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Tentative list of main topics for Free Papers and Poster Session

(subject to modification based on abstracts submitted)

Cell and molecular biology	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Genomics / Proteomics / Metabolomics2. Stage-specific regulation of gene expression3. Kinetoplast DNA and RNA editing4. Lipophosphaglycan/PPG/PG and sialoglycoconjugates5. Glycosylphosphatidyl glycan metabolism & chemotherapy6. Gp63 and other functional molecules7. Molecular genetics
A	
Evolution and Taxonomy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Leishmania</i> taxonomy and evolution2. Genetic diversity of the <i>Leishmania donovani</i> complex3. Molecular markers for genotyping4. Microsatellite diversity of <i>Leishmania</i> subgenus <i>Viannia</i>
B	
Experimental cellular immunology	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Leishmania</i> interactions with serum factors2. <i>Leishmania</i> - APC and - macrophage interactions3. Signal transduction in <i>Leishmania</i> infection4. Modulation of macrophage signal pathway5. Tissue damage and immune response in cutaneous leishmaniasis6. Innate immunity in <i>Leishmania</i> infection
C	
Epidemiology	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Risk factors for leishmaniasis2. Ecoepidemiology of leishmaniasis3. Epidemiology in Central Asia4. Indian <i>kala-azar</i>5. Epidemiology of cutaneous leishmaniasis6. Epidemiology of mucocutaneous leishmaniasis7. Environmental changes and the eco-epidemiology of Leishmaniases
D	



Clinical immunology & Diagnosis

E

1. *Leishmania*/HIV co-infections.
2. Immunosuppression in clinical visceral leishmaniasis
3. Transfusion and *kala-azar*
4. Clinical pathology of New World leishmaniasis
5. Molecular and immunological approaches for diagnosis

Vaccine

F

1. Vaccine for canine and human Leishmaniasis

Chemotherapy/ Drug resistance and development

G

1. Clinical chemotherapy and drug resistance
2. Drug development
3. Drug development targeting carbohydrate metabolism
4. Experimental heavy metal and antimonial resistance
5. Chemotherapy and radiowave heat therapy of cutaneous leishmaniasis

Sand fly vector

H

1. Vector biology
2. Immunology of sandfly saliva
3. *Leishmania*-vector interactions

Reservoir

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1. Reservoir epidemiology: incrimination and control
2. Canine leishmaniasis: Epidemiology, diagnosis and immunology
3. Cryptic *kala-azar*



Scientific Information

Lectures are to cover topics of general and major interest in 50 minutes including discussion.

Round Tables present current research advances in different areas, each given 90-120 minutes, depending on the number of invited speakers.

Free Communications include abstracts submitted and selected for presentation.

Authors are requested to indicate their preference for inclusion of their work under a specific topic and for oral or poster presentation.

The Organizing and Scientific Committees will do their best to accommodate authors' wish. The Scientific Committee will select abstracts for oral presentations. The criteria for selection will be based on the interest, quality and the total number of abstracts submitted for a given topic. The presenting authors will be informed of the final decision before **28 February 2005**.

Oral Presentation will be 10 minutes each using PowerPoint presentation.

Poster Presentation will be grouped according to the topics and scheduled for afternoon and/or evening. Poster size should be no more than 100 cm in height and 70 cm in width. Presenters may be called upon to present a brief summary of their work in a poster session.

Satellite Symposia

Scientific Associations or commercial firms interested in organizing a satellite symposium are invited to submit their proposals to the Scientific Committee for consideration.

Audio-visual Equipment

The meeting rooms will be equipped with a computer, a videoprojector, microphones and laser pointer.

Please submit floppy disk or CD at least 1 hr before presentation. Assistance and facility will be available in the Speakers' room.



Call for Papers

Abstract presentation

Invited and accepted contributions will be published in the form of abstracts in the Abstract book that will be given to all participants at the Registration Desk. Only papers from registered participants will be published. When there is more than one author in a paper, at least one must be registered for the congress.

Instructions to Authors

The abstract (see technical guideline) must be prepared and sent to the Organizing Secretariat by **31 January 2005**.

Contributed papers will be reviewed by the International Scientific Committee.

Instructions for poster exhibition will be included with notification of acceptance.

