

Sponsor Information



Management of the Diabetic Foot

Theory & Practice
4 day course 8-11 October 2012
Pisa, Italy



Dear sponsors

The first international course on the management of the diabetic foot, organised by the Diabetic Foot Clinic at the University Hospital of Pisa, was held in 2009. This was a great success with very satisfied participants from all over the world.

The international courses are based on the expertise gathered from 10 consecutive years of providing national courses and on the knowledge and the unique structure of treatment offered by the specialised diabetic foot clinic at the University Hospital of Pisa, established in 1989.

This year's course will be held in Pisa, Italy, and will offer a combination of theory and practical training in the clinic within a 4 day period.

By the combination of lectures from different specialists and training in the clinic, course participants will gain insight in to both the theory of the field and the practical methods used in the clinic. The individual training covers all the areas of interest related to the modern clinical approach to the diabetic foot, including instrumental diagnosis, revascularization, surgery and rehabilitation.

The course will also focus on the structure of treatment and guidelines for establishing a diabetic foot clinic. Thereby it reaches out to clinicians as well as hospital departments and clinic management.

A secondary aim of the course is to facilitate European consensus on the structure of treatment of the diabetic foot and to raise political awareness of the challenges related to treatment and prevention of the diabetic foot.

To support the objectives of the course, an online network for previous course participants has been established. This gives previous participants a direct link to the course faculty consisting of international and national experts within the field.

In this document you will find information about the different ways for your company to get involved in the international courses on management of the diabetic foot.

Hopefully you will find the information you need. If you have any questions, please let us know.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



Prof. Alberto Piaggese
Pisa University Hospital



Key Information

Course title: Management of the Diabetic Foot

Dates: 8-11 October 2012

Fee: **Early registration** (before 1 July 2012): 1600 EUR excl. accommodation
Late registration (from 1 July 2012): 1750 EUR excl. accommodation

Locations: **Theoretical course**
Hotel San Ranieri
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Cisanello
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www.sanranierihotel.com

Practical training
Pisa University Hospital

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Sponsorship opportunities

Sponsors will be part of the continuous development the course, including clinical training as well as organisation of the diabetic foot clinic.

The course programme will be based on the existing consensus paper on management of the diabetic foot. Thus, sponsors will be part of an international cooperation within the area, aiming at the dissemination and implementation of best practise structures for a thorough prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of this complex pathology.

In addition, sponsors will gain access to a number of follow up activities offered to course participants:

- Expertise knowledge and support for clinic establishment:
Professor Alberto Piaggese will answer questions forwarded by email after the courses and staff from the Diabetic Foot Section of the Pisa University Hospital offers external teaching and consultancy in connection with establishment of diabetic foot clinics.
- Measurements of effect:
Participant outcome measurements will be made based on questionnaires to previous course participants.
- Networking activities:
An online network is regularly updated with news and events within the field and offers previous participants a link to experts and colleagues all over the world after the course has ended.

Sponsorship packages offered:

A) Main Sponsorship 15.000€, including:

- Profiling as main sponsor at course web site and in course material.
- Profiling as main sponsor of the online network offered to course participants
- Two free course participants
- Right to enlist additional 2 participants for the course with a 20% reduction on the regular course fee.
- Right to one annual meeting with the course organisation.
- Evaluations and feedback from the course participants.
- One insert in course material.

B) Sponsorship 5.000 €, including:

- Profiling as sponsor at course web site and in course material.
- Right to enlist 2 participants for the course with a 20% reduction on the regular course fee.
- Right to sign an online community sponsorship (see below) with a 20 % reduction.
- Evaluations and feedback from the course participants.
- One insert in the course material.

C) Sponsor of the online community 2000 €:

- Your company will be listed as sponsor of the online community for previous and current course participants.
- You gain access to membership of the network and thereby to all information uploaded in the network

Participants

The courses are open to anyone involved in the treatment or management of diabetic foot patients, but the primary target groups are:

- Clinicians with various professions (e.g. endocrinologists, vascular and orthopaedic surgeons, specialised nurses, chiropodists or podiatrists).
- Newly appointed managers with an interest in the development of the structure of treatment within the diabetic foot area.
- Other health care professionals

Faculty

The faculty will be made up of international experts together with local specialists to ensure high quality in both the theoretical and practical sessions of the courses.

The 2011 international faculty included: K. Bakker, K. van Acker. M. Edmonds, N. Petrova, S. Bus, J. Apelqvist, S. Morbach, M. Schintler, J. Aragon-Sanchez, V. Urbancic-Rovan, G. Matricali, G. Mulder

Testimonials from the 2010 and 2011 course

37 participants from 16 different countries, 9 international faculty members and 14 national faculty members took part in the 2010 course.

An evaluation survey and general comments during the course suggest great satisfaction with the outcome of the course, especially emphasizing the combination of practice and theory. The participants found that the theoretical lectures were very interesting. Likewise the practical hands-on sessions were very popular, giving the participants new angles to their fields. Finally the course provided an excellent forum for exchange of knowledge, ways to handle the problems in the field of diabetic foot and discussions among the participants and with the faculty.

Faculty and participants were very positive about the course. Prof Mike Edmonds, King's College Hospital, London says that "the Pisa course on Diabetic Foot is an outstanding initiative in the educational field", whereas a participant in the 2010 course emphasizes the practical part in combination with theory: "The practical sessions, where theory is made into hands-on practice, makes this course really special."

Video testimonials can be seen at: <http://diabeticfootcourses.org/course-programme/testimonials-2010.html>

Testimonials from 2011 will be available shortly after the course is held.



Course objectives

The objectives for the Pisa International Diabetic Foot Courses are to:

- Increase the knowledge and operative skills in the management of the diabetic foot.
- Facilitate consensus on structure of treatment (How to establish diabetic foot clinics/departments, qualification of staff and structure of treatment)



- Create political awareness of the challenges related to treatment and prevention of the diabetic foot.

Course programme

The 4 day course programme gives participants a thorough theoretical and practical introduction to all aspects of the diagnosis, management and treatment of the diabetic foot, including the following elements:

- Pathogenesis and clinical presentation
- Systemic aspects of the diabetic foot
- Lesions
- Charcot neuro-arthropathy management
- Diagnostic approach
- Imaging
- Revascularization
- Therapy - medical, surgical, rehabilitative
- Health Economy of the Diabetic Foot
- The diabetic foot clinic - structure and establishment

Lectures will be in agreement with the *International Consensus on the Diabetic Foot & Practical Guidelines on the Management and Prevention of the Diabetic Foot*

Below you can see the preliminary programme for the 2012 course, held 8-11 October 2012:

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PISA INTERNATIONAL DIABETIC FOOT COURSES
8-11 OCTOBER 2012



SUN 7 OCT	TIME	MON 8 OCT	TIME	TUE 9 OCT	TIME	WED 10 OCT	TIME	THU 11 OCT
		Risk assessment / Neuropathy / Charcot		Infection		Ischaemia		Surgery
	08.30	Welcome and Introduction	09.00-10.30	Diagnosis of infection	09.00-10.30	From sub-clinical to critical limb ischaemia	09.00 - 10.30	The surgical management of the D.F.
	09.00	The International Consensus' Guidelines on D.F.	09.00	Clinical presentations of infection in the D.F.	09.00	Clinical presentations	09.00	New technologies for the surgical management of the D.F.
	09.30	The organizative model from level to level	09.30	Microbiological and laboratory issues	09.20 - 09.40	Ultrasound and other non invasive diagnostic techniques	09.30	The surgical reconstruction of the D.F.
	10.00-13.00	Neuropathy and the foot: From Plantar ulceration to Charcot's foot	09.50 - 10.10	Imaging	09.40 - 10.00	Angiography and angio MRI - TC	10.00	Surgical options for the management of the Charcot's foot.
	10.00	Pathogenesis	10.10 - 10.30	Discussion	10.00 - 10.30	Discussion	10.20	Discussion
	10.30	The role of the biomechanical stress						
	11.00	Coffee break	10.30	Coffee break	10.30	Coffee break	10.30-11.00	Coffee break
	11.30	<i>(Continued morning session)</i> Clinical presentation and evolution	11.00-13.10	Therapy of infection	11.00-13.00	The management of lower limb ischemia	11.00-13.00	Live Cases from the operating room with interactive audiovisual connection with Hotel S. Ranieri
	12.00	Imaging	11.00	Antibiotic therapy	11.00	Indications to the revascularization		
	12.30	Therapy	11.30	The management of co-morbidities in the D.F.	11.20	Endovascular techniques		
			11.50	The surgical management of the infected D.F.	11.40	Surgical revascularization		
			12.10	The foot clinic	12.00	Medical management of the ischemic patient		
			12.30	New technologies in the treatment of osteomyelitis in the D.F.	12.30	Discussion		
			12.50	Discussion				
	13.00	Lunch	13.00	Lunch	13.00	Lunch	13.30	Lunch and Arrivederci
Arrival	14.00	Transfer to DF Clinic (5 min walk)	14.00	Transfer to DF Clinic (5 min walk)	14.00	Transfer to the Imaging Department (5 min walk)		Departure / On your own in Pisa
	14.30 - 17.30	Practical excertations <i>(participants will be divided in three groups rotating on three different settings lasting one hour each)</i>	14.30 - 17.30	Practical excertations <i>(participants will be divided in three groups rotating on three different settings lasting one hour each)</i>	14.30 - 17.30	Live case: endovascular revascularization of the critically ischemic foot		
		A. Screening lab Risk assessment and patients data management: VPT - ABPI - TcPO2		A. Negative pressure and new technologies: VAC and other options, Skin and dermal substitutes, bioactive medications		Duplex scanning of the lower limb		
		B. Offloading TCC and other options in the acute phase, orthosis and shoes for the chronic phase		B. Basic surgical skills - How to prepare a surgical setting, how to drain an abscess, emostasis, sutures.				
		C. Local therapy How to debride a ulcer and to treat pre-ulcerative conditions, the choice and application of dressings, antiseptic usage.		C. Microbiological sampling and processing - How to collect samples and process them for microbiological evaluations.				
	17.30-18.00	Discussion						
	19.00	Welcome Event		Evening Free	20.00	Social event		
	20.00	Evening free				- Course Dinner		