



FIFTH SCIENTIFIC &
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF COLOPROCTOLOGY (ESCP)

Sorrento, Italy
22-25 September 2010

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



Pompeii with Mt Vesuvius in the background

Abstract submissions available online now at www.escp.eu.com

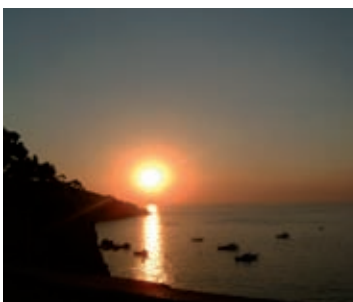
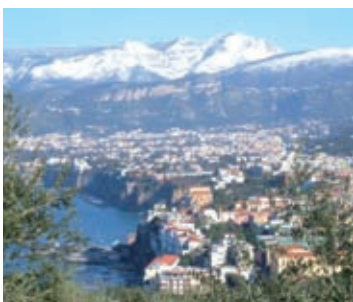
Abstract deadline date **Wednesday 12 May 2010**

Early registration deadline **Wednesday 16 June 2010**

Accommodation deadline **Wednesday 16 June 2010**

Please note EARLY DEADLINES this year!

Visit www.escp.eu.com for further information and to register on-line



Dear Colleague

We are pleased to invite you to the fifth ESCP Scientific and Annual General Meeting of the ESCP at the Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel in Sorrento, Italy. ESCP is dedicated to promoting and advancing the science, knowledge and practice of Coloproctology with high quality multidisciplinary annual clinical and scientific meetings.

Our program this year commences with a choice of pre-meeting workshops on Wednesday 22 September, the popular Core Subject Update and Anorectal & Pelvic Floor Ultrasound courses are both back, and in addition for the first time this year, there will be a Trainee Workshop on Wednesday afternoon. There will be five "State of the Art" lectures delivered by recognized experts in the field, each followed by discussion. Free Papers and Oral Poster presentations will take place in parallel sessions, so that again, all main symposia and keynote lectures are plenary which was appreciated by all at the meeting in Prague last year.

The official opening on Thursday morning will be followed by a video-surgery session using video presentations by invited presenters with interactive chairmanship and discussion from the floor. The Trials Symposium is back again, featuring submitted trial abstracts, selected on merit by the ESCP Research Committee. These abstracts too will be included in the *Colorectal Disease* supplement featuring all accepted abstracts, available at the meeting in September and online.

Symposia will cover sphincter preservation in low rectal cancer, anorectal malformations, technical advances, modern treatment of acute colitis and peritoneal carcinomatosis. As usual the meeting will also include the Six Best Papers and "Consultants' Corner".

Sorrento provides a most splendid setting in which to hold the event, as ESCP's scientific program goes from strength to strength, the level of interest in the meeting is already exceeding our expectations! We hope very much to see you there – and don't forget, book early!

Giovanni Romano
President

P. Ronan O'Connell
Secretary

Emmanuel Tiret
Program Committee

FUTURE ESCP DATES

2011	Wednesday 21 - Saturday 24 September	Valencia, Spain
2012	Wednesday 26 - Saturday 29 September	Istanbul, Turkey
2013	Wednesday 25 - Saturday 28 September	To be confirmed
2014	Wednesday 24 - Saturday 27 September	To be confirmed
2015	Wednesday 23 - Saturday 26 September	To be confirmed

REGISTRATION & CONGRESS MANAGEMENT

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IMPORTANT NOTE

We advise you to book your hotel early
EARLY ACCOMMODATION DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2010

September is still peak season for Sorrento and its surrounding area and **late availability is not guaranteed**. The early deadline date has been brought forward to avoid delegates experiencing difficulty – please don't miss it!

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KEY DATES

Wednesday 12 May 2010

Deadline for abstract submission

Wednesday 16 June 2010

Hotel reservation guarantee date

Deadline for early registration rate



VENUE

The venue for all sessions (including all pre-meeting courses on Wednesday) is:

Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel
Via s. Antonio 13
Sorrento, Italy
80067
Tel: +39 081 878 4141



Pompeii with Mt. Vesuvius

The Hilton's Conference Centre offer excellent facilities for the meeting, and the hotel is situated within easy walking distance of a number of hotels. An ESCP Shuttle Bus will operate from Naples International Airport during the main arrivals and departure period (see back page for details) and between official hotels and the Hilton on the main meeting days (Thursday to Saturday).

CALL FOR MAIN ABSTRACTS

Abstract Deadline Date: Wednesday 12 May 2010

Abstract prizes will be awarded in the main auditorium – see program for timings.

- **Group 1: the 6 best oral presentations** will be selected to be presented in a special plenary session on Thursday 23 September.
- **Group 2: oral presentations** will be selected on merit from submitted abstracts and will be presented in parallel sessions, either as Free Papers or Oral Abstracts (but not as part of the poster area).
- **Group 3: lunchtime posters:** a further 90 posters will be selected on merit for a lunchtime poster session (45 on Thursday, 45 on Friday) when authors (or a representative) are asked to be ready for review and discussion with appointed representatives of the Scientific Committee. Lunchtime posters must be attended by at least one author.
- **Group 4: poster presenters:** all other accepted abstracts will be provided with further details relating to poster boards in due course; there will be no formal poster session and poster boards will be available to all delegates throughout the meeting.

Abstract prizes will be awarded in the main auditorium - see program for timings

TIMETABLE (ALL ABSTRACTS)

Wednesday 12 May at 23:00 (CET)	Abstract deadline
Thursday 13 – Friday 21 May	Marking and review by Scientific Committee
Thursday 3 June	Latest estimated notification date for all authors
Tuesday 31 August	Last date for abstract author early registration rate

CALL FOR TRIALS SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACTS

Submissions are invited for new or ongoing trials with recruitment interest. Submissions will be reviewed by the ESCP Research Committee, the best being selected on merit for presentation of protocol during a 2-hour Trials Symposium run by the Research Committee chaired by Søren Laurberg. See details on page 5.

Date of session: **Thursday 23 September at 08:15**



HOW TO SUBMIT

Main abstract submissions should be no longer than **200 words**. Authors will be required to use the on-screen form provided, there will be no facility to include diagrams or graphs. Please go to www.escp.eu.com/sorrento

Step 1: select the "abstracts" web page

Step 2: select "Main abstracts" or "Trials symposium abstracts" to link to the online system

Step 3: register your details, enter your co-authors

(in the order they should be printed)

Step 4: await confirmation by e-mail that you have registered as a user

Step 5: using the link provided, return to online submission to enter your abstract

Authors are kindly requested not to enter author names into the body of the abstract, please use the fields provided in the registration form.

TRIAL ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts are invited relating to trials that are either **new OR ongoing** but requiring further recruitment on a national or international basis.

Abstracts should be submitted using the template provided, and should be structured in the following way:

- **Background**
- **Objectives and research questions**
- **Methods:**
 - Design
 - Inclusion/exclusion criteria
 - Primary and secondary outcome parameters
 - Group size calculation
 - Time frame & funding.

The format of presentations for those selected will be advised after selection

PRINCIPAL AUTHOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration will be available to principal authors at the early registration rate **until 31 August 2010**. ESCP regrets that due to planning requirements, the early rate will not be available after this date and **this policy will be strictly adhered to this year!** If a selected author cannot attend the conference, the ESCP should be notified with the name of the replacement presenter within 48 hours.

Course in Anorectal & Pelvic Floor Ultrasound

Wednesday 22 September 2010

Course Directors: Anders Mellgren & Giulio Santoro
Time: 12:00 – 17:00 at Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel



Sponsored by B-K Medical

An informative and practical workshop covering ultrasound for fecal incontinence, fistula, pelvic floor disorders and tumours. The workshop includes a "hands on" lab featuring anal and rectal ultrasound, and ultrasound of the pelvic floor. For full details see page 7 or visit www.escp.eu.com/sorrento

Cost: €70 early (€45 reduced rate) and €85 late (€55 reduced rate)
Includes a light lunch at 13:30 approx

Pre-booking essential, places are limited!

ESCP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Conference registrations must be completed online, via the ESCP website, and paid by credit card. To register online, please visit www.escp.eu.com/sorrento and select **Registration**.

Reduced Registration Fees: following an appraisal of individual country economic reports, there are changes to the countries eligible for lower registration fees this year. Please note the following countries only are eligible: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey and Ukraine.

