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Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the second, open European Knee Associates (EKA) meeting on “Best Current Practice in Europe (BCPE)” for the Osteoarthritic Knee disease. The goal of this meeting is to focus on the current concepts of care and to advance the treatment of degenerative knee pathology with the most up-to-date knowledge.

EKA represents a new, European association of experts in the field of knee arthroplasty and osteotomy. EKA was founded in 2010 as a section of the European Society of Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery, and Arthroscopy (ESSKA) and unites the key European opinion scientists and knee surgeons. Its goal is to strengthen and consolidate the European knowledge and expertise of the treatment of arthritic knee pathology.

The first EKA BCPE meeting in Vienna was a great success, with high-level academic debates, excellent exchange of knowledge, and participation of delegates from all over the world. Cooperation with the International Congress for Joint Reconstruction (ICJR) will be continued at the second BCPE as well. The scientific presentations have been peer reviewed to ensure quality and to avoid repetition.

The attendees, specialized knee arthroplasty surgeons, general orthopaedic surgeons, and young trainees, can expect clear guidelines for their current knee practice. Additionally, new developments will be presented and debated by the top European knee surgeons in case specific discussions. A number of workshops have been planned in cooperation with the industry.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Florence!

Jean-Noël Argenson
EKA President

Andrea Baldini and Paolo Adravanti
Florence 2013 BCPE Chairmen

Timetable

| Wednesday 3 April 2013 | | Thursday 4 April 2013 | | |
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| Auditorium basement | | Auditorium basement | Room 9 ground floor | Room 101 first floor |
| 8.00 | | ICL primary TKA J. Bellemans | | |
| 9.00 | | Current controversies in TKA E. Thienpont | | |
| 10.30 | | Coffee break | | |
| 11.00 | | Video pearls primary TKA T. Wilton | | |
| 12.30 | | Lunch break | | |
| 13.00 | | Industry Symposium <i>Smith&Nephew</i> The algorithm for the revision knee | Industry Workshop <i>Biomet</i> Proven technologies meets future patient solutions | Industry Workshop <i>Stryker</i> Technology Shapematch® |
| 14.00 | | | | |
| 14.30 | | Case challenge primary TKA J. Victor | | |
| 15.00 | Welcome | | | |
| 15.00 | Osteotomies and partial knee solutions J.-N. Argenson | Difficult primary TKA N. Thomas | | |
| 16.30 | | Industry Symposium <i>Depuy Synthes</i> Are all your total knee replacement patients really happy? | | Industry Workshop <i>B.Braun Aesculap</i> Potential to improve your outcomes in TKA |
| 17.15 | Crossfire on cases indication R. Becker | Coffee break | | |
| 17.30 | | | | |
| 18.00 | | Infection S. Hofmann A. Trampuz | | |
| 18.30 | | | | |
| 19.00 | Opening Ceremony Palazzo Vecchio Salone dei Cinquecento | EKA General Assembly (EKA Members only) | | |
| 20.00 | | | | |

Timetable

| Friday 5 April 2013 | | | | |
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| | Auditorium <i>basement</i> | Room 9 <i>ground floor</i> | Room 101 <i>first floor</i> | Room Verde <i>second floor</i> |
| 7.30 | ICL revision TKA 10 basic principles G. Van Hellemond | | | |
| 8.30 | Current controversies in revision TKA A. Baldini | | | |
| 10.00 | Coffee break | Industry Workshop <i>Biomet</i> Proven technologies meets future patient solutions | Industry Workshop <i>Convatec</i> Surgical site infection in total hip & knee arthroplasty | Industry Workshop <i>Depuy Synthes</i> Revision made easy |
| 11.00 | Video pearls Revision TKA A. Wymenga | | | |
| 12.30 | Case Challenge Revision TKA P. Adravanti | | | |
| 13.30 | Farewell snack | | | |

Wednesday, 3 April 2013

Auditorium

14.30 WELCOME

15.00 **J.-N. Argenson** (France)

W.N. Scott (USA)

M. Denti (Italy)

A. Baldini (Italy)

P. Adravanti (Italy)

15.00 SESSION 1

16.30 OSTEOTOMIES AND PARTIAL KNEE SOLUTIONS

Chairman: **J.-N. Argenson** (France)

Load absorption - a solution to delay arthroplasty in younger patients?