Condition of acceptance

1. All abstracts should be written in English. The content and literary standard of submitted papers is the sole responsibility of the Authors.
2. The decisions of the International Scientific Committee on the content and acceptance of abstracts will be final.
3. Notification of acceptance will be sent within **28 February 2005**.

Guidelines for abstract preparation

1. The abstract form is the same for both oral presentations and poster exhibitions. Typing rules must be followed exactly. Please send a final version; corrections will not be accepted.
2. Abstracts should contain objectives, material and methods, results, discussion and conclusions, but without using those terms as subtitles.
3. All papers must fit within a rectangle (11 cm high x 16 cm wide). Use the font Arial and 10 point font size. This corresponds to about 350 words and 2,300 characters including spaces.
4. Title (max two lines): bold-face; capitalised; left alignment (skip a line).
5. Authors: begin each author with initial(s) in capital letters and then the surname. Separate multiple authors with a comma [example: S.A. White, T. Green]; presenting author underlined; if the authors have different affiliations give numeric superindices after the author surname; left alignment.
6. Affiliation: Institute, Department, University, City, Country; e-mail address of the principal Author is recommended; light italic; left alignment (skip a line).
7. Text: justified alignment; single paragraph (no indentations).

Submission of the abstracts

Only e-mail submission must be used to send papers, attached as Word files. Do not use fax. Contributions must be sent to:

Organizing Secretariat
New Team - Via C. Ghiretti, 2 - 43100 Parma (Italy)
e-mail: laura.risito@newteam.it
before 31 January, 2005



General Information

Location

Città del Mare Hotel & Resort, Terrasini, Palermo, Sicily, Italy (www.cittadelmare.it)
Hotel & Resort Città del Mare is a holiday complex near the village of Terrasini, situated in the northern tip of the magnificent Gulf of Castellamare. Terrasini is located between Palermo and Trapani, 35 km west of Palermo and 19 km from the Palermo airport Punta Raisi.

The Hotel & Resort Città del Mare is located amidst an area of approximately 27 hectare grounds, perched on a range of hills with superb views, most beautiful sunsets, mild climate and full of greenery, flowers, birds and exotic plants.

The Hotel & Resort Città del Mare offers 750 comfortable guestrooms with private bathroom, hairdryer, minibar, direct dial telephone, satellite TV and balcony or terrace.

Four different restaurants serve an exquisite local and international cuisine.

Sports and Wellness include: Swimming in the Olympic pool, Lago dei Fiori, rocky beach, sandy beach, located 5 minutes from the hotel, easily accessible by a free shuttle service and the famous Toboggan with three sets of chutes, leading to pools sea. 5 tennis courts, sauna, massage.





How to get to Città del Mare (www.cittadelmare.it)

Hotel Villaggio Città del Mare S.p.A.

S.S. 113 Km. 301,100 - 90049 Terrasini (PA)

Città del Mare can be reached:



From the **Punta Raisi Airport: 19 km**

Follow the highway A29 towards Palermo for about 2 km till the exit “Palermo Mazara del Vallo”. Continue for about 8 km and exit at “Terrasini”, take the first right at the state 113 road and follow it for about 5 km.

A shuttle bus will connect the airport with Città del Mare; the cost of the taxi fare airport-Città del Mare is approximately € 30.



From the **Port of Palermo: 32 km**

Exiting the harbour, take a right turn on to via F. Crispi. On Via F. Crispi you will see on your left the old Borbonic fortress, presently called Ucciardone. At the first traffic lights, turn left on Via Duca della Verdura. At the next lights the street name will change to Via E. Notarbartolo, and then again, for about 500 meters, to Via Leonardo da Vinci. At the end of Via Leonardo da Vinci, at the HIGHWAY SIGNS, take a sharp right into the A29 highway Palermo – Mazara del Vallo – Trapani. After about 28 km exit at Terrasini, take a right on to the state road 113 and continue for about 5 km.



From the **Railway station of Terrasini: 7 km**

From the **Railway station of Palermo: 35 km**



Registration

All participants who wish to attend the scientific sessions, accompanying persons' programme and social events are requested to fill in the registration form. Advanced registration is preferred and will help to avoid delays at the time of the scientific sessions. Please complete the attached registration form and return it with the indicated fee to the Organizing Secretariat (NEW TEAM - Via C. Ghiretti, 2 - 43100 Parma - Italy - Tel. +39 0521 293913 - Fax +39 0521 294036 - e-mail: laura.risito@newteam.it). All participants are kindly advised to pre-register before the Congress.

Registration fees in Euro (VAT included)

	before 31 January	after 31 January
Participant	350,00	400,00
Student	250,00	300,00
Accompanying person	220,00	250,00

Registration fees include:

- Participants and Students
 - abstracts book
 - coffee breaks
 - concert and welcome cocktail
 - typical dinner on Wednesday
 - excursion on Tuesday afternoon
- Accompanying person
 - concert and welcome cocktail
 - typical dinner
 - excursion on Tuesday afternoon
 - accompanying persons' programme

Methods of payment

Registration is only valid on receipt of payment.

The payment may be made via:

- Bank draft payable to New Team, Parma and sent to the Organizing Secretariat: New Team - Via C. Ghiretti, 2 - 43100 Parma, Italy
- Bank transfer: Cassa di Risparmio di Parma & Piacenza - Parma Ag. 11, Str. dei Mercati 9/b, C.C. n. 14830708, ABI 6230, CAB 12711, BIC CODE CRPPIT 2 P 446 - IBAN CODE IT21X0623012711000014830708

The name of the participant must be clearly indicated on the bank payment. Please note that the Organizing Secretariat will not accept bank charges; bank charges are at the sender's expense. All unpaid bank charges will be charged on arrival.



- Credit card; accepted credit cards are:
 VISA EUROCARD MASTERCARD

A registration certificate will be forwarded to the participant after the Organizing Secretariat has accepted the registration form and confirmed receipt of the registration fee. On the day of the Congress this certificate should be presented to the Registration desk.

No anticipated or pro-forma invoice will be made.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Cancellation can only be made in writing to the Organizing Secretariat.

- Cancellation received before 15 February, 2005: 75% refund.
- Cancellation received after 15 February, 2005 or no notice: no refund.

If for reasons beyond the control of the Organizers the Congress is cancelled, registration fees will be refunded following deduction of unavoidable expenses.

No refund will be given in case of no-show, late arrival, unused services, unattended events or early termination of attendance.

All refunds will be processed after the Congress.

On site registration

A Registration desk will be available for participants at the Congress Venue on the following dates and hours:

Sunday: 15.00-20.00

Monday: 08.00-17.30

Tuesday: 08.00-13.00

Wednesday: 08.00-19.30

Thursday: 08.00-19.30

Friday: 08.00-13.00



Hotel Accommodation

The Organizing Secretariat has booked rooms in the Città del Mare resort. The participants wishing to reserve a room should submit the hotel accommodation form **before 31 January, 2005** to:

NEW TEAM
Via C. Ghiretti, 2 - 43100 Parma
tel.+39 0521 293913 - Fax +39 0521 294036

single room	double room	triple room
€ 63,00	€ 57,00	€ 40,50

The rates are per night per person and include breakfast and one lunch.

Methods of payment

Booking is on a first come, first served basis and will be valid on receipt of the deposit equal to one night.

The deposit sent will be deducted from the final bill to be paid directly to the hotel. The payment may be made via:

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- Credit card; accepted credit cards are:

VISA EUROCARD MASTERCARD

Cancellation and refund

Cancellation or booking changes can only be made in writing to the Organizing Secretariat.

- Cancellation received before 15 February 2005: full refund, deducted booking fee.

- Cancellation received after 15 February 2005 or no notice: no refund.

The deposit will not be refunded in case of no-show.

All refunds will be processed after the Congress.



Useful information

Official language

The official working language of the Congress is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Passport and VISA

A valid passport is required for entry into Italy. An identity card is sufficient for EU citizens.

Health and insurance

The Organizing Committee will not accept any liability for personal injuries, loss or damage of property. The participants are requested to arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property.

Money exchange

The currency is Euro (€). Currency exchange is available at bank office in Città del Mare. Credit cards are widely accepted.

Climate

The weather in Sicily in April has an average temperature of 22-27°C.

Electrical supply

Voltage in Italy is 220 V 50 Hz.

Certification

A certificate of attendance will be available at the Registration desk during the last day of the Congress.

Name badges

Entrance to the Congress rooms and to the various social events will be strictly limited to badge holders only.