CONFERENCE	Early Registrations received by Wednesday 16 June		Late Registrations received after Thursday 17 June	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
Full registration - ESCP	€410	€510	€510	€610
Full registration - Reduced	€275	€370	€330	€430
Trainee/Affiliate/Nurse	€225	€280	€300	€360
One-day registration (any-day)	€250	€340	€250	€340
Ultrasound Course	€70	€70	€85	€85
Ultrasound Course - Reduced	€45	€45	€55	€55

SOCIAL EVENTS	Early Registrations received by 16 June	Late Registrations received after 17 June
Accompanying Persons Registration (welcome reception + Thursday Sorrento walking tour)	€50	€80
Conference dinner at Pompeii	€120 until 31 Aug	€135 from 1 Sep
Friday tour: (10:00-16:00) visit to Capri with lunch	€80	€95
Saturday tour A: (14:00-21:00) visit to Amalfi & Ravello with dinner	€80	€95
Saturday tour B (14:00-19:00): visit to Pompeii	€50	€70

Note regarding member conference rates:

ESCP member rates are available by using an access code called a "coupon code". All those subscribed when the system goes live will be notified. Anyone paying a 2010 subscription from that time will receive notification of a coupon code with e-mailed confirmation of membership. All members are asked to use the link to online registration at www.escp.eu.com/sorrento. The coupon code should be entered on the screen immediately after you have entered your personal details.

Please note that the cost of conference registration fees and membership combined is **less** than the cost of attending the conference as a non-member! **To join ESCP online**, visit www.escp.eu.com/join. Please contact us at info@escp.eu.com or dial +44 131 624 6040 if you need further assistance.

All are asked to note that details of registered delegates will be made available to participating exhibitors in the period leading up to the meeting. If you do not wish your details to be divulged, please ensure you tick the **"withhold details"** option during registration.

The registration fee includes admission to all scientific sessions (unless registered for one day only), the Core Subject Update on Wednesday, a final program and abstract book, lunch on Thursday and Friday, the welcome reception on Thursday, and a certificate of attendance with CME points (see page 11).

* Friday/Saturday tours will depend on minimum levels being reached, and ESCP reserves the right to cancel these tours in September if there is insufficient demand. A full refund will be made in the unlikely event that this is necessary.

A number of complimentary registrations are available to medical students with an interest in coloproctology, applications should be made by email at info@escp.eu.com

Conference registration & tour cancellation

In the event of cancellation of registration up to 1st August, an administrative charge of €50 will apply, and refunds will be made after the conference. We regret that we cannot make any refunds on registrations cancelled after 1st August.

Tours may be cancelled at any time up to 1st August 2010 without penalty, but after that date will be charged in full.

WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER - PRE-MEETING COURSES

12.00 – 17.00

Anorectal and Pelvic Floor Ultrasound

*Chairs: Anders Mellgren (USA)
Giulio Santoro (Italy)*

- 12:00 Introduction: course objectives
- 12:15 Normal ultrasound anatomy of the anal canal & rectum
- 12:30 Normal ultrasound anatomy of the pelvic floor
- 12:45 Ultrasound evaluation of fistula & abscess
- 13:00 Ultrasound evaluation of fecal incontinence
- 13:15 Ultrasound in preoperative staging of rectal cancer
- 13:30 Lunch break
- 14:00 Ultrasound of posterior compartment prolapse
- 14:15 Ultrasound of anterior compartment prolapse
- 14.30 How can ultrasound change the clinical decision-making in benign disease?
- 14:45 How can ultrasound change the clinical decision-making in malignant disease?
- 15:00 Patient cases & discussion with faculty

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- Anders Mellgren (USA)*
- Giulio Santoro (Italy)*
- Abdul Sultan (UK)*
- Giulio Santoro (Italy)*
- Carlo Ratto (Italy)*
- Bruno Roche (Switzerland)*
- Amy Thorsen (USA)*

- Giulio Santoro (Italy)*
- Pavel Wieczorek (Poland)*
- Klaus Matzel (Germany)*

Anders Mellgren (USA)

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- Giulio Santoro (Italy)*

15.30 – 17.00

Hands-On-Lab 30 minutes at each station

- Rectal ultrasound
- Anal ultrasound
- Ultrasound of the pelvic floor

- Carlo Ratto (Italy)*
- Abdul Sultan (UK)*
- Pavel Wieczorek (Poland)*

14.00 – 17.00

Core Subject Update

*Chairs: Bruno Cola (Italy)
Per J. Nilsson (Sweden)*

- Anal and perineal neoplasm
- Management of malignant polyps and early cancer
- Acute appendicitis: surgery or antibiotics?
- When to defunction?
- Long-term outcome after proctologic surgery
- Preoperative nutritional assessment

