

A photograph of the Rialto Bridge in Venice, Italy, spanning the Grand Canal. The bridge is a multi-arched stone structure with a balustrade. In the foreground, a gondola is visible on the water. In the background, a white water bus is passing under the bridge. The sky is clear and blue.

*3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium:  
New Horizons in Treatment Modalities for  
Allergic & Immunologic Diseases*

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

**October 3-4, 2008  
NH Laguna Palace, Mestre Venice, Italy**

***Organized in cooperation with:***

*American College of Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology (ACAAI), USA*

*International Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of Immunology*

*Washington DC, USA*

*Italian Society of Preventive and Social Pediatrics (SIPPS)*

*Italian Society of Childhood Respiratory Diseases (SIMRI)*

*University of Catania*



*Friday, October 3, 2008*

**3:00pm**      *Inauguration of the Symposium*  
*Welcome Remarks*

**Chairmen:**      *Joseph A. Bellanti, Washington, DC (USA)*  
*Mario La Rosa, Catania (IT)*

**3:15-3:30pm**      *Inaugural Address:*  
***Sicily: The Cradle of Ethnic Groups and Civilization***  
*Gino Schilirò, Catania (IT)*

**3:30-4:30pm**      ***Hot Topics in Pediatric Allergy, Asthma & Immunology***  
*Sami Bahna, Shreveport, LA (USA)*

## **ANTI-HISTAMINES**

**Chairmen:**      *Giorgio Rondini, Pavia (IT) - Gian Paolo Salvioli, Bologna (IT)*

**4:30-4:50pm**      ***Antihistamines: Pharmacologic Modification and the Importance to the Patient***  
*Daniel Ein, Washington, DC (USA)*

**4:50-5:10pm**      ***Immunomodulatory Effects of Histamine & Antihistamines: The Effects of H3/H4 Receptors in Immune Modulation***  
*Lawrence M. DuBuske, Gardner, MA (USA)*

**5:10-5:30pm**      ***Antihistamines: Treatment of Allergic Diseases***  
*Mario La Rosa, Catania (IT)*

**7:30pm**      *Inaugural Reception*



*Saturday, October 4, 2008*

**STEROIDS AND BETA2 LONG ACTING COMBINATIONS:  
WHICH ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE?**

*Chairmen: Armido Rubino, Napoli (IT) - Carmelo Salpietro, Messina (IT)*

*9:00-9:20am Use of Inhaled Steroids: State of the Art  
GianLuigi Marseglia, Pavia (IT)*

*9:20-9:40am The Use of Inhaled Steroids by Nebulization: Update 2008  
Ahmed Kantar, Misurina, TN (IT)*

*9:40-10:20am Does the Use of Inhaled Steroid and Beta2 Long Acting  
Combinations Offer a Real Advantage in the Management of  
Asthma?  
Lucia Spicuzza, Catania (IT)*

*10:20-10:40 am Coffee Break*

**VACCINES, PROBIOTICS & IMMUNOMODULATORS**

*Chairmen: Giuseppe Di Mauro, Caserta (IT) - Giovanni Barberio, Messina (IT)*

*10:40-11:00am The Future is Here: Current & Emerging Biologic Response  
Modifiers and Immune Modulators in Allergy-Immunology  
Joseph A. Bellanti, Washington, DC (USA)*

*11:00-11:20am Probiotics: Any Role in Allergic Diseases?  
Elena Galli, Roma (IT)*

*11:20-12:00noon General Discussion*

## LUNCHEON WORKSHOP: NEW ADVANCES IN IMMUNOTHERAPY: SCIT VS SLIT: WHICH IS BETTER?

- Chairmen: Luigi Nespoli, Varese (IT) - Giovanni Pajno, Messina (IT)
- 12:00-12:20pm **The Case for Subcutaneous Immunotherapy (SCIT)**  
Myron J. Zitt, North Babylon, NY (USA)
- 12:20-12:40pm **The Case for Sublingual Immunotherapy (SLIT)**  
Franco Frati, Arezzo (IT)
- 12:40-1:00pm **Low Dose Immunotherapy in Children with Perennial Allergic Rhinitis**  
Francesco Marcucci, Perugia (IT)
- 1:00-1:20pm **Safety of Sublingual-Swallow Immunotherapy in Children Ages 3 to 7 years**  
Alessandro Fiocchi, Milano (IT)
- 1:20-1:40pm Q & A
- 1:40-2:00pm Buffet Lunch

## ANTIBIOTICS AND ANTILEUKOTRIENES

- Chairmen: Alessandro Fiocchi, Milano (IT)  
Joseph A. Bellanti, Washington, DC (USA)
- 3:00-3:20pm **The Clinical Importance of the Relationship Between Infectious Diseases, Allergic Diseases & Asthma**  
Michele Miraglia del Giudice, Napoli (IT)
- 3:20-3:40pm **Role of Antibiotics in Allergic and Infectious Diseases**  
Antonio Boccazzi, Milano (IT)
- 3:40-4:00pm **Antileukotrienes in the Wheezing Infant**  
Salvatore Leonardi, Catania (IT)
- 4:00-4:30pm Q & A  
Adjournment

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Symposium Venue**

NH Laguna Palace, Viale Ancona 2, 30172 Mestre Venezia, Italy  
Tel 0039 041 8296111 - Fax 0039 041 8296112 - [www.nh-hotels.com](http://www.nh-hotels.com)

### **Official Languages**

English and Italian

### **Registration & Fees**

- **Reduced [€ 120]** Includes: Registration, Coffee breaks, Buffet lunch, Kit
- **Complete [€ 300]** Includes: Registration, 1 night (in 3 - out 4 October), Coffee breaks, Buffet lunch, Kit
- **Extended [€ 480]** Includes: Registration, 2 nights (in 3 - out 5 October), Coffee breaks, Buffet lunch, Kit

### **Registration and Hotel Reservation**

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Joseph A. Bellanti - Washington, DC (USA)  
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