



38th SOMED Congress

Society for Microbial Ecology and Disease

HUMAN MICROBIOME: FROM THE BENCH TO HEALTH BENEFITS

11th-13th October, 2015 · Roseo Hotel Leon D'Oro - Verona, Italy

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the SOCIETY FOR MICROBIAL ECOLOGY AND DISEASE, I'm pleased to invite you to the **38th SOMED Congress** to be held from **11th to 13th October, 2015, in Verona, Italy.**

The microbiome plays an essential role in human health and in the development of a range of diseases, and it represents an exciting area of innovative research. The 2015 SOMED Congress intends to bring together leading scientists from the fields of microbiology, immunology, nutrition, gastroenterology and neuroscience for discussing the recent advances in all aspects related to the fast expanding microbiome/microbiota research.

The meeting will explore the interaction of various microbiomes (e.g., gut, oral cavity, skin, urogenital tract) with the host, analyzing the many factors involved. The program will also address the opportunities and challenges in translating microbiome research into benefits for public health, by examining the development of new foods, drugs and therapies that interplay with the microbiome.

This meeting will offer the opportunity to network with colleagues and other leading international and national scientists, academics and clinicians during both social and scientific sessions of the program.

A special invitation is aimed at younger colleagues, participate in and present the results of their research: communications and posters discussion will be important moments of the Congress.

You will enjoy your staying in Verona, a beautiful city of art and one of Italy's most popular travel destinations. Located between Milan and Venice, Verona is known as the city of Romeo and Juliet and for its Roman Arena. City's past centuries of history and its past splendor are witnessed by its architectural and artistic masterpieces: Roman ruins, medieval vestiges, Venetian and Austrian traces, antique palaces, squares, bridges and wonderful churches. For this reason the city has been awarded World Heritage Site status in the year 2000 by UNESCO.

You will also have the opportunity to know a city which welcomes the visitors with history, culture, show, gastronomy and so much liking.

Your stay in Italy will give you the opportunity also to visit Expo Milano 2015, a non-commercial Universal Exposition around the theme of Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life. Open from May 1 to October 31, 2015, the Expo a giant exhibition site, covering one million square meters, is expected to welcome over 20 million visitors.

For more information www.expo2015.org/en

Main Topics:

- Human microbiome in health and disease
- Human health and nutrition
- Host-Microbiome communication
- Genetics, Functional Genomics, Metabolomics of Probiotics
- Experimental Models for the study of probiotics/prebiotics/synbiotics
- Probiotics other than LAB
- Gut inflammatory diseases
- Microbiota and metabolic diseases
- *Clostridium difficile*
- Microbiota and immune system
- Microbiota and brain-gut axis
- Microbiota and ageing
- Clinical perspectives of human microbial research
- Oral Microbiota
- Urogenital Microbiota
- Biofilm-associated infections
- Nutraceuticals, functional foods
- Development and industrial applications of pro- pre- syn-biotics and functional foods
- Regulatory issues, health claims and safety

Looking forward to welcoming you to Verona!

Elisa Bertazzoni Minelli
President

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IMPORTANT DATES

30 th January, 2015	First Announcement
2 nd March - 30 th May, 2015	Abstract Submission
2 nd March - 20 th June, 2015	Early Registration fee
15 th June, 2015	Notification of acceptance of abstract for oral or poster presentation will be sent to authors
21 st June - 20 th September, 2015	Regular Registration fee
From 15 th September, 2015	Final scientific program available on-line (look for updates)
From 21 st September and on site	Late Registration
11 th - 13 th October, 2015	Congress

More detailed information concerning the Congress, scientific and social programs, registration, accommodation, abstract and poster preparation will be included in the second announcement and in the final program.

For updates please check www.cogest.info/pdf/somed2015.pdf

The official language of the Congress is English.

ABSTRACT DEADLINE

Several oral presentations will be chosen from the abstracts submitted.

Please note: abstracts will not be accepted if the presenting Author is not registered.

After the deadline the Scientific Committee will assess your application and abstract and you will be notified whether you have been selected for a short talk or poster presentation.

TRAVEL VISAS

If you require a letter of invitation in order to obtain a travel visa or to rise travel funds please e-mail to: alessandra@cogest.info or cogest@tin.it. This invitation for participants does not, in any way, financially oblige the Congress Organization for the expