well as a congress bag, programme- and abstract-issue.

Cancellation of Congress Registration
CIRSE offers all participants the possibility of confirming registration with our partner, “Europäische Reiseversicherung” (see www.cirse.org). Thus, CIRSE will not refund any amount after a cancellation of registration itself. All requests have to be issued to the “Europäische Reiseversicherung” directly. Refunds will be given within the terms and conditions of the “Europäische Reiseversicherung”.

Name Changes will be handled as a cancellation and new registration.
CIRSE TRAVEL SERVICE

Official Hotel Bookings - Shuttle Bus Service

CIRSE Travel Service, in cooperation with Kuoni, has secured a great number of hotel rooms in Rome for the benefit of our congress participants.

In addition, for a reliable and efficient journey to and from the congress centre, CIRSE Travel Service has arranged shuttle buses, available free of charge to all participants staying in one of the official CIRSE hotels.

Buses will be operating between four pick-up points in the city centre (in close vicinity to the official hotels) and the congress centre in the mornings and evenings. There will also be one bus line travelling between the congress centre, Hotel Sheraton and the nearby underground station throughout the day.

It is, therefore, highly recommended to place your hotel booking as soon as possible to ensure availability in one of the official hotels selected by CIRSE and thus take advantage of this complimentary shuttle bus service.

Online registration for the congress as well as online hotel bookings will open around February 2006 on www.cirse.org. However, if you would like to secure your hotel booking before then, please refer to the printed version of the booking form available on the CIRSE website.

Conditions

A deposit amounting to 1 night per reserved room, plus a 25 Euro handling fee is required to secure your hotel reservation. Any bank charges incurred will be deducted from your hotel deposit. Please note that your invoice needs to be settled directly with the hotel upon check-out; the deposit will be automatically deducted from the final invoice.

Please note the following Cancellation Policy which will apply to all individual hotel bookings:

Before May 15, 2006
The handling fee of Euro 25 will not be refund-
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Before August 15, 2006
The entire deposit will not be refunded

After August 15, 2006 and No-Shows
The entire reservation period plus handling fee will be charged

All cancellations are to be addressed to Kuoni in writing.

All changes concerning hotel reservations are to be addressed to Kuoni in writing, who reserves the right to charge an administration fee. Please note that accommodation for additional nights is strictly subject to availability.

For information regarding hotel reservations for groups, please contact Kuoni.

Kuoni Incoming S.p.A.

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Italy
Tel: +39 06 89 29 82 38
Fax: +39 06 89 29 82 36
Email: cirse2006@kuoni.ch
CIRSE TRAVEL SERVICE

Official CIRSE Hotels

1. Boscolo Hotel Exedra 5***** De Luxe
   Piazza della Repubblica, 47 - 00147 Rome
   www.boscolo.com

   CIRSE 2006 Rates
   Double room: Euro 310
   Double Single Use: Euro 280
   Double room Superior: Euro 366
   Double Single Use Superior: Euro 340
   (Breakfast and tax included)

   Distance to Palazzo dei Congressi:
   10 km / 20 minutes by bus

   Located in a magnificent piazza with the ancient Roman ruins of the Diocletian Baths and the Basilica degli Angeli, the Exedra is a superb five-star luxury hotel with 240 rooms, 2 exclusive restaurants, a marvellous rooftop terrace with pool and a modern business centre beyond compare. Everything at the Exedra - the soft lighting, warm golden hues, fresh flowers, and faint music in the background - expresses neoclassical elegance, while its courteous and competent staff is a sterling example of modern efficiency and always available to satisfy your needs.