- Tracy Hull (USA)*
- Johann Pfeifer (Austria)*
- Des Winter (Ireland)*
- Paolo Delrio (Italy)*
- Alexander Herold (Germany)*
- Ayhan Kuzu (Turkey)*

17.00 – 18.30

NEW: Trainee Educational Update

See www.escp.eu.com for full details

EXHIBITION & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This meeting is an excellent commercial opportunity for companies wishing to exhibit their products and services relating to the field of Coloproctology. Various sponsorship opportunities are also available allowing sponsors to raise their profile by strong branding and visibility throughout the event.

Stand build up will start on Tuesday 21st September at noon and breakdown will commence at 12:45 on Saturday 25th September 2010.

EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

Thursday 23 September 07:00 – 19:30

Friday 24 September 07:30 – 18:00

Saturday 25 September 08:00 – 12:45

Exhibitors are asked to ensure stands are ready during the above times, please refer to the Exhibitor Manual for stipulated times at which stands should be manned.

Satellite Symposia can be arranged in conjunction with the existing program. Please contact Lindsey Whitehouse at the ESCP Secretariat. (tel: +44 131 624 6046 or e-mail lindsey.whitehouse@integrity-events.com).

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THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

08.00 – 08.15	Official Opening <i>Giovanni Romano (President)</i> <i>P. Ronan O'Connell (Secretary)</i> <i>Emmanuel Tiret (Program Committee Chairman)</i>	
08.15 – 10.30	Video Surgery <i>Chairs: Giovanni Milito (Italy)</i> <i>Zoran Krivokapic (Serbia)</i> <i>Technical aspects of laparoscopic colorectal resections - the Hungarian experience</i> <i>Intraoperative complications in laparoscopic colorectal resections</i> <i>Large bowel involvement in endometriosis</i> <i>Laparoscopic incisional hernia repair</i> Discussion <i>Graciloplasty for recto-urethral or recto-vaginal fistula</i> <i>Anterior Perineal PlanE for ultra-low Anterior Resection of the rectum technique (APPEAR)</i> <i>Posterior pelvicotomy with pelvic floor reconstruction for recurrent rectal cancer</i> Discussion	<i>Gabor Istvan (Hungary)</i> <i>Francesco Corcione (Italy)</i> <i>Gian Andrea Binda (Italy)</i> <i>Salvador Morales Conde (Spain)</i> <i>Yves Panis (France)</i> <i>Norman Williams (UK)</i> <i>Dario Scala (Italy)</i>
08.15 – 10.30	Parallel Session: Clinical Trials Update <i>Chairs: Søren Laurberg (Denmark)</i> <i>Aldo Infantino (Italy)</i>	
10.30 – 11.15	Coffee / exhibition	
11.15 – 11.45	Keynote Lecture <i>Chair: Anna Martling (Sweden)</i> <i>Risk stratification in colorectal surgery</i>	<i>Alexander Engel (The Netherlands)</i>
11.45 – 12.00	Japanese Visiting Fellow Free Paper	
12.00 – 13.00	Six Best Papers <i>Chairs: Giovanni Romano (Italy) – ESCP President</i> <i>Freddy Penninckx (Belgium) – ESCP President Elect</i>	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch / exhibition	
14.00 – 15.00	Symposium: Sphincter Preservation in Low Rectal Cancer <i>Chairs: Bela Teleky (Austria)</i> <i>Alois Fürst (Germany)</i> <i>Does preoperative radiochemotherapy increase sphincter preservation?</i> <i>What is the limit of safe sphincter preservation?</i> <i>When is APER the correct choice?</i> Discussion	<i>Krzysztof Bujko (Poland)</i> <i>Yann Parc (France)</i> <i>Torbjörn Holm (Sweden)</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Keynote Lecture <i>Chair: Mike Parker (UK)</i> <i>Quality of laparoscopic surgery for rectal cancer</i>	<i>Eric Rullier (France)</i>
15.30 – 15.35	Award: Best of the Six Best Papers	
15.35 – 16:00	Coffee / exhibition	



