

MEETING INFORMATION

ABOUT PISA

Pisa, located in western Tuscany, is known throughout the world for its famous Leaning Tower, but there is so much more about Pisa than just this striking landmark. The ecclesiastical city of Pisa began life as a seaside settlement around 3,000 years ago and was first laid out in the mid-eleventh century. Pisa is crammed full of wonderful, historical monuments and buildings dating back many hundreds of years and much of Pisa has retained its medieval appearance. Pisa is also known for its excellent university, which was established in 1343 and has become one of Italy's top schools. There are tourist information offices in and around the city centre which provide the latest information about Pisa attractions, museums, events, festivals, travel and sightseeing.

MEETING VENUE

The meeting will take place at the Palazzo dei Congressi - Via Matteotti, 1 - 56124 Pisa
Website: www.palazzodeicongressi.pisa.it

LANGUAGE

The official language is English

DEADLINES

- Early registration: until November 27th, 2009
- Delayed registration: until January 11th, 2010
- Accommodation request: guaranteed until December 14th, 2009 - accepted until January 11th, 2010
- Receipt of cancellation to get refund: December 14th, 2009

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is required for all delegates. Please download Registration and Accommodation Form.

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REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Registration (until Nov. 27 th , 2009)	Delayed Registration (until Jan. 11 th , 2010)	On site Registration
DELEGATE	€ 650,00	€ 750,00	€ 900,00

Registration applications received after January 11th, 2010 will not be processed. Attendees should apply on site for registration after this date.

THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

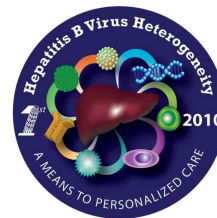
- access to all meeting sessions
- refreshments during the breaks
- lunches (Jan 22nd/23rd)
- name badge
- meeting bag with informational meeting materials

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be sent to all delegates by e-mail after receipt of registration, accommodation details and payment. Registration applications and payments sent after January 11th, 2010 might not be confirmed.

PAYMENT

A filled *Registration Form*, along with full payment and your credit card number (VISA or MasterCard only) must accompany your registration in order to be processed. Registrations without full payment will not be processed. If you are faxing your registration, do not mail or you may be double charged.



CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS (registration fee and hotel accommodation)

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received by e-mail or fax by **December 14th, 2009**. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after this date or for no-shows. All refunds will be processed after the meeting, minus a € 30,00 administrative fee + € 20,00 accommodation fee.

Send requests for refunds to:

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LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

The registration fees do not include the insurance of delegates against personal accidents, sickness, cancellations by any party, theft, loss or damage to personal possessions. Delegates are advised to take out adequate personal insurance to cover travel, accommodation, cancellation and personal effects.

BANKS AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE

In Italy the currency is Euro. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at the airport as well as at the private exchange offices throughout the city which are open from 8:30am to 8:00pm. Local banks, where Traveler's cheques and Eurocheques can be cashed, serve between 8:30am and 4:00pm. All major credit cards (such as Visa, MasterCard) are accepted in most of the Italian restaurants, shops etc.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

The moderating influence of the sea and the protection given by the Alpine barrier from the cold north winds join to bless Italy with a temperate climate. Nevertheless, the weather varies considerably according to how far one is from the sea or the mountains. The winter is mild on the Tyrrhenian coast. Average temperatures vary between 2°C - 15°C. Make sure you have an umbrella with you. It might rain!

TIME ZONES

Italy is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

ELECTRICITY

The electric current is 220V AC with a frequency of 50 Hertz. European standard plugs with two round pins are used.

EASY ACCESS TO PISA AND PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI

The *Palazzo dei Congressi of Pisa* is located in the eastern part of the city near the Arno river and the city centre.

BY CAR

Take '*Pisa Nord Est*' exit from the regional road that connects Florence to Pisa and Livorno (signposted as "FI-PI-LI"), or take '*Pisa Centro*' exit from the Genoa to Livorno motorway (signposted as 'A12 Genova-Livorno'), then follow the sign "Palazzo dei Congressi". Just in front of the Palazzo there is a parking area.

BY TRAIN

Pisa is one of the major train stations on the Tyrrhenian coastal line, and is very well connected to other famous cities such as **Florence** (1 hour), **Rome** (4 hours) or **Genoa** (2 hours).

FROM THE TRAIN STATION TO THE PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI

BUS: take the public yellow bus "*Lam Blu*" and it will stop at "*Matteotti 3*" 50 mt. from the Palazzo's entrance. Tickets can be purchased at any news stand, smoke shop or on the bus with a 50% extra charge.

TAXI: there is a Taxi stand just in front of the Station, the cost will be approx. € 8,00/11,00.

BY PLANE

Pisa airport serves domestic and international scheduled and charter flights and is located 3 kilometres south of the city centre.

FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI

From the airport the easiest way to reach the Palazzo dei Congressi is by taxi. The cost will be approx. € 10,00.