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Dear colleagues and friends,

Thank you for being here in Rome on the occasion of the XXVIIth International Workshop on Helicobacter and Microbiota in Inflammation and Cancer.

14 years after the 2000’s event we are back in the eternal city to learn all the scientific discoveries on the role of Helicobacter in inflammatory and neoplastic diseases. This meeting will focus in particular on the role of Helicobacter and other components of the microbiota in health and pathological conditions. In fact, the therapeutic opportunities determined by gut microbiota modulation are among the most challenging areas of interest not only for gastroenterology but for all medicine and the incredible novelties presented in the EAGEN postgraduate course on microbiota transplantation that preceded the EHSG meeting are a perfect example of this.

In these 3 days, new epidemiological aspects, novel pathogenic mechanisms of the host-helicobacter interaction and updated diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines will be covered by the world’s leading scientists.

Thank you for being here, my friends, I hope that you can have a fantastic and fruitful EHSG meeting and enjoy the magic of Rome, an ancient romantic city projected into the future, ready to show you all its beauties.

Welcome to Rome!
Benvenuti a Roma!

Giovanni Gasbarrini
President of the European Helicobacter Study Group

AWARDEES OF THE MARSHALL & WARREN MEDAL

2014  Manfred Kist, Freiburg, Germany
2013  Masahiro Asaka, Sapporo, Japan
2012  Richard Hunt, Hamilton, ON, Canada
2011  Samy Cadranel, Brussels, Belgium
2010  Reinhold W. Stockbrügger, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2009  Pelayo Correa, Nashville, TN, United States
2008  Timo Kosunen, Helsinki, Finland
2007  Mike Dixon, Leeds, United Kingdom
2006  Barry Marshall, Perth, Australia & Stanislav Konturek, Cracow, Poland
PATRONAGE

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The President of the Italian Republic

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF:

- Italian Ministry on Health
- Roma Capitale
- Sige Italian Society of Gastroenterology

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Workshops of the EHSG

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- Ulm (1989)
- Toledo (1990)
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- Dublin (1992)
- Brussels (1993)
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- Copenhagen (1996)
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- Istanbul (2007)
- Riga (2008)
- Porto (2009)
- Rotterdam (2010)
- Dublin (2011)
- Ljubljana (2012)
- Madrid (2013)
- Rome (2014)

Next Workshop: Nicosia, Cyprus, September 24-26, 2015
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LOCATION MAP

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Gastritis in preneoplastic evolution, Maria Varbanova, Magdeburg, Germany
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*Auditorium*

Kyoto Consensus on gastritis, Ken Sugano, Japan

10.30–11.00 hrs
Coffee break

11.00–12.30 hrs
Parallel Workshops 1 – 2

W1 Microbiology
*Sala Italia*

W2 Therapy
*Auditorium*

12.30 – 13.30 hrs
Company Sponsored Symposium
*Auditorium*

13.30–14.30 hrs
Lunch

13.30–14.30 hrs
Poster Rounds

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16.00–16.30 hrs
Coffee break

16.30–18.00 hrs
Parallel Workshops 3 – 4

W3 Epidemiology and Paediatrics
*Auditorium*

W4 Pathology
*Sala Italia*

20.00 hrs
EHSG Networking Dinner
(Ticket required - event is sold out)
PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Saturday, September 13, 2014

08.30–10.00 hrs

Symposium: Extragastric manifestations of *H. pylori* infection - Association or causation?

*Auditorium*

Cardiovascular diseases, *Francesco Franceschi*, Rome, Italy
Hematology, *Bruno Annibale*, Rome, Italy
Nutrition, obesity and metabolism, *Antonio Gasbarrini*, Rome, Italy

10.00 – 10.30 hrs

State of the Art Lecture

*Auditorium*


10.30–11.00 hrs

Coffee break

11.00–12.30 hrs

Parallel Workshops 5 – 6

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Symposium: Prevention of gastric cancer by *H. pylori* eradication

*Auditorium*

Report of the IARC Working Group Meeting on *H. pylori* eradication for gastric cancer prevention, *R. Herrero*, Lyon, France
Cost-effectiveness of test and treat strategy for gastric cancer prevention, *Paul Moayeddi*, Hamilton, ON, Canada
Prevention of gastric cancer besides *H. pylori* eradication in Korea, *Soo Heon Park*, Seoul, Korea