2. Hotel Sofitel 4****
   Via Lombardia, 47 - 00187 Rome
   www.sofitel.com

   CIRSE 2006 Rates
   Double room: Euro 290
   Double Single Use: Euro 270
   (Breakfast and tax included)

   Distance to Palazzo dei Congressi:
   10 km / 20 minutes by bus

   The hotel is an ancient palace which was built in 890 and was completely renovated in 2000. The Sofitel Roma is situated in the very heart of Rome, just 50 metres from Via Veneto, 300 metres from the Spanish Square and overlooking the gardens of Villa Borghese. The hotel offers 109 large sound-proof rooms luxuriously furnished with silky-brocade curtains and bedspreads. There are 4 suites situated on the seventh floor with a private terrace.
3. Hotel Sheraton 4****
Viale del Pattinaggio, 100 - Rome
www.sheraton.com/roma

**CIRSE 2006 Rates**
- Double room: Euro 258
- Double Single Use: Euro 213
*(Breakfast and tax included)*

**Distance to Palazzo dei Congressi:**
1.5 km / 5 minutes by bus

The Sheraton Roma Hotel & Conference Centre is a modern, dynamic, and elegant hotel situated in the business heart of the capital, surrounded by the lush greenery of the EUR district. The hotel offers: a large outdoor swimming pool, fitness centre, running track, health club, business centre, boutiques, tennis and squash courts, shopping arcade, souvenir shop, tobacconist, newsstand, leather goods shop; two excellent restaurants offering a superb choice of cuisine; a Piano Bar and Pool Bar; 634 rooms of various categories recently renovated presenting a whole range of comforts.

Please note that the Hotel Sheraton is located very closely to the Congress Centre (1.5 km); however, it is approximately 30 minutes by bus from the city centre. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service to their guests, which goes to the city centre every thirty minutes.

4. Hotel Quirinale 4****
Via Nazionale, 7 - 00184 Rome
www.hotelquirinale.it

**CIRSE 2006 Rates**
- Double room: Euro 238
- Double Single Use: Euro 208
*(Breakfast and tax included)*

**Distance to Palazzo dei Congressi:**
10 km / 20 minutes by bus

The magnificent Hotel Quirinale boasts an excellent location in the heart of Rome, in Via Nazionale, one of the city’s most lively areas. The property offers a cozy, refined environment with its drawing rooms decorated with beautiful antique furniture. Furthermore, there are two restaurants, a garden, eight meeting/conference rooms and a lovely, elegant bar, handicapped facilities, a car park, same day laundry service, an à la carte restaurant with a garden during the summer and provides 200 bedrooms and suites with Imperial style furnishings and every comfort. The hotel is famous for its private entrance to the Opera Theatre.
Map of Hotels
Hotel List

Each district will be served by a central shuttle bus, which will travel once in the mornings from the area’s central pick-up point to the congress centre and once in the evenings from the congress centre back to the area’s central pick-up point.

For the exact location of the hotels, please see the map on the opposite page, where the hotels have been numbered and the districts colour-coded for your easy reference.

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Rates inclusive of taxes, service charges and breakfast.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to Rome
The cradle of western civilisation and the heart of Christianity, Rome is a city of unparalleled natural and architectural beauty. Exuding culture and history, you will spend your stay bewitched by the legendary sights and most breathtaking masterpieces the world has to offer.

Rome is situated halfway down the west coast of Italy, about 20 kilometres inland, and boasts a climate which is enviable even by Italian standards: relatively mild in winter and pleasantly hot in the summer. At a distance of only 20 miles from the beach and an hour’s drive from the mountains, Rome is perfectly located to combine the best of city life and outdoor activities.

Admire the Roman Forum, the universally known Colosseum and the Cathedral of St. Peter. Must-sees include, to name but a few, the Basilica of San Pietro and the Pantheon, the most spiritual structure in Rome. The Trastevere and the superb Trevi Fountain, offering a remarkable scenic view.

The extraordinary richness of the artistic, historic, and religious patrimony, the hustle and bustle of the markets, the deep-rooted gastronomic traditions and the “dolce vita” render the Eternal City one of the main attractions for tourists of all cultures and backgrounds.