16.00 – 17.30	Free Papers <i>Chairs: Dujo Kovacevic (Croatia)</i> <i>Filippo La Torre (Italy)</i>	
	Free Papers: parallel auditorium <i>Chairs: Roy Maxwell (UK)</i> <i>Margot Peetsalu (Estonia)</i>	
17:30 – 19:30	Welcome Reception	
FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER		
09.00 – 10.30	Free Papers <i>Jiří Hoch (Czech Republic)</i> <i>Anton Stiff (Austria)</i>	
	Free Papers: parallel auditorium <i>Ethem Gecim (Turkey)</i> <i>Barthold Vonen (Norway)</i>	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee / exhibition	
11:00 - 11:30	Keynote Lecture <i>Chair: Gilberto Poggioli (Italy)</i> Management of complex small bowel Crohn's Disease	Supported by a grant from <i>Colorectal Disease</i> <i>Fabrizio Michelassi (USA)</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Consultants' Corner <i>Chairs: Najib Haboubi (UK)</i> <i>Stefan Post (Germany)</i> <i>Nigel Scott (UK)</i>	Panel: <i>Sergey Achkasov (Russia)</i> <i>Joel Bauer (USA)</i> <i>Roman Herman (Poland)</i> <i>Tom Oresland (Norway)</i> <i>Freddy Penninckx (Belgium)</i> <i>Yehiel Ziv (Israel)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch / exhibition	
14:00 – 15:00	Oral Posters <i>Chairs: Mogens Rørbaek Madsen (Denmark)</i> <i>Viorel Scripcariu (Romania)</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Oral Posters (parallel auditorium) <i>Chairs: Xavier Delgadillo (Switzerland)</i> <i>Mirko Omejc (Slovenia)</i>	
15:00 – 15:30	Keynote Lecture <i>Chair: Giovanni Romano (Italy)</i> What's new in adhesions?	<i>David Beck (USA)</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee / exhibition	
16:00 – 17:00	Symposium: Anorectal Malformations <i>Chair: Emmanuel Tiret (France)</i> <i>John Nicholls (UK)</i> Classification of anorectal malformations Surgical treatment in childhood Management of sequelae in adulthood Discussion	<i>Risto Rintala (Finland)</i> <i>Juan Tovar (Spain)</i> <i>Paul-Antoine Lehur (France)</i>



17:00 – 18:00	Symposium: Technical Advances <i>Chair: Jim Fleshman (USA)</i> <i>Søren Laurberg (Denmark)</i> NOTES Single port Robotic surgery	<i>Alon Pikarsky (Israel)</i> <i>Ronan Cahill (UK)</i> <i>David Jayne (UK)</i>
Evening	Conference Dinner at Pompeii	
SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER		
08:00 – 09:30	Oral Posters <i>Chairs: Constant Jehaes (Belgium)</i> <i>Sergii Podpriatov (Ukraine)</i>	
08:00 – 09:30	Oral Posters: Parallel Auditorium <i>Chairs: Milan Breberina (Serbia)</i> <i>Michael Gerhards (The Netherlands)</i>	
09:30 – 10:30	Symposium: Modern Treatment of Acute Colitis <i>Chair: Fabrizio Michelassi (USA)</i> <i>Tom Oresland (Norway)</i> Definition and scoring Have biologics changed management? When and how to intervene surgically?	<i>Franck Carbonnel (France)</i> <i>Gunnar Jarnerot (Sweden)</i> <i>Willem Bemelman (The Netherlands)</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee / exhibition	
11:00 - 11:30	Keynote Lecture <i>Chair: P. Ronan O'Connell (Secretary)</i> Anastomotic leaks, bleeding and other post-operative misery	Supported by a grant from The British Journal of Surgery  <i>Bruce Wolff (USA)</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Symposium: Peritoneal Carcinomatosis <i>Chairs: Brendan Moran (UK)</i> <i>Lars Pählman (Sweden)</i> Management of bowel obstruction Cytoreductive surgery and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy Perioperative morbidity and quality of life	<i>Carla Ripamonti (Italy)</i> <i>Vic Verwaal (The Netherlands)</i> <i>Pompiliu Piso (Germany)</i>
12:30 – 12:35	Best Abstract Awards	<i>Giovanni Romano (Italy)</i>
12:35 – 13:30	ESCP Annual General Meeting	
13:30	Close	



EBSQ EXAMINATIONS

EBSQ examinations will be held at the Hilton Sorrento Palace on **Wednesday 22 September 2010.**

To apply for the examination, please contact:

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Those wishing to obtain further information before application should contact:

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The EBSQ Examination is the certifying examination leading to the Diploma of EBSQ (Coloproctology) of the European Board of Surgery. This is the only form of certification in the specialty in Europe. Please visit the UEMS website for further details visit www.uemssurg.org.

