



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
IMMUNOLOGICAL SOCIETIES



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To: Members of the IUIS National Societies

Re: 15th International Congress of Immunology, Italy, August 22-27, 2013. Changing location from Rome to Milan.

Dear Colleague,

As a result of the currently difficult economic situation, hosting the ICI in Rome, as originally planned, will incur in higher costs than previously anticipated and will obtain less support from local authorities, in particular in terms of transportation. Transferring the ICI location from Rome to Milan will solve both problems and allow us to organize a successful ICI within a sustainable budget.

Milan has just opened the largest congress center in Europe http://www.micmilano.it/SpaziORG_en.html, able to accommodate up to 18,000 participants in fully appointed conference rooms. Featuring a plenary room with 4,500 seats, an auditorium seating 1,500, a flexible number of additional rooms, and 54,000 sq.m. of exhibition space it is an ideal venue for the 15th ICI.

Milan is one of Europe's most accessible and welcoming cities. It was the capital of the Western Roman Empire and boasts a unique, world-famous artistic heritage, of which the best known is probably Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper. Today Milan is not only the international centre of fashion and design, but also a vibrant, trendy city, able to easily accommodate the ICI participants.

The Executive Committee of the 15th ICI, our PCO and myself, firmly believe that hosting the ICI in Milan is an excellent opportunity. The IUIS President and the IUIS Council have endorsed the ICI location change. Organizing the ICI in Milan will considerably simplify the logistics, as the congress center is a state-of-the-art facility, and will solve transportation problems, due to its location in the center of town with easy access to the underground system. Last but not least, hosting the ICI in Milan will cost much less compared to Rome. This will allow us to remain within the budget, even with limited support from sponsors and exhibitors, a critical point in the currently strained economic situation.

We have taken the decision to move the ICI to Milan after careful and thorough consideration, and we believe that Milan offers the best chances for a very successful ICI. The dates of the congress will remain the same.

In the next few weeks, you will receive a second circular about the ICI and will be able to access the renovated website.

We look forward to hosting you in Milan, and are confident that the city will pleasantly surprise you.

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