Transportation to Rome

By Plane
Rome has an international airport which is 30 minutes by car from the congress venue.

By Rail
Termini is the core of the Italian railway system: everyday, about 800 trains cross the station, linking main cities and other touristic locations with Rome.

Transportation in Rome
Rome has an extensive integrated public transport system, which includes buses, an underground system, trams and a suburban train network.

There are two underground lines; A and B. Line A runs east to west from Battistini to Anagnina and stops at many touristic sites such as the Vatican, Piazza di Spagna, Piazza Barberini and Piazza del Popolo.

Line B runs northeast to southwest from Rebibbia to Laurentina near EUR in the south. It stops at sites such as Coloseum, Circo Massimo, St. Paul’s Basilica and Eur Fermi (the stop closest to Palazzo dei Congressi). The B Line connects the three main railroad stations: Stazione Tiburtina, Stazione Termini and Stazione Ostiense. Both lines intersect at Stazione Termini. The underground runs from 5.30 am to 11.30 pm from Sunday to Friday, and until 12.30 am on Saturday.

Attention!
Due to construction work on underground Line A, the following changes will be in effect starting from January 2005 and continuing for 3 years; the service ends at 9 pm and from 9 pm to 11:30 pm (on Saturdays from 9 pm to 12:30 am), a bus service is operational between the following stops:
- Bus MA1 Battistini to Arco di Travertino
- Bus MA2 Washington to Anagnina

There are buses to almost every location in greater Rome. The ATAC local buses serve the city centre and most of the nearby suburbs. The city buses are an excellent way to travel around Rome, especially to places not served by the underground lines. The Express Lines cover longer distances and make fewer stops but run frequently. Another bus service, COTRAL, serves the outer suburbs and outlying regional areas but runs less frequently. From 12 am (midnight) until 6 am, there are special Night Lines which cover different areas of the city and run approximately every 20 minutes.

Public Transportation Fares
There is a single fare structure and ticketing system allowing you to travel on buses, trams, trains and the underground with the same ticket.

It is possible to buy different types of tickets for the buses and subways:
1. BIT - Integrated Single Ticket
A BIT ticket costs 1 Euro and can be used on all buses, underground lines and trams in Rome. It allows 75 minutes of travel after the initial validation on the buses and trams and only for 1 ride on the subway or 1 ride on an urban train.
2. BIG - Integrated Daily Ticket
A BIG ticket costs 4 Euros and is a good deal if you are planning to do a great deal of sightseeing. It can be used for unlimited rides until midnight on the day upon which the ticket is validated. It is accepted on ATAC buses and trams, the underground, and COTRAL buses in the city limits. This ticket also only permits 1 ride on the underground or 1 ride on an urban train.

Taxis
The easiest way to get a taxi is to find the nearest taxi stand. In the city centre, they can be found at the main squares or piazzas such as Piazza Venezia, Piazza Argentina, Piazza San Silvestro, Piazza Barberini, Stazione Termini, etc. During the rush hour (4 pm - 8 pm), as in all cities, it can be difficult to find a taxi; they can be radioed but you will also pay for the time it takes for them to arrive at your point of pick-up, not just your actual journey. The main radio-taxi network telephone numbers are: 063570; 0688177; 064994; 066645; and 064157. The operators provide you with an identification code that will allow you to recognise your taxi.

Language
Italian is the official national language. The official congress language is English.

Climate
The local climate is Mediterranean and therefore mild all year around. In September, the temperature is between 15 (min) and 27 (max) °C.

Currency
The Euro is the official currency of Italy.

Credit Cards
All major credit cards are widely accepted.

Time Zone
Local time is equal to GMT + 1 hour; the same time zone applies all over the country. Italy adopts daylight saving time from March until the end of October.

Electricity
Weights and Measures: 220 volts 50 Hz a.c. throughout Italy. The metric system is implemented.

Drinking Water
Tap water is safe to drink.