N. London (United Kingdom)

The role of high tibial osteotomy

P. Lobenhoffer (Germany)

Unicompartmental knee arthroplasty is a successful procedure

C. Dodd (United Kingdom)

Patients expectations and outcome after HTO and UKA

S. Töksvig-Larsen (Sweden)

Solutions for preventing patello-femoral arthritis

D. Dejour (France)

The role of patello-femoral arthroplasty

D. Barrett (United Kingdom)

16.30 SESSION 2

18.00 CROSSFIRE ON CASES INDICATION

Chairman: **R. Becker** (Germany)

Grade II OA neutral alignment in active 45 yrs old man

Biologic treatments

vs

Conservative options

M. Marcacci (Italy)

P.S. Sussmann (Switzerland)

Grade II medial OA in active 55 yrs old man

Joint distraction

vs

HTO

F. Almqvist (Belgium)

R. Van Heerwaarden (The Netherlands)

Grade III medial OA in active 55 yrs old man

TKA

vs

UKA

A.D. Hanssen (USA)

O. Kessler (Switzerland)

Grade III lateral OA in active 60 yrs old woman

TKA

vs

UKA

S. Tarabichi (United Arab Emirates)

C.O. Tibesku (Germany)

Patellofemoral + medial OA in a 60 years old woman

TKA

vs

Bicondylar

T. Wilton (United Kingdom)

F. Benazzo (Italy)

Thursday, 4 April 2013

Auditorium

8.00 SESSION 3

9.00 ICL PRIMARY TKA - 10 BASIC PRINCIPLES

Chairman: **J. Bellemans** (Belgium)

Indication + implant selection

A. Ferretti (Italy)

Planning + approach

R. Becker (Germany)

Bone cuts + rotational position

N. Confalonieri (Italy)

Soft tissue balancing + patellar tracking

R. Strachan (United Kingdom)

Blood management + pain control & rehab

M. Denti (Italy)

9.00 SESSION 4

10.30 CURRENT CONTROVERSIES IN TKA

Chairman: **E. Thienpont** (Belgium)

Who will pay the costs of new technologies in arthroplasty?

J.-N. Argenson (France)

vs

Eucomed and EHTI Board Member

R. Vermeulen (Belgium)

How to improve patello-femoral tracking with current TKA design

Trochlear constraint role

vs

Trochlear orientation role

A. Amis (United Kingdom)

N. Verdonschot (The Netherlands)

Ideal postoperative alignment for TKA

Restore it to neutral

vs

Anatomical is better

A. Mullaji (India)

H. Vandenneucker (Belgium)

Planning with conventional X-ray or intraoperative technology for a better alignment in TKA?

I prefer high-tech

vs

I prefer conventional plan

J. Cobb (United Kingdom)

N. Thomas (United Kingdom)

Multimodal approaches for a shorter hospital stay

EU trends

vs

US trends

D. Kohn (Germany), **M. Brockmeyer** (Germany)

G.R. Scuderi (USA)

10.30 Coffee break

11.00

Thursday, 4 April 2013

Auditorium

11.00 SESSION 5

12.30 VIDEO PEARLS - PRIMARY TKA

Chairman: **T. Wilton** (United Kingdom)

Staying out of trouble at primary TKR

R. Rossi (Italy)

Gap balancing technique and stability assessment

J. Romero (Switzerland)

Measured resections with PSI in a fixed valgus deformity

E. Thienpont (Belgium)

"Adapted" measured resection technique for TKA

J. Victor (Belgium)

Soft tissue balancing in varus deformity: an algorithmic approach

P. Verdonk (Belgium)

Patellar resurfacing technical tips

W.N. Scott (USA)

12.30 Lunch break

14.00 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM (Auditorium)

INDUSTRY WORKSHOPS (Room 9, Room 101)

14.00 SESSION 6

15.00 CASE CHALLENGE - PRIMARY TKA

Chairman: **J. Victor** (Belgium)

Acute primary TKA for peri-articular knee fractures - **S. Eggli** (Switzerland)

TKA in post-traumatic osteoarthritis - **P. Adravanti** (Italy)

TKA in the stiff knee - **M. Bonnin** (France)

TKA plus simultaneous HTO for severe metaphyseal varus deformities - **P. Hernigou** (France)

15.00 SESSION 7

16.30 DIFFICULT PRIMARY TKA

Chairman: **N. Thomas** (United Kingdom)

How do I manage severely deformed knees

A. Mullaji (India)

Mid-flexion instability in fixed flexion contracture cases

A.B. Wymenga (The Netherlands)