Transportation

A shuttle bus from Palermo Punta Raisi airport and Città del Mare will be available every hour on Sunday April 10 and on Friday April 15.

Dress

It will be informal in all Congress events.

Exhibition

Space for booths is available for pharmaceutical products, equipment, specialized press and other relevant services and products.

Official letter of invitation

An official letter of invitation designed to help overcome administrative difficulties will be sent on request. It must be understood that such letter does not grant any financial support.



Social programme (included in the registration fee)

Opening ceremony, Monday April 11, 18,30

The opening ceremony will take place in the Teatro Massimo in Palermo and will be followed by a welcome cocktail.

The Teatro Massimo has a surface of 7.730 square meters, the third in Europe after the Opera in Paris and the Hoeff-Openhouse in Vienna. It also presents the greatest stage in Europe.

The theatre was inaugurated in 1897 with the Falstaff by Giuseppe Verdi and many famous singers performed here, like Enrico Caruso, Beniamino Gigli, Luciano Pavarotti, Maria Callas and Renata Tebaldi.



Guided visit to Erice/Segesta, Tuesday April 12, 14,00-18,30



Developed as a Phoenician and Hellenistic town, Erice sits at a height of 751m, perched on the mountain of the same name. Enclosed within defensible bastions and walls, the town is a veritable labyrinth of little cobbled streets and passages wide enough to accommodate one person at a time.

The houses, packed one upon another, each have their own charming, carefully-tended, inner courtyard that can be guarded from the gaze of neighbours or passing gentry.

In Antiquity, Erice was famous for its temple where in succession, the Phoenicians worshipped Astarte, the Greeks venerated Aphrodite and the Romans celebrated Venus. Mount Eryx served as a point of reference for sailors.

The name is the one given by Eryx, the mythical hero and king of the Elimi, to the mountain upon which the temple to his mother, Venus Erycina, was built.

Typical dinner, Wednesday April 13, 20,00

An informal evening in which it will be possible to taste the famous traditional sicilian cuisine, worldwide appreciated. Among the major specialties are the pasta 'cche sardi (pasta with sardines), pannelle - sort of pancake made with chickpea flour, seafood, fish and vegetable specialties, the sweet sfince, torrone and ice-creams will close this delicious menu.





Accompanying persons' programme



Guided visit to Palermo I, Monday 11 April, 14,30-18,30

The Cathedral of Palermo and the Tomb of Frederick II

The Cathedral, founded by the Byzantines, turned into a mosque by the Arabs, and chosen by the Normans as the place for burying their lords, the first of them being Frederick II. Visit to Lo Spasimo and La Magione.

Guided visit to Agrigento and Sciacca, Thursday 14 April, 9,00-18,00

Located on a plateau overlooking Sicily's southern coasts, Agrigento was founded as Akragas around 582 BC by a group of colonists from Gela, who themselves were the immediate descendants of Greeks from Rhodes and Crete.

In the Valley of the Temples are the ruins of numerous temples but also necropoli, houses, streets.

Unfortunately, most of the temples of Agrigento are in ruins, with pieces strewn about, and several appear to have never even been completed. Part of the Temple of Juno, built around 450 BC, is still intact. The Temple of Concord (named retroactively), built around 440 BC, is in far better condition, and at night the illuminated temple is a sight to behold.

Sciacca is famous for its Carnival, an event that involves the whole population and for its hand-made pottery.





Daily optional tours and post-congress tours.

A selection of half day and full day tours will be available according to the following schedule; booking will be possible on site.

Excursion	Day	Hours
Etna/Taormina	Monday	6,00-21,30
Bagheria/Solunto	Tuesday	8,00-13,00
Palermo/Monreale	Tuesday	14,30-19,30
Agrigento/Selinunte	Wednesday	8,00-19,00
Alcamo mercato	Wednesday	8,30-12,30
Cefalù	Thursday	14,30-19,30
Terrasini/Carini	Friday	15,00-19,30
Mozia/Marsala	Saturday	14,30-19,30
Palermo shopping	Saturday	15,00-19,30
Erice/Segesta	Sunday	14,30-19,30
Palermo shopping	from Monday to Friday	8,30-12,30
Terrasini shopping every day	from Città del Mare: 9,00-10,00-11,00	15,30-16,30-17,30
	from Terrasini: 10,30-11,30-12,30	16,00-17,00-19,00