Healthcare
Vaccinations are not required for entry into Italy. Individual travel - and health - insurance is recommended. You will receive immediate medical help if needed. Travellers from EC countries can receive medical treatment in Italy due to reciprocal agreements. For other travellers, emergency treatment will be given, but it is recommended to have some kind of medical insurance to cover further treatments.

Entry Formality
Visitors from Non-EC Countries must hold a valid passport. We suggest checking with your Embassy or Consulate for further information. Visitors coming from EC Countries may hold an ID card.

Technical Exhibition
A technical exhibition will take place at the exhibition hall of the congress centre. It will be open every day throughout the meeting, starting Saturday September 9 and ending Wednesday September 13, at noon. The exhibitors present a wide range of radiological and interventional products and related services. Participants are encouraged to take advantage of this facility.

For further information and registration, Exhibitors are kindly asked to contact CIRSE.

Intermissions
During intermissions, coffee and tea will be served in the exhibition hall.

Disclaimer
CIRSE and the Congress Organiser cannot accept any liability for the activity of any supplier to this meeting or the safety of any attendee while in transit to or from this event. All participants are, therefore, strongly advised to purchase appropriate travel and health insurance as CIRSE cannot accept liability for any accidents or injuries that may occur.
Accompanying Persons Programme

Panoramic City Tour of Rome
Saturday, 09.00 - 12.00
A panoramic tour of Rome, known as the Eternal City due to its unique blend of cultural extravagance and luxury together with its overindulgent nature. It is endlessly reviving by gathering treasures and souvenirs throughout the ages and boasts an unrivalled landscape. Together with our local guide, you will have the opportunity to take a pleasant stroll through the historical centre, where you can admire the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain, a baroque jewel, and the Palazzo di Montecitorio, designed by Bernini and the Pantheon, originally a pagan temple. Enjoy the enchanting square of Piazza Navona and its charming fountains.

Euro 33 per person

Ancient Rome
Sunday, 14.00 - 17.00 and Monday, 09.00 - 12.00
On this tour, you will enjoy the splendour of the classic Roman Empire. The guided tour will take you to visit the square of the Capitol, the result of Michelangelo’s architectonic and magic genius. Simple but stately, the square is the seat of the Town Hall in Rome, from which you will enjoy the unique sight of the Forum and of the Palatine Hill with a view of the great structure of the Colosseum. We will then walk along the ancient pavement, which crosses the evocative ruins of the Roman Forum, the Curia, and the Reggia. You will then have the chance to admire the Temple of Vesta, the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine.

Euro 47 per person

St. Peter and Vatican Museums
Monday, 07.30 - 11.30
This tour will take you on a visit to the Vatican Museums, which are among the most important museums in the world, taking the beautiful Spiral staircase and continuing through the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of the Geographical Maps before arriving in the famous Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo’s marvellous frescoes represent the Creation and the Last Judgment. The tour continues with the visit of St. Peter Basilica, where four hundred statues await you, from the Pietà by Michelangelo, realised in 1498, to the latter creations, representing the popes of the twentieth century.

Euro 49 per person

Ostia Antica Excavations
Sunday, 09.00 - 13.00 and Tuesday, 09.00 - 13.00
Ostia Antica takes its name from the Latin word ‘ostium’ meaning ‘mouth’. According to legends, Ostia was founded by King Anco Marzio and according to archaeologists from ca. 5th-6th century B.C., it was founded as a military base and became an important commercial port for the supply of grain for Rome. By walking through the Roman remains of a wealthy town, it is easy to imagine how daily life was thousands of years ago.

Euro 41 per person

Tivoli
Saturday, 09.00 - 13.00 and Tuesday, 09.00 - 13.00
Departing from Rome, we arrive in the Valley of Tivoli where the famous quarries of Travertine are still active. Going along the Tiburtina road, we reach the town and its central Garibaldi square. Nearby, we can admire the castle built by Pope Pius II in the XV century. Only a few metres away, we enter the Villa D’Este, residence of Cardinal Ippolito II Este, son of Lucrezia Borgia. The residence, decorated with XVI century frescoes, is famous because of its fountains running on natural water pressure.