TKA post-osteotomies. Difficulties that the surgeon can predict

E. Servien (France)

Planning and correction of extra-articular deformities with TKA

A. Baldini (Italy)

How to regain motion in stiff or ankylosed arthritic knees

S. Tarabichi (United Arab Emirates)

Dealing with torsional deformities in TKA procedures

S. Hofmann (Austria)

Thursday, 4 April 2013

Auditorium

16.30 Coffee break

17.30 **INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM** (Auditorium)

INDUSTRY WORKSHOP (Room 101)

17.30 **SESSION 8**

19.00 **INFECTION**

Chairmen: **S. Hofmann** (Austria), **A. Trampuz** (Germany)

Case challenge diagnosis

A. Trampuz (Germany)

Infection diagnosis - a European perspective

C.L. Romano (Italy)

New diagnostic tools for biofilm infection

A. Trampuz (Germany)

Management early wound healing complications

J. Verhaar (The Netherlands)

Discussion

A. Trampuz (Germany)

Case challenge therapy

S. Hofmann (Austria)

Debridement & PE change - the early chance

R.S.J. Burnett (Canada)

Single stage - an attractive alternative

H. Winkler (Austria)

Two stage still for all patients?

A. Hanssen (USA)

Discussion

S. Hofmann (Austria)

19.00 **EKA - General Assembly**

20.00 **(EKA Members only)**

Friday, 5 April 2013

Auditorium

7.30 SESSION 9**8.30 ICL REVISION TKA - 10 BASIC PRINCIPLES**Chairman: **G. Van Hellemond** (The Netherlands)

Failure analysis + patient selection

C. Zorzi (Italy)

Planning + excluding infection

P. Ritschl (Austria)

Approach / implant removal + 3 steps technique

F. Giron (Italy)

Dealing with bone defects + implant fixation

J.F. Salreta (Portugal)

Diaphyseal fixation with straight and offset stem extensions

M. Innocenti (Italy)

Level of constraint + extensor mechanism

S. Zaffagnini (Italy)**8.30 SESSION 10****10.00 CURRENT CONTROVERSIES IN REVISION TKA**Chairman: **A. Baldini** (Italy)**Which is the best stem extension for revision?**

Cemented vs

T. Fehring (USA)

Cementless

A. Franz (Germany)**Filling the defect. Metaphyseal solutions**

Sleeves vs

C.C. Castelli (Italy)

Tantalum cones

G. Scuderi (USA)**The best spacer for the infected TKA**

In favour of static vs

T. Pfitzner (Germany)

In favour of mobile

A. Schiavone Panni (Italy)**Exposure for revision TKA: how do you set your threshold for a TTO?**

Pretty high vs

A. Porteous (United Kingdom)

Very low

S. Romagnoli (Italy)**Use of hinges in revision total knee**

As less as possible vs

F. Catani (Italy)

More useful than you think

S. Fuchs-Winkelmann (Germany)**10.00** Coffee break**11.00** **INDUSTRY WORKSHOPS** (Room 9, Room 101, Room Verde)

Friday, 5 April 2013

Auditorium

11.00 SESSION 11

12.30 VIDEO PEARLS - REVISION TKA

Chairman: **A. Wymenga** (The Netherlands)

Ligament balancing and constraint choice in revision TKA

J. Bellemans (Belgium)

Enhanced metaphyseal fixation in revision TKA

F. Benazzo (Italy)

Implant removal and antibiotic-loaded cemented spacer preparation for infected TKA

C. Perka (Germany)

Diaphyseal preparation and fixation with stem extensions

T. Fehring (USA)

Dealing with a large flexion gap

G. Van Hellemond (The Netherlands)

How to treat a damaged patella in revision TKA

P. Chapman-Sheath (United Kingdom)

12.30 SESSION 12

13.30 CASE CHALLENGE - REVISION TKA

Chairman: **P. Adravanti** (Italy)

Skin problems in revision TKA - **P. Massin** (France)

Aseptic loosening with bone loss - **T. Fehring** (USA)

Revision TKA with associated extra-articular deformity - **J.-L. Briard** (France)

Dealing with patellar bone loss - **F. Montserrat** (Spain)

Management of bilateral TKA infection - **R.S.J. Burnett** (Canada)

13.30 Farewell snack

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Auditorium



12.30 **INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM SMITH&NEPHEW**

14.00 **THE ALGORITHM FOR THE REVISION KNEE**

Chairman: **A. Franz** (Germany)