16.00–16.30 hrs

Coffee break

16.30–18.00 hrs

Symposium: Best *H. pylori* eradicating schemes

*Auditorium*

Back to the future: Bismuth, *David Graham*, Houston, TX, USA
Non-bismuth quadruple therapies, *Javier P. Gisbert*, Madrid, Spain
Personalised treatment, *Takahisa Furuta*, Hamamatsu, Japan
Back from the future: Vaccine, *Antonello Covacci*, Siena, Italy

18.00–18.30 hrs

Awarding of the Marshall and Warren Medal

Presentation of the next meeting Nicosia, Cyprus
Closing remarks

*Auditorium*

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**Kyoto Consensus on gastritis**
Ken Sugano, Japan

10.30 – 11.00 hrs  Coffee break
W1.1 MethyloMe dynamics in *H. pylori*
I. Kobayashi;
University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.

W1.2 Where did the Helicobacter pylori prophages came from?
F. F. Vale¹,², J. Vadivelu³, S. Indran⁴, F. Mégraud¹,², P. Lehours¹,²;
¹Université de Bordeaux, Laboratoire de Bactériologie, Bordeaux, France, ²INSERM U853, Bordeaux, France, ³UM Marshall Centre and Dept of Medical Microbiology, University of Malaya, Lembah Pantai, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, ⁴UM Marshall Centre and Dept of Medical Microbiology, University of Malaya, Lembah Pantai, Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

W1.3 Comparative genome analysis of two Helicobacter pylori strains isolated from the same patient
V. G. Zhukhovitsky¹, A. V. Mardanov², A. V. Beletsky², N. V. Ravin³;
¹Botkin Hospital, Moscow, Russian Federation, ²Bioengineering” Centre of the Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, Russian Federation.

W1.4 miR-155 expression in Helicobacter pylori infected gastric mucosa
W. Schirrmeister¹, C. Langner¹, T. Wex², A. Link¹, P. Malfertheiner¹;
¹Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Infectious Diseases, Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, Magdeburg, Germany, ²Medical Laboratory for Clinical Chemistry, Microbiology, and Infectious Diseases, Department Molecular Genetics, Magdeburg, Germany.

W1.5 Proton pump inhibitors alter gastric microbiota composition in subjects with upper gastrointestinal symptoms: preliminary metagenomics analysis
F. Paroni¹, G. Cammarota², F. Bugli², S. Bibbo², G. Ianiro¹, M. Iacono⁴, E. D. Capoluongo³, F. Scaldaferrì³, A. Gasbarrini³, M. Sanguinetti³, L. Masucci³;
¹Institute of Microbiology. Catholic University School of Medicine, Rome, Italy, ²Division of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, Catholic University School of Medicine, Rome, Italy, ³Institute of Microbiology. Catholic University School of Medicine, Rome, Italy, ⁴Roche Diagnostics, Rome, Italy, ³Laboratory of Clinical Molecular Biology, Catholic University School of Medicine, Rome, Italy, ⁴Institute of Microbiology, Catholic University School of Medicine, Rome, Italy.

W1.6 High prevalence of multi-drug resistance in *H. pylori* isolates from 1001 naïve patients
V. Castelli¹, N. Vakil², G. Fiorini¹, I. Saracino¹, C. Zaccaro¹, C. Ricci², A. Zullo², L. Gatta², B. Vaira³;
¹Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences, Bologna, Italy, ²School of Medicine & Public Health, University of Wisconsin, WI, United States, ³Gastroenterology Unit, University of Brescia, Brescia, Italy, ⁴Department of Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy, “Nuovo Regina Margherita” Hospital, Italy, ³Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy Unit, Versilia Hospital., Lido di Camaiore, Italy.
11.00 – 12.30 hrs  Workshop 2. Therapy  
Room:  Auditorium  
Chair:  C. O’Morain, Ireland  
D. Vaira, Italy  
Speaking time:  12'+3'  

