Program

Venue:

The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics
Nicosia, Cyprus

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 2008

09:00	Welcome: Introduction to the Second European Symposium on Rare Anaemias *Marina Kleanthous*
09:15	ENERCA presentation *Joan Lluis Vives Corrrons*
	Session 1: Current Progress in Prenatal and Neonatal Diagnosis of Haemoglobinopathies
09:30	Prenatal diagnosis for thalassaemia and other haemoglobinopathies. New approaches *Marina Kleanthous (Cyprus)*
10:00	Preimplantation genetic diagnosis therapy in beta-thalassemia and other haemoglobinopathies *Mireille Claustres (France)*
10:30	Neonatal screening for sickle cell anaemia and other haemoglobinopathies in Europe *Béatrice Gulbis (Belgium)*
11:00	Genetic Counselling on Haemoglobinopathies. New Challenges. *Patricia Aguilar Martinez (France)*
11:30	*Coffee break*
	Session 2: Iron overload and chelation therapy
12:00	Advances in iron metabolism *Clara Camaschella (Italy)*
12:30	Updating iron chelation therapy in thalassaemia *Maria Domenica Cappellini (Italy)*
13:00	Chelation Therapy in Thalassaemia. The Cyprus experience *Soteroula Christou (Cyprus)*
13:30	*Lunch*

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Session 3:
Treatment of haemoglobinopathies. Current situation

15:00	Transfusion therapy *Antonio Piga (Italy)*
15:30	Stem cell transplantation *Franco Locatelli (Italy)*
16:00	2 selected oral presentations
16:30	*Coffee break*
17.00	Patients Associations in the prevention of Thalassaemias and other haemoglobinopathies *Androulla Eleftheriou - TIF Representative*

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 2008

Session 4:
Red blood cell hereditary disorders

09:00 General approach for the identification and diagnosis of hereditary RBC membrane defects
Leticia Ribeiro (Portugal)

09:30 Stomatocytosis and allied disorders. An update
Jean Delaunay (France)

10:00 RBC enzyme defects. New challenges
Joan LLuis Vives Corrons (Spain)

10:30 Standards for laboratory diagnosis of rare anaemias
Andrea Mosca (Italy)

11:00 *Coffee break*

Session 5:
Very rare anaemias

11:30 Anaemia and porphyria
Carole Beaumont (France)

12:00 New inherited microcytic hypochromic anaemias
Achille Iolascon (Italy)

12:30 Congenital Dyserythropoietic Anaemias. Diagnosis and therapy.
Hermann Heimpel (Germany)

13:00 *Lunch*

Session 6 :
Free Communications Session

14:30 - 15:30 Oral presentation of the six top quality selected posters

15:30 Sideroblastic anaemias
Mario Cazzola (Italy)