Welcome

A. Franz (Germany)

How the revision knee scenario has changed in the past 10 years

A. Porteous (United Kingdom)

Step-by-step for a successful revision - The Pellenberg experience

H. Vandenneucker (Belgium)

2-5 years results after the Legion CCK TKA

G. Van Hellemond (The Netherlands)

From theory to practice: case discussion

A. Franz (Germany), **C. Zorzi** (Italy), **D.J. Mayman** (USA)

Take home messages and conclusion

A. Franz (Germany)

Room 9

12.30 **INDUSTRY WORKSHOP BIOMET**

14.00 **PROVEN TECHNOLOGIES MEETS FUTURE
PATIENT SOLUTIONS**

Chairman: **J. Bellemans** (Belgium)

The Lateral Mobile Bearing Uni

J. Victor (Belgium)

Current treatment options for the Oxford partial knee

C. Dodd (United Kingdom)

State of the art in revision knee surgery using patient specific guides

N. Kort (The Netherlands)

Perfect surgery without pain management leads to unhappy patients

E. Thienpont (Belgium)

Q & A session



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Room 101



13.00 **INDUSTRY WORKSHOP STRYKER**
14.00 **EARLY FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES WITH TRIATHLON TKA USING SHAPEMATCH® TECHNOLOGY SHAPEMATCH® TECHNOLOGY WITH KINEMATIC ALIGNMENT**

Alignment distribution following ShapeMatch® TKA
H. Windhagen (Germany)

Early patient outcomes following ShapeMatch® TKA
A. Toms (United Kingdom)

Functional analysis following ShapeMatch® TKA
F. Catani (Italy)

Auditorium

16.30 **INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM DEPUY SYNTHES**
17.15 **ARE ALL YOUR TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT PATIENTS REALLY HAPPY?**



Chairman: **P. James** (United Kingdom), **R. Spencer-Jones** (United Kingdom)

Introduction
P. James (United Kingdom)

Tibiofemoral kinematics
C. Perka (Germany)

Sizing and positioning
C.C. Castelli (Italy)

Patellofemoral kinematics
D. Barrett (United Kingdom)

Wrap up and Q & A
R. Spencer-Jones (United Kingdom)

Closing remarks

Thursday, 4 April 2013

Room 101

16.30 **INDUSTRY WORKSHOP B.BRAUN AESCULAP**
17.30 **POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE YOUR OUTCOMES IN TKA**

B | BRAUN
SHARING EXPERTISE

Significant cost reduction through smart set organisation in TKA
D. Lazovic (Germany)

Technologies helping you to individualize patient's arthroplasty treatment
T. Pfitzner (Germany)

Wear in TKA: it's not about the poly - metal matters!
C. Schinkel (Germany)



Friday, 5 April 2013

Room 9

10.00 **INDUSTRY WORKSHOP BIOMET**
11.00 **PROVEN TECHNOLOGIES MEETS FUTURE
 PATIENT SOLUTIONS**
 Chairman: **G. Peersman** (Belgium)



Vanguard 360 revision: a next generation revision knee system
M. Clarius (Germany)

How to make a TKA revision reproducible: case presentations!
B. Stuyts (Belgium)

State of the art in treatment of the infected TKA
K. Defoort (The Netherlands)

Q&A session

Room 101

10.00 **INDUSTRY WORKSHOP CONVATEC**
11.00 **SURGICAL SITE INFECTION IN TOTAL HIP
 & KNEE ARTHROPLASTY**



Introduction
J.-N. Argenson (France)

Incidence and burden of disease
J.-N. Argenson (France)

Risk factors for infection in total joint arthroplasty
A. Baldini (Italy)

Wound dressings in arthroplasty: a new era has arrived
E. Thienpont (Belgium)

Panel discussion
J.-N. Argenson (France)
A. Baldini (Italy)
E. Thienpont (Belgium)

Friday, 5 April 2013

Room Verde

10.00 **INDUSTRY WORKSHOP DEPUY SYNTHES**

11.00 **REVISION MADE EASY**



- Case studies
- Challenges
- Discussions
- Techniques

Moderator:

C.C. Castelli (Italy)

C. Perka (Germany)

P. James (United Kingdom)

R. Spencer-Jones (United Kingdom)



General Information

Congress Venue

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The Congress venue is located in the centre of Florence at walking distance from the main attractions and the central railway station "Santa Maria Novella".