W2.1  Pan-European Registry on *H. pylori* Management (Hp-EuReg): Interim Analysis of 5,792 Patients  
1Hospital de la Princesa, IP and CIBEREHD, Madrid, Spain, 2U. Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy, 3AM DC Rogaska, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 4Central Hospital, Østfold, Norway, 5Clinical Sc. Centre, Moscow, Russian Federation, 6Medical University, Kyiv, Ukraine, 7Hospital Henry Dunant, Athens, Greece, 8U. of Health Sciences, Kaunas, Lithuania, 9University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, 10Clinical Hospital, Zagreb, Croatia, 11IPATIMUP, Porto, Portugal, 12Medical University of Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria, 13Medical C. Postgraduate Education, Warsaw, Poland, 14Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, Turkey, 15Ferencvaros Health Centre, Budapest, Hungary, 16University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom, 17University Hospital Basel, Basel, Switzerland, 18Kege University Hospital, Kege, Denmark, 19CHU Charleroi, Charleroi, Belgium, 20CECH Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania, 21Erasmus Medisch Centrum, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 22Herttoniemi Hospital, Helsinki, Finland, 23Hôpital Pellegrin, Bordeaux, France, 24Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.  

W2.2  A newly developed potassium-competitive acid blocker, Vonoprazan vs. Lansoprazole in First-Line Triple Therapy with Amoxicillin, and Clarithromycin for *H. pylori* Eradication - Phase 3, Double-Blind Study  
K. Murakami1, Y. Sakurai2, M. Shiino2, N. Funao2, A. Nishimura2, M. Asaka1;  
1Department of Gastroenterology Faculty of Medicine, Oita University, Oita, Japan, 2Takeda Pharmaceutical Company, Ltd., Osaka, Japan, 3Department of Cancer Preventive Medicine, Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine, Hokkaido, Japan.  

W2.3  A network meta-analysis of first-line *H. pylori* eradication regimens  
A. G. McNicholl1, F. Catalá-Lopez2, A. Tobias3, J. P. Gisbert1;  
1Hospital de La Princesa, IP and CIBEREhd, Madrid, Spain, 2Spanish Agency for Medicines and Health Products (AEMPS), Madrid, Spain, 3Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Madrid, Spain.  

W2.4  A randomised study comparing 10 days concomitant and sequential treatments for the eradication of *Helicobacter pylori*, in a high clarithromycin resistance area  
1Athens Medical, P. Faliron Hospital, P. Faliro, Athens, Greece, 2Alexandra General Hospital, Athens, Greece, 3Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Athens, Greece, 4Central Clinic of Athens, Athens, Greece, 5Athens Medical Amaroussion Hospital, Athens, Greece, 6Metropolitan Hospital, N. Faliro, Athens, Greece.  

W2.5  Tailored versus bismuth quadruple versus concomitant therapy for the first-line treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* in Chinese patients: a multicentre, open-label, randomized control trial  
L. Zhou1, Z. Song1, J. Zhang2, J. Qian1, Y. Li1, P. Bai1, Y. Wang1, Y. Xue1;  
1Peking University Third Hospital, Beijing, China, 2National Institute for Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing, China, 3Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Beijing, China, 4Qilu Hospital of Shandong University, Jinan, China.  

W2.6  Triple therapy, sequential therapy, and concomitant therapy for *Helicobacter pylori* infection in Korea: a multicenter, randomized controlled trial  
J. Kim1, J. Kim1, B. Kim1, H. Kim1, B. Bang2, C. Kim2, T. Kim1, S. Hong4, J. Han4;  
1The Catholic University of Korea, Incheon, Korea, 2Imha University, Incheon, Korea, 3The Catholic University of Korea, Bucheon, Korea, 4SoonChunHyang University, Bucheon, Korea.
Room: Auditorium

13.30 – 14.30 hrs  Poster Rounds
The following posters will be discussed with the authors

Group 1:
1. Microbiology
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Chairs:
P01.01 - P01.11: A. Covacci, Italy
A. Link, Germany
P03.01 - P03.14: A. Covacci, Italy
A. Link, Germany
P02.01 - P02.18: M. Genuardi, Italy
M. Hatakeyama, Japan
P13.01 - P13.29: T. Furuta, Japan
V. Ojetti, Italy