Euro 44 per person

Full day Castelli Romani
Sunday, 09.00 - 17.00
This tour takes us along the ‘Road of the Lakes’ through one of the hilly areas of volcanic origin that characterise the outskirts of Rome, the Colli Albani, with its increasing number of villages. Castelgandolfo is on the shores of a volcanic lake, where the Pope has his summer residence, and Rocca di Papa and Grottaferrata are known for their cultural sights and gastronomic delicacies. Towards the northerly part of the Colli Albani, we reach Frascati, popular with the visitors both for its beauty and considerable wine production. During the tour, stop for a taste of local wine and lunch at a typical farmhouse to absorb the flavour of village life.

Euro 109 per person

A required minimum of 15 and maximum of 45 participants for each tour.
CIRSE Foundation Party

**Villa Miani**

Built high up on the slopes of Monte Mario in the early 1900s for the Miani Counts, this villa almost seems to brush the cupola of St. Peter’s. Built in King Humbert (Victorian) style, the wonderful home is immersed in the greenery of a beautifully kept garden, and offers a unique panorama overlooking the city of Rome.

The fine music, exquisite cuisine and breathtaking view, not to mention dancing into the early hours, will ensure a delightful ancient Roman atmosphere and a feast for the senses.

CIRSE Membership

CIRSE is the European Society to join to participate in and find out about the latest, breaking news from cardiovascular and interventional radiology and the many related issues.

CIRSE is a natural home to physicians with an active interest in the goals of the society and offers a host of opportunities to expand your horizons.

- Reduced registration fees for the annual scientific and postgraduate educational meeting and the various scientific and educational events and workshops of the CIRSE Foundation;

- Eligibility for scientific educational and research grants from the CIRSE Foundation;

- Free subscription to the scientific journal CVIR (CardioVascular and Interventional Radiology) with 6 issues per year and IR News (the CIRSE Newsletter) with 2 issues per year;

- Free access to the Members Lounge on the CIRSE website including Standards of Practice; EPOS™ (the Scientific and Educational Online Presentation System from ECR with over 3,000 exhibits); Springer Link (online version of CVIR); the CIRSE Membership Directory; and much more.

To apply for CIRSE Membership, please complete the online membership form at www.cirse.org.
PRESENTATION
An isotonic, aqueous solution containing iodixanol, a non-ionic, dimeric contrast medium, available in three strengths containing either 150 mg, 270 mg or 320 mg iodine per ml.

INDICATIONS
X-ray contrast medium for cardioangiography, cerebral angiography (conventional and i.a. DSA), peripheral angiography (conventional and i.a. DSA), abdominal angiography i.a. DSA, urography, venography, CT-enhancement. Lumbar, thoracic and cervical myelography. Arthrography, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), hysterosalpingography (HSG) and studies of the gastrointestinal tract.

DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
Adults and children: Dosage varies depending on the type of examination, age, weight, cardiac output, general condition of patient and the technique used (see SPC and package leaflet).

CONTRA-INDICATIONS
Manifest thyrotoxicosis. History of serious hypersensitivity reaction to Vispaque.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
A positive history of allergy, asthma, or reaction to iodinated contrast media indicates need for special caution. Premedication with corticosteroids or H1 and H2 antagonists should be considered in these cases. Although the risk of serious reactions with Vispaque is regarded as low, iodinated contrast media may provoke serious hypersensitivity reactions. Therefore the necessary drugs and equipment must be available for immediate treatment. Patients should be observed for at least 30 minutes following administration of contrast medium, however delayed reactions may occur. Non-ionic contrast media have less effect on the coagulation system in vitro, compared to ionic contrast media. When performing vascular catheterization procedures one should pay meticulous attention to the angiographic technique and flush the catheter frequently (e.g. with heparinised saline) so as to minimize the risk of procedure-related thrombosis and embolism. Ensure adequate hydration before and after examination especially in patients with renal dysfunction, diabetes mellitus, paraproteinemia, the elderly, children and infants. Particular care is required in patients with severe disturbance of both renal and hepatic function as they may have significantly delayed contrast medium clearance. In diabetic patients metformin should be stopped when contrast media are used. The timing of this should be amended based upon serum creatinine/renal function levels (refer to SPC). Special care should also be taken in patients with hyperthyroidism, serious cardiac disease, pulmonary hypertension, patients predisposed to seizures (locute cerebral pathology, tumours, epilepsy, alcoholics and drug addicts) and patients with myasthenia gravis or phaeochromocytoma. One should also be aware of the possibility of inducing transient hypothyroidism in premature infants receiving contrast media. All iodinated contrast media may interfere with laboratory tests for thyroid function, bilirubin, proteins, or inorganic substances e.g. iron, copper, calcium, and phosphatase. An increased risk of delayed reactions (flu-like or skin reactions) has been associated with patients treated with interleukin-2 up to two weeks previously. The safety of Vispaque in pregnancy has not been established. The degree of excretion into human milk is not known. Breast feeding should be discontinued prior to administration and not recommended until at least 24 hours after administration.

UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS
Intravascular use: Usually mild to moderate, and transient in nature. They include discomfort, general sensation of warmth or cold, pain at the injection site or distally. Serious reactions and fatalities are only seen on very rare occasions. Nausea and vomiting are rare, and abdominal discomfort is very rare. Hypersensitivity reactions occur occasionally with symptoms such as rash, urticaria, erythema, pruritus, dyspnoea or angioedema (immediate or delayed). Hypotension or fever may occur. Severe reactions such as laryngeal oedema, bronchospasm, pulmonary oedema and anaphylactic shock are very rare. Neurological reactions such as headache, dizziness, seizures, and transient motor or sensory disturbance (e.g. taste or smell alteration) are very rare. Also reported very rarely: vaginal reactions, cardiac arrhythmia, depressed cardiac function, ischaemia, and hypotension. 'Idioleumps' is a very rare complication. Arterial spasm may follow injection into coronary, cerebral or renal arteries. A minor transient rise in S-creatinine is common. Renal failure is very rare. Post phlebographic thrombophlebitis or thrombosis is very rare. Arthralgia is very rare. Intrathecal use: Meningitis, photophobia or chemical meningitis. Transient motor or sensory dysfunction. Confusion, Paraesthesia. Seizures. EEG changes: Local pain. Headache, nausea, vomiting or dizziness. Use in body cavities: Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP); Elevation of amylase levels, pancreatitis. Oral use: Diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain. Hysterosalpingography (HSG): Transient pain in the lower abdomen. Vaginal bleeding/dischage, nausea, vomiting, headache, fever. Arthrography: Pressure sensation and post procedural pain.

PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES
In diabetic patients with serum creatinine levels of 1.3-3.5 mg/dl, VISPAQUE use resulted in 3% of patients experiencing a rise in creatinine of ≥0.5 mg/dl and 0% of patients with a rise of ≥1.0 mg/dl. The release of enzymes (alkaline phosphatase and N-acetyl-B-glucosaminidase) from the proximal tubular cells is less than after injections of non-ionic monometric contrast media and the same trend is seen compared to ionic dimeric contrast media. VISPAQUE is also well tolerated by the kidney.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE AND HANDLING
Like all parenteral products, VISPAQUE should be inspected visually for particulate contamination, discoloration and the integrity of the container prior to use. The product should be drawn into the syringe immediately before use. Containers are intended for single use only, any unused portions must be discarded. VISPAQUE may be warmed to body temperature (37°C) before administration.

MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER
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