CME POINTS

The CME allocation of points for the meeting in Sorrento is:

6 points	Pre-Meeting "Core Subject Update" Workshop	Wednesday 22 September
6 points	Anorectal & Pelvic Floor Ultrasound Course	Wednesday 22 September
6 points	Main symposia and lectures	Thursday 23 September
6 points	Main symposia and lectures	Friday 24 September
6 points	Main symposia and lectures	Saturday 25 September





ACCOMMODATION

Deadline date: Wednesday 16 June 2010

September is still peak tourist season in Sorrento and at the last minute, hotel rates may even be higher than those booked well ahead. Late availability at the most central hotels will be limited due to demand by tourists/tour operators. **We have booked a number of hotels at discounted rates, but these will only be available until Wednesday 16th June.** Early booking is essential for this meeting in order to avoid disappointment, or being in a hotel that is some distance from the meeting.

Most ESCP official hotels are within an easy walk of the Hilton Sorrento Palace but a coach shuttle service is included with your room booking, available at the beginning and end of each meeting day. Visit www.escp.eu.com/sorrento for full details about hotels.

ACCOMMODATION AT THE HILTON SORRENTO PALACE

To book accommodation at the Hilton, please visit the ESCP website accommodation page where you will find all details, rates and a link to connect to the hotel online booking system.

ACCOMMODATION AT OTHER OFFICIAL ESCP HOTELS

Accommodation is being handled locally on ESCP's behalf by New Congress and **bookings should be made online.** A full overview of hotels with a map of Sorrento is available on the ESCP website, together with a link to the online booking service for these hotels.

If you need to speak to New Congress about a group booking, or to find out further details, contact information is:

New Congress

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Italy

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Contact for ESCP bookings: **Caterina De Gregorio**

PAYMENT, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A one-night deposit will be charged to your credit card when you book online, the balance being charged to the same card at the end of July. Cancellation terms are as follows:

- Cancellation up to and including Wednesday 16 June – no penalty
- Cancellation on or after 17 June to 3 July inclusive: 1 night charge
- Cancellation from 4 July onwards: all nights booked will be charged

A booking fee of €20 is also applicable to each room booked.

In the event that guests do not arrive on the date booked, or depart earlier than planned, full charges will apply for each night originally reserved.



CONGRESS LANGUAGE

The official language of the meeting is English. There will be no facilities for simultaneous interpretation this year.

INFORMATION ABOUT SORRENTO

Sorrento is situated about 13 miles from Naples, on the southern side of the Gulf with a population of 16,500. Dating back to Greek times and known to Romans as "Surrentum", Sorrento is renowned for its fabulous location. Its landscape is unique in the world, where low and high hills, deep valleys and majestic mountains alternate. The old town centre is rich in monasteries and cloisters, ancient hamlets and frescoed churches, such as the chapel of Santa Lucia. There are also relaxed cafés and restaurants in Piazza Tasso, where tables and chairs crowd the central square which is built over a magnificent gorge.

For more information, visit the Sorrento Tourist Board site at www.sorrentotourism.com. Another useful site is www.sorrento-online.com.

WEATHER

Sorrento's weather is normally mild and sunny. Average temperatures from May to September are between 22°C and 29°C with a daily average of 8 hours of sunshine.

MONEY

The official currency used in the Italy is the Euro.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION DESK

The main registration and information desk will be open at the Hilton Sorrento Palace at the following times:

Wednesday 22 September	10:00 – 18:00
Thursday 23 September	07:00 – 19:30
Friday 24 September	07:30 – 18.30
Saturday 25 September	08:00 – 14:00

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Welcome Reception: Thursday 23 September

All delegates and accompanying persons are invited to attend the Welcome Reception which will be held at the Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel on Thursday 23 September following the close of conference sessions. Delegates are then free to make their own arrangements for dinner after the reception.

Conference Dinner at the ruins of Pompeii: Friday 24 September

Ticket price: early price €120 up to 31 August; €135 (from 1 September)

Pompeii is located on a plateau formed by an ancient lava deposit southeast of the volcano Mt. Vesuvius. The location ensured the city's role as a center of commerce. Pompeii centre is enclosed by two miles of walls, though the city itself extended beyond the walls with suburbs that melded into fertile farmlands known for their vineyards and olive orchards. Within this beautiful countryside many wealthy Romans built their summer homes. However, it was Pompeii's proximity to Mt. Vesuvius that ensured the city's place in history.

Coach transport will be provided and will depart from the Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel at 19:00. When you arrive in Pompeii you will have time to wander leisurely through the streets and see the old city of Pompeii. A delicious meal will be served taking in the spectacular views of the old city. Coaches will drop off at each of the official hotels on return to Sorrento.

This is an optional dinner not included in the registration fee; we hope that you will join us for some fantastic food at this unique place that truly reflects the beauty of Italy.



TOURS

Thursday's tour is included for Accompanying Persons, tours on Friday and Saturday are optional for anyone at additional cost as detailed. All tours will depart from the Hilton Sorrento Palace (Convention Centre entrance); if coach transportation is indicated, coaches will stop at ESCP official hotels by request on return, ending at the Hilton Sorrento Palace.



Sorrento



The historical centre of Sorrento

Thursday Tour: Accompanying Persons' Walking tour of Sorrento

Time: 09:00 – 13:00

Included in the Accompanying Persons' registration fee

A walking tour taking in the historical centre of Sorrento and its lively atmosphere! The tour starts at "Tasso Square" the main square of Sorrento, and onwards to the Correale Museum of Terranova, a beautiful villa in which the Correale Counts collected many beautiful things. The museum's archeological section contains Greek, Roman and Byzantine marbles. The upper floors comprise furniture, pictures, ceramics, clocks, and 17th and 18th century Neapolitan porcelain.

Various rooms are devoted to the School of Posillipo, with paintings by Pitloo, Vianelli, Duclère, Gigante and some of the most important 19th century painters of Naples. A visit to this Museum gives one an excellent understanding of how Neapolitan decorative arts developed during that century.

At the end of the visit, the tour will return to Tasso Square and the Correale Palace, decorated with Majolica and rich in architectural and sculptural details. At the end of the tour there will be an opportunity to browse Sorrento's typical products such as Limoncello and Italian biscuits and to shop along St. Caesarian, Sorrento's main shopping area.

Sensible walking shoes are recommended, the tour will begin at the Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel, walking down the hill to the centre of Sorrento where it begins.

OPTIONAL TOURS

Optional Friday Tour: visit to the Island of Capri with lunch

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Price per person: €80.00 early rate, €95 after 16 June

Includes coach transfer to the port and back, hydrofoil to Capri, coach transfer in Capri, entrance fees, English speaking guide and lunch



The Island of Capri

A wonderful opportunity to spend an unforgettable day on the island, rich in beautiful scenery and history, and frequented by the rich and famous! Leaving Sorrento by hydrofoil, the tour sails along the beautiful Sorrento coastline, arriving on the island at Marina Grande, and the famous "Piazzetta" of Capri.

Visit the Gardens of Augustus, from where you can admire the famous Faraglioni Rocks and Marina Piccola. The Gardens of Augustus are a fine example of Capri's botanical magnificence, its flowers and plants forming an ornate picture frame to the island's breathtaking panoramas.

Close to the gardens is the Charterhouse of St. Giacomo, founded in 1371 by Count Giacomo Arcucci, secretary to Queen Giovanna I of Naples. The monumental building marks an incomparable era in the traditional architecture of Capri. After lunch at a restaurant overlooking the sea, there will be free time to visit elegant boutiques, and stroll in the famous main square, symbol of the elegant and glamorous Capri before returning by hydrofoil again to Sorrento Port and on to hotels by coach.



Capri's famous main square



Amalfi

Saturday Tour A: visit to Amalfi & Ravello with dinner

Time: 14:00 – 21:00

Price per person: €80.00 early rate, €95 after 16 June

Includes coach transportation, English speaking guide, entrance fees and dinner

Amalfi is the place after which the splendid 59km winding road that weaves its way from Meta di Sorrento to Vietri sul Mare is named. The first jewel on this route is Positano with its narrow streets submerged by thousands of linen and cotton clothes that are sold in its colourful pretty little shops.

Onwards to Conca dei Marini, one finds ceramic stores located above the Emerald Grotto, with its amazing colour, here you can see remarkable stalactites and stalagmites and an underwater crib. Arriving in Amalfi you will see the impressive 13th century Cathedral with its majestic staircase of 62 steps, bell tower and museum, including the statue of St Andrew which on the 27th June each year is taken in procession out to sea.

The tour continues on to Ravello, located 350 metres above sea level. This is a special place built in Norman/Sicilian style. The tour will visit Villa Rufolo where Wagner found inspiration for the "Garden of Kingsport II" act of the Parsifal. Words cannot describe the views and the feeling when one sits on these terraces, and the Romanesque cathedral of St Pantaleone with its mosaics are the icing on the cake!

After time to take in this amazing place, the tour travels back to Sorrento by coach for dinner at "Fattoria Terranova", a farmhouse style restaurant located on the hills above Sorrento, from which you can view both the Naples and Salerno Gulfs. Return to Sorrento by coach after dinner.



The historical town of Pompeii

Saturday Tour B: visit to Pompeii

Time: 14:00 – 19:00

Price per person: €50 early rate, €60 after 16 June

Includes coach transportation, English speaking guide, entrance fees

A fascinating tour revealing the story of the historical town of Pompeii. Pompeii was destroyed and completely buried during a long and severe eruption of Mount Vesuvius which lasted 2-3 days in AD79, burying the town under many meters of ash and pumice. It was lost for nearly 1700 years before its accidental rediscovery in 1748.

Since then, its excavation has provided an extraordinarily detailed insight into the life of a thriving city at the height of the Roman Empire. During this guided visit you will see the past prosperity of the town through its ruins of Roman villas, bathhouses, and temples, which have now been unearthed; even an amphitheatre has been found. Today Pompeii is one of the most popular tourist attractions of Italy, with 3 million visitors in 2009, and it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Excavations in Pompeii



TRAVEL INFORMATION

ESCP DIRECT SHUTTLE SERVICE: NAPLES AIRPORT TO SORRENTO

Advance ticket price: €20 each way (price on the day €25, places subject to availability). Last date for online advanced bookings – Thursday 16 September 2010

A dedicated bus shuttle service will operate at peak times from Naples International Airport to Sorrento, and on return at the end of the meeting. Tickets should be booked as part of the registration process, providing details of your arrival flight time and number. You may purchase tickets after you have registered, but we request advance bookings are completed and fully paid online **no later than Thursday 16 September**.

We expect services to operate on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 September from the airport to Sorrento. This service will be scheduled on 17 September; ESCP reserves the right to refund bookings outside peak periods and delegates will be notified in the unlikely event that this arises. See below for other information about getting to Sorrento by public bus, rail or hydrofoil fast ferry service.

Places cannot be guaranteed unless pre-booked, although some spare seats may be available on the day.

The ESCP Shuttle will drop off/collect from each of the official hotels and the Hilton Sorrento Palace. Please ensure that you have your registration confirmation with you on arrival at Naples International Airport showing "ESCP Shuttle" with a fully paid payment status.

GETTING TO SORRENTO

Sorrento is located 50 km from Naples International Airport, and has excellent direct flight access from a number of European destinations. The airport itself is located 6.5 km from the centre of Naples. The easiest way to get to Sorrento is by bus, although other alternatives are explained below. A range of information can be found at www.sorrento-online.com.

Public bus service: if you have not pre-booked the ESCP Direct Shuttle, public buses run every 1.5 – 2 hours during the day from Naples International Airport. The approximate journey time is 90 minutes although it is more realistic to allow 2 hours at least during peak times. This service costs €12 and stops at the main square in Sorrento. Further details at www.curreriviaggi.it or telephone +39 081 801 5420.

Indirect but enjoyable alternatives to get to Sorrento are:

By rail: there are frequent trains from Naples Centrale rail station (Garibaldi Plaza), the journey time is 60-75 minutes and the cost about €3 – further details are available at www.vesuviana.it. A taxi from the airport to the station will cost approximately €30 or there are buses available: ANM bus number 3S (www.anm.it) or Alibus (www.alibus.it)

By Hydrofoil: take a taxi to the Port of Naples, where the hydrofoil departs five times daily. Albeit with the need to get to the port, this is definitely the most scenic and peaceful route to Sorrento! Journey time once on board is 30 minutes. Beware that on arrival in Sorrento Port, there is a very steep hill to climb on foot up to the main square and central areas but a yellow public bus operates up to the town, or there are taxis available. The current timetable (at the time of going to print) details **five** services daily (09:00 through to 17:15) at a cost of €22 per journey but delegates are advised to **check details nearer the time at www.alilauro.it**.