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The Registration desk on site is open with the following time schedule:

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| Wednesday, 3 April | 8.00-18.00 |
| Thursday, 4 April | 7.00-19.00 |
| Friday, 5 April | 7.00-13.30 |

Registration Fees

| FEES (VAT included) | On-Site Registration |
|--|----------------------|
| EKA Member | € 350,00 |
| ESSKA Member | € 400,00 |
| Non Member | € 470,00 |
| Resident in training <i>Copy of course certificate or chief letter is necessary</i> | € 200,00 |
| Accompanying person | € 110,00 |
| Exhibitor and Industry non-exhibiting | € 300,00 |

General Information

Delegate and Resident in training registration includes

- Attendance to the scientific sessions
- Congress kit including name badge and certificate of attendance
- Congress programme
- Take Home Message book
- Welcome reception
- Coffee breaks

Exhibitor and Industry non-exhibiting registration includes

- Attendance to the scientific sessions
- Congress kit including name badge and certificate of attendance
- Congress programme
- Welcome reception
- Coffee breaks

Accompanying person fee includes

- Welcome reception
- One half day guided tour of Florence on 3 April afternoon

Accompanying person fee does not give access to scientific sessions

Badge

Each participant receives a name badge upon check-in at the Registration desk. The badge is the official Congress pass and must be worn at all times.

Badges are colour-coded as follows:

Gold - EKA Board Member

Blue - Faculty Member

Transparent - Participant

Yellow - Industry Member

Certificate of Attendance

Regularly registered participants receive a certificate of attendance included in the registration kit.

Catering Facilities

Coffee breaks are included in the registration fee and offered in the exhibition area according to the scientific programme time schedule.

During lunch and breaks participants have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and lunch boxes offered by the industries.

The Congress venue is located downtown Florence with plenty of restaurants and snack bars close by.

General Information

Cloakroom

A cloakroom is available for participants in the basement floor close to the exhibition area and the lecture hall (Auditorium).

Commercial Exhibition - Technology Points

The technical exhibition area is located in the basement of Congress venue adjacent to the lecture hall (Auditorium) to maximize interaction between participants and sponsors.

The commercial exhibition is open with the following time schedule:

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Florence Information Desk

You may collect useful information and leaflets on Florence at this dedicated desk located in the Congress venue near to the Secretariat area.

Insurance

The Congress Organizers do not assume any liability for personal injuries sustained or loss of, or damage to, property belonging to delegates (or their accompanying persons), either during or as result of the Congress. Participants are recommended to make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

Internet

WiFi is available in the Congress venue - access code for participants: **EKA2013**.

In addition, workstations with Internet connection are located near to the Secretariat desk and available during the Congress opening hours.

Participants are kindly requested to limit the use of Internet workstations to maximum 10 minutes to allow other delegates to benefit from this service.

App EKA 2013

Scientific Programme and Interactive Tools - iPhone/iPad, IOS, Android and Web App

It is possible to download from App Store, Play Store and Web App www.tuttocongressi.it/webapp/EKA2013 the application **EKA 2013** containing the scientific programme, an interactive agenda of the Congress, the real time recorded sessions, the congress maps and much more.

Language

The official language of the Congress is English, simultaneous translation is provided in the Auditorium (lecture hall) from English to Italian only.

General Information

Lost & Found

Lost & Found items can be recovered at the cloakroom.

Medical Care

Participants in need of medical treatment should contact the Registration desk for assistance.

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones in the Auditorium (lecture hall) and the other meeting rooms is prohibited. Participants are kindly requested to keep the mobile phones turned off during the scientific sessions.

No-Smoking Policy

For the comfort and health of all participants, smoking is strictly prohibited in the building. In accordance with the Italian regulations this Congress follows a strict no-smoking policy. Participants are kindly requested to refrain from smoking in any area within the Congress venue.

Press Office

A dedicated room with Internet and IT facilities is available for journalists at the ground floor.

Opening Ceremony

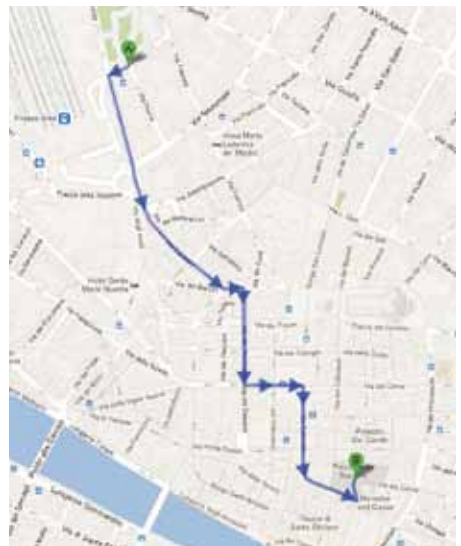
Palazzo Vecchio, Salone dei Cinquecento

Piazza della Signoria, 1

Wednesday, April 3, 18.30-20.00

The Opening Ceremony of the Congress starts at 18.30 in the majestic room Salone dei Cinquecento within Florence town hall. Participation is included in the Congress registration fee and it is strictly recommended to wear the name badge to gain access in the Salone dei Cinquecento. Palazzo Vecchio is about ten minutes walking distance from the Congress venue.

Dress code: semi formal.



Scientific Information

Interactive Sessions

An additional goal of the Congress is the interaction between delegates and faculties during the scientific sessions. The use of electronic voting devices and the sms instant message sending system directly to the number shown on the screen (individual charge according to delegates' phone tariffs) guarantees an active participation with case challenges, voting for key questions and feedback on controversial topics during discussions.

Residents' Workshop: EKA-BCPE Sessions Review

Registered residents and fellows in arthroplasty are invited to attend these two workshops focusing on critical analysis of the BCPE sessions. The discussions will focus on the content and techniques used to prepare slideshow presentations from the BCPE and organizing the BCPE session summaries for publication on the EKA website or KSSTA journal.

Scheduled Sessions - Room 106 (first floor): 3 April 11.00-12.30, 4 April 7.15-8.00

Tutor: Dr. Siegfried Hofmann (Education/ICJR-Europe)

Speakers' Slide Preview Room

A speaker's ready room is located at the main entrance of the Congress venue - ground floor. A computerized slide centre system manages all the presentations contained in the scientific programme through a central network. The slide preview room is available for speakers to deliver their PowerPoint presentations with the following timetable:

Wednesday, 3 April 9.30-18.00

Thursday, 4 April 7.30-19.00

Friday, 5 April 7.00-13.30

Only computer projection is available. It is not possible to directly use personal laptops at the podium. PowerPoint presentations (Windows or Apple) on USB pens, memory sticks or personal laptops must be delivered to the slide centre at least one hour before the beginning of the session or the day before in case of early morning presentations.

This timing allows a smooth uploading of all presentations to the central computerized network and a swift transmission to the assigned meeting rooms.

Staff members at the slide centre are also available to help those speakers wishing to rehearse their presentations.

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Please send your email request to: **florence2013@europeankneeassociates.eu** after the Congress and no later than 5 May 2013 to receive your personal CME-UEMS certificate.

Useful Information

City of Florence

Florence is one of the most beloved cities in the world, an open sky museum famous worldwide. In the fifteenth-century Florence, a self-governed, independent city-state with a population of 60.000, became with its writers, painters, architects, and philosophers the cradle of Renaissance culture; Renaissance shifted mankind into the centre of the known cosmos and man became its measure.

Florence Information Desk

You may collect useful information and leaflets on Florence at this dedicated desk located in the Congress venue near to the Secretariat area.

Weather

The weather in April is usually mild and pleasant in Florence even if occasional showers can occur. The average temperature is 15°-22 °C.

Transportation to the Congress venue

From Florence "A. Vespucci" airport: A bus connection (Volainbus) is operating from the airport to the city centre (main station) every 20-25 minutes.

From the "Santa Maria Novella" train station: The Congress venue is located just in front of the main railway station at 2 minute walking distance.

Taxis: Taxis in Florence can be ordered by telephone (055 4242 or 055 4390) or found at the official taxi stands. It is prohibited to stop taxis on the road.

Bus: Florence has a comprehensive network of local bus routes. Most of them stop at the main railway station and therefore near to the Congress venue. Bus tickets can be purchased at most coffee bars and kiosks. Fare is € 1,20 multiple trips, valid up to 90 minutes. Tickets valid for 3 or 7 days are also available, at the fare of € 12,00 and € 18,00 respectively. A limited number of free-charge bus tickets is available for registered participants at the Travel Agency desk located in the Secretariat area upon request.

Car Parking

There are several paying parking areas around the Congress venue. Please contact the Secretariat for information.

Useful Telephone Numbers in Florence

Medical emergency 118

Fire emergency 115

Police 113

Taxi call 055 4242 or 4390

Florence airport - information 055 3061300

Florence airport - lost luggage 055 3061302

For international calls from Italy 00 + country code + number

For international calls to Italy +39 + city code + number

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