Group 2:
11. Clinical trials and novel treatments
15. Probiotics

Chairs:
P11.01 - P11.23: F. Bazzoli, Italy
M. P. Dore, Italy
P11.24 - P11.47: G. Potamitis, Cyprus
F. Franceschi, Italy
P11.48 - P11.60 & B. Tepes, Slovenia
P15.01 - P15.06: A. Franzè, Italy
PROGRAMME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

14.30 – 16.00 hrs  Symposium: Host-bacterial interactions
Room: Auditorium
Chair: S. Suerbaum, Germany
M. Romano, Italy
Speaking Time: 17’+3’

- Human and \textit{H. pylori} interaction in gastric carcinogenesis
  \textit{Keith Wilson, Nashville, TN, USA}

- Role of Helicobacter-gammaGT in gastric pathogenesis
  \textit{Bram Flahou, Gent, Belgium}

- \textit{H. pylori} and gastric mucosa re-programming
  \textit{Masanori Hatakeyama, Tokyo, Japan}

- Gastric mucosa modeling factors in \textit{H. pylori} infection
  \textit{Jan Bornschein, Magdeburg, Germany}

16.00 – 16.30 hrs  Coffee break
16.30 – 18.00 hrs  Workshop 3. Epidemiology and Paediatrics  
**Room:** Auditorium

**Chair:** T. Rokkas, Greece  
M. Zagari, Italy

**Speaking Time:** 12’+3’

**W3.1** Antimicrobial Resistance of *Helicobacter pylori* Isolates in Alaska Native Persons from 2000-2013: Results from the Alaska Sentinel Surveillance Project  
M. G. Bruce¹, J. Morris², D. Bruden³, A. Reasonover⁴, D. Hurlburt⁵, B. McMahon⁶;  
¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anchorage, AK, United States, ²Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, AK, United States.

**W3.2** The prevalence of *Helicobacter pylori* remains high in African-American and Hispanic veterans  
T. H. Nguyen¹, D. Ramsey⁴, Y. Graham¹,², S. Shiota¹,⁴, Y. Shaib¹,⁴, M. Velez¹,⁴, R. Cole¹,⁴, B. Anand¹,⁴, M. Vela¹, H. B. El-Serag¹,²;  
¹Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, United States, ²Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety, Michael E. DeBakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Houston, TX, United States, ³Departments of Medicine and Microbiology and Virology, Michael E. DeBakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Houston, TX, United States, ⁴Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Houston, TX, United States.

**W3.3** *H. pylori* infection rate is higher between the third and the fifth decade of life in patients from less-industrialized countries: a good opportunity for gastric cancer prevention?  
F. Mangiola¹, F. Del Zompo¹, G. Vanella¹, G. D’Angelo¹, D. Feliciani¹, F. Beghella Bartoli¹, V. Tesori¹, T. A. Di Rienzo¹, L. R. Lopetuso¹, A. Tortora¹, M. C. Campanale¹, F. Scaldaferrari¹, M. Candelli¹, M. Gabrielli¹, V. Ojetti¹, E. Gaetani¹, G. B. Gasbarrini², A. Gasbarrini¹, F. Franceschiª;  
¹Policlinico A. Gemelli, Rome, Italy, ²Fondazione Ricerca in Medicina, Bologna, Italy.

**W3.4** *H. pylori* infection with CagA-positive strains is associated with anaemia in infants and toddlers  
D. M. M. Queiroz¹, L. L. C. Braga²,², S. L. Perry³, A. M. C. Rocha¹, G. A. Rocha¹, J. E. Crabtree³;  
¹Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais/Faculdade de Medicina, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, ²Universidade Federal do Ceará, Fortaleza, Brazil, ³Leeds Institute of Molecular Medicine/University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom.

**W3.5** Evolution of *Helicobacter pylori* associated gastro-duodenal ulcers or erosions over the last 23 years: decline or steady state?  
M. Burgard¹, K. Kottleia¹, J. Mekhail¹, Y. Miendje-Deyi², C. De Prez³, J. Vanderpas³, S. Cadranel³, P. Bontems¹;  
¹Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hôpital Universitaire des Enfants Reine Fabiola, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, ²Microbiology department, University Hospital Brugmann, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, ³Pathology department, University Hospital Brugmann, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, ⁴Scientific Institute of Public Health, Brussels, Belgium.

**W3.6** Gas production during lactulose breath test is associated with *Helicobacter pylori* infection  
Department of Internal Medicine, Policlinico A. Gemelli, Rome, Italy.

20.00 hrs  EHSG Networking Dinner  (Ticket required - Event sold out)

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16.30 – 18.00 hrs  Workshop 4. Pathology  
**Room:** Sala Italia  
Chair: K. Wilson, United States  
M. Rugge, Italy  
Speaking Time:  12'+3'  

**W4.1** Inflammatory response in neonatal thymectomized BALB/c mice infected by *Helicobacter pylori* strains.  
A. Laur¹, D. Chrisment¹, V. Korolik², P. Floch¹, L. Chambonnier¹, L. Benejat¹, X. Gauthereau³, A. Giese⁴, D. Capellen⁴, Y. Idrissi⁴, P. Dubus¹, A. Bandeira⁵, F. Mégraud¹, P. Lehours¹;  
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**W4.2** *Helicobacter pylori* activates C-type lectin, Mincl: yet another survival strategy?  
S. Devi, N. Ahmed;  
Pathogen Biology Laboratory, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India.

**W4.3** *Helicobacter pylori* growth is associated with altered iron homeostasis in AGS cells  
S. E. Flores, A. S. Day, J. I. Keenan;  
University of Otago, Christchurch, New Zealand.

**W4.4** Role of CagA-positive strains of *H. pylori* in acute myocardial infarction with ST-segment elevation  
Catholic University of Rome, Rome, Italy.

**W4.5** Primary Gastric Lymphoma Detected by Screening Upper Endoscopy in High Prevalence Area of *Helicobacter pylori* Infection  
H. Yang¹, C. Lee³, L. Seon Hee⁵, J. Yang⁵, S. Kang⁵, M. Park³, S. Chung⁵, J. Im¹, S. Kim¹, J. Kim¹;  
¹Department of Internal Medicine and Liver Research Institute, Seoul National University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea, ²Seoul National University Hospital Healthcare System, Seoul National University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea.

**W4.6** Serum pepsinogens for detection of fundic gastric atrophy in subjects with autoimmune thyroid disease  
M. Venerito, M. Radünz, K. Reschke, P. Mertens, F. Di Mario, P. Malferttheiner;  
Otto-von-Guericke University, Magdeburg, Germany.

20.00 hrs  
**EHSG Networking Dinner** (Ticket required - Event sold out)
08.30 – 10.00 hrs  Symposium: Extragastric manifestations of H. pylori infection - Association or causation?
Room:  Auditorium
Chair:  G. Cammarota, Italy
R. Landolfi, Italy
Speaking Time:  17’+3’
Cardiovascular diseases
Francesco Franceschi, Rome, Italy
Hematology
Bruno Annibale, Rome, Italy
Nutrition, obesity and metabolism
Antonio Gasbarrini, Rome, Italy
Mind Altering Microbes
Sylvia Dobbs, London, UK

10.00 – 10.30 hrs  State of the Art Lecture
Room:  Auditorium
Chair:  P. Malfertheiner, Germany
G. Gasbarrini, Italy
Speaking Time:  20’+5’
Bariatric surgery and gastrointestinal microbiota
Lars Lundell, Stockholm, Sweden

10.30 – 11.00 hrs  Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30 hrs  **Workshop 5. Gastric Cancer**  
*Room:* Auditorium

Chair:  S.H. Park, Korea  
A. Zullo, Italy

**Speaking Time:** 12′+3′

**W5.1**  
**The decreasing incidence of gastric MALT lymphoma and *Helicobacter pylori* treatment**  
**A. Savio,** C. Zambelli, R. Rodella, P. Cesari, F. Rolli, F. Zorzi;  
*Fondazione Poliambulanza,* Brescia, Italy.

**W5.2**  
**IL1B signaling leads to increased cell survival of gastric carcinoma cells**  
**C. Resende**1, G. Regalo1, C. Durães1, W. Xiaogang2, C. Figueiredo1,3, J. C. Machado1;  
1*Institute of Molecular Pathology and Immunology* of the *University* of *Porto* (IPATIMUP), Porto, Portugal,  
2*Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas Abel Salazar* (ICBAS), Porto, Portugal,  
3*Faculty of Medicine of the University of Porto*, Porto, Portugal.

**W5.3**  
**Helicobacter pylori infection and gastric mucin expression in first degree relatives of gastric cancer subjects**  
**D. Boltin,** S. Morgenstern, M. Roth, Z. Levi, Y. Niv;  
*Rabin Medical Center,* Petah Tikva, Israel.

**W5.4**  
**Pattern recognition receptors in Helicobacter pylori-related gastric cancer**  
**N. Castaño Rodríguez**1, N. Kaakoush1, G. Khean-Lee2, F. Kwong Ming3, H. Mitchell4;  
1*The University* of *New South Wales,* Sydney, Australia,  
2*University of Malaya,* Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia,  
3*Changi General Hospital,* Singapore, Singapore.

**W5.5**  
**Expression of aldehyde dehydrogenase defines cancer stem cell population in gastric carcinoma**  
**P. H. Nguyen**1,2, L. Chambonnier2, F. Mazurier2,3, P. Dubus2,4,5, G. Belleannée5, D. Collet5, I. Soubeyran6,  
S. Evrard4, N. Senant-Dugot7, F. Mégraud2, C. Varon1,2;  
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3*CHU Bordeaux,* Bordeaux, France,  
4*EA 2406,* Bordeaux, France,  
5*Institut Bergonié,* Bordeaux, France,  
6*SFR TransBioMed,* Bordeaux, France.

**W5.6**  
**The role of PTEN/FAK signaling pathways in the pathogenesis of *Helicobacter pylori*-associated gastric cancer**  
**X. Cao,** Z. Yang, N. Lu;  
*Department of Gastroenterology,* the *First Affiliated Hospital* of *Nanchang University,* Nanchang, China.
PROGRAMME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

11.00 – 12.30 hrs  Workshop 6. Extradigestive and Others
Room: Sala Italia
Chair: V. Mahachai, Thailand  F. Di Mario, Italy
Speaking time: 12'+3'

W6.1 Does *Helicobacter pylori* infection impact the course of Alzheimer’s disease? An animal study
C. Roubaud-Baudron1,2,3, L. Blaszczzyk4,5, C. Varon1,2, L. Chambonnier5,6, A. Giese2,3, P. Dubus2,3, N. Macrez2,3, S. Pietropaolo2,7, T. Leste-Lasserre2,4, P. Costet2,5, B. Rousseau2,5, Y. Cho1,2, F. Mégraud1,2, N. Salles1,2,3;
1INSERM U853, Bordeaux, France, 2Université de Bordeaux, Laboratoire de Bactériologie, Bordeaux, France, 3Pôle de gérontologie clinique, CHU de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, 4INSERM U862, Bordeaux, France, 5EA 2406, Bordeaux, France, 6CNRS, UMR 5293, Bordeaux, France, 7CNRS, UMR 5287, Bordeaux, France, 8Animalerie spécialisée, Bordeaux, France, 9Animalerie A2, Bordeaux, France.

W6.2 Diversity of the gastric microbiota in *H. suis*-infected and *H. suis*-negative slaughterhouse pigs
E. De Bruyne1, B. Taminiau2, F. Pasmans1, A. Smet1, C. De Witte1, G. Daube2, V. Delcenserie2, R. Ducatelle1, F. Haesebrouck1, B. Flahou1;
1Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ghent University, Merelbeke, Belgium, 2Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Liège, Liège, Belgium.

W6.3 Serological Association of *Helicobacter pylori* proteins and biliary tract cancer in the ATBC study
G. Murphy1, A. Michel1, P. R. Taylor1, D. Albanes1, S. J. Weinstein1, J. Virtamo1, D. Parisi1, K. Snyder1, J. Buti1, K. A. McGlynn1, J. Koshiol1, M. Pawliwa2, G. Y. Lai1, C. A. Abnet1, S. M. Dawsey1, N. D. Freedman1;
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W6.4 Influence of gastrointestinal microbiota on pathogenic potential of *Helicobacter pylori* in C57BL/6 mice
Z. Ge, Y. Feng, A. Sheh, S. Muthupalani, C. Wang, J. G. Fox;
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, United States.

W6.5 *Helicobacter pylori* and preeclampsia: role of anti-CagA antibodies on placental development
N. Di Simone1, C. Tersigni1, F. Di Nicuolo1, R. Castellani1, F. Bugli1, A. Gasbarrini1, G. Scambia1, F. Franceschi1;
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W6.6 Semen levels of interleukin-6 and tumour necrosis factor-α are increased in CagA positive *H. pylori* infection and may cause sperm alterations
E. Moretti1, G. Collodetti1, M. Campagna2, S. Gonnelli2, F. Iacoponi2, N. Figura2;
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**PROGRAMME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**12.30 – 13.30 hrs**  
Industry-Sponsored Satellite Symposium - See page 25 for more information  
*Room: Auditorium*

**13.30 – 14.30 hrs**  
Poster Rounds & Lunch

The following posters will be discussed with the authors

**Group 3:**  
4. Epidemiology and transmission  
9. Paediatric issues  
10. Diagnosis  

Chairs:  
P04.01 - P04.19: R. Herrero, France  
M. Zagari, Italy  
P09.17 - P09.08: P. de Angelis, Italy  
P. Valentini, Italy  
P10.32 - P10.32: Y. Niv, Israel  
L. Andersen, Denmark

**Group 4:**  
5. Inflammation and host response  
6. Pathology and pathophysiology  
7. Preneoplastic and neoplastic diseases

Chairs:  
P05.01 - P05.12: A. Ristimäki, Finland  
F. Bonvicini, Italy  
P06.01 - P06.05: A. Ristimäki, Finland  
S. Pretolani, Italy  
P07.01 - P07.19: V. Mahachai, Thailand  
A. Sgambato, Italy

**Group 5:**  
18. *H. pylori* and Gastric Cancer

Chairs:  
P18.01 - P18.16: P. Moayyedi, Canada  
M. Romano, Italy  
P18.17 - P18.31: M. Leja, Latvia  
M. Caselli, Italy

**Group 6:**  
8. Oesophageal and extradigestive diseases  
12. NSAIDs, COXIBs, ASA and *H. pylori* infection  
16. Other Helicobacters  
17. Hepatobiliary Diseases

Chairs:  
P08.01 - P08.12 & P12.01 - P12.02 & P14.01 - P14.03 & P16.01 - P16.08 & P17.01 - P17.02:
14.30 – 16.00 hrs  Symposium: Prevention of gastric cancer by *H. pylori* eradication  
*Auditorium*

Chair:  
A. Axon, United Kingdom  
G. Nardone, Italy

Speaking Time:  17’+3’

*Report of the IARC Working Group Meeting on H. pylori eradication for gastric cancer prevention*  
Rolando Herrero, Lyon, France

*Cost-effectiveness of test and treat strategy for gastric cancer prevention*  
Paul Moayeddi, Hamilton, ON, Canada

*Prevention of gastric cancer besides H. pylori eradication in Korea*  
Soo Heon Park, Seoul, Korea

16.00 – 16.30 hrs  Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 hrs  Symposium: Best *H. pylori* eradicating schemes  
*Auditorium*

Chair:  
K. Sugano, Japan  
F. Bazzoli, Italy

Speaking Time:  17’+3’

*Back to the future: Bismuth*  
David Graham, Houston, TX, USA

*Non-bismuth quadruple therapies*  
Javier P. Gisbert, Madrid, Spain

*Personalised treatment*  
Takahisa Furuta, Hamamatsu, Japan

*Back from the future: Vaccine*  
Antonello Covacci, Siena, Italy

18.00 – 18.30 hrs  Closing Session  
*Auditorium*

Chair:  
G. Gasbarrini, Italy  
F. Mégraud, France

*Awarding of the Marshall & Warren Medal to Manfred Kist, Freiburg, Germany*  
*Presentation of the EHSG Presentation and Poster Awards*  
*Presentation of the next meeting in Nicosia (G. Potamitis)*  
*Closing remarks*
SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, POSTER SCHEDULE

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Friday, September 12, 2014, 13.30 – 14.30 hrs


Mounting of the posters in Rounds 1 & 2 is possible on Friday, September 12, 2014 from 8.00 hrs Removal on Friday, September 12, 2014, from 16.30 hrs.

Saturday, September 13, 2014, 13.30 – 14.30 hrs


Group 4: P05. Inflammation and host response, P06. Pathology and pathophysiology, P07. Preneoplastic and neoplastic diseases

Group 5: P18. H. pylori and Gastric Cancer


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Format
The usable surface on the poster board is 90 cm width x 150 cm height (portrait format). Adhesive material will be made available.
Oral Presentations

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The chairpersons of your session will be strict in allowing no more than the time allotted to your presentation. Remember to allow some time for the changeover of speakers and chairperson's introduction, and for questions and discussion. Make yourself known to the chairpersons and/or the technician in your session room before the beginning of the session.

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Presentation Format - Technical Issues:
The lecture rooms are exclusively equipped with Windows-PCs (no Macintosh machines). Please bring a USB drive, formatted for Windows® (PC). You may want to carry a second USB-memory drive as a back-up in case there is any technical problem.
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INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

Friday, September 12, 2014
12:30 - 13:30 hrs
SANOFI Satellite Symposium: Role of Bacillus clausii in antibiotic-associated gastrointestinal side effects

Chair:
G. Daoud, Venezuela

Interactions between probiotics and H. pylori
Antonio Gasbarrini (15 min)

Antibiotic-associated diarrhea and the role of B. clausii as adjuvants in the treatment of H. pylori
Ana Tereza Abreu Y Abreu (15 min)

B. clausii in children with H. pylori infection
Georgette Daoud (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Saturday, September 13, 2014
12:30 - 13:30 hrs
ALMIRALL Satellite Symposium

Chair:
A. Gasbarrini, Italy

Abdominal Pain, Bloating and Constipation in IBS-C: three symptoms, one therapy
Matteo Neri (30 minutes)

Discussion (30 minutes)

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Largo Francesco Vito, 1
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  - n. 446 (direction Circonvallazione Cornelia - Pineta Sacchetti - Cortina d’Ampezzo - Ponte Milvio - Piazza Mancini)
  - n. 146 (direction Battistini - Pineta Sacchetti - Policlinico Gemelli)
Get off at “Pineta Sacchetti/Acqua Paola”

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Friday, September 12, 2014: 08.00 – 18.00 hrs
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The notion that Italian food essentially means Pizza, Pasta, Macaroni, Spaghetti or Meat balls is wrong, there is so much more to satisfy your appetite.

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- Try not to carry all documents, money, credit cards and other essential items and valuables in one bag. If it is lost or stolen, everything will be gone and might be difficult to replace on short notice, especially passports and visa to return to your country of residence.
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September in Rome
• Average high: 21°C / 70°F
• Average low: 15°C / 59°F
• Average rainfall: 68 mm / 2 1/2 in

The weather continues to cool down in Rome in September, although the city is still pleasantly warm. At the beginning of the month, the average temperature starts off at 23°C and slowly drops until it reaches 19°C in the final few days of the month. In September, Rome experiences ten hours of sunshine each day and a pleasantly warm average sea temperature of 24°C toward the coast. With around 68mm of rainfall spread across nine days, there is a small chance you’ll experience a shower or two. (Source: www.holiday-weather.com)
REGISTRATION DETAILS

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What is covered by the registration fee?
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- Admission to the networking mixer
- Programme
- 1 copy of “Year in Helicobacter 2014” & the abstract book
- Refreshments during coffee breaks

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NETWORKING EVENTS

Thursday, September 11, 2014, 17.30 hrs
Networking Mixer at the Catholic University, Atrio Polonia, or outside, weather permitting.

Friday, September 12, 2014, 20.00 hrs
EHSG Networking Evening in the Checco Er Carettiere - The Event is fully booked!
Price: EUR 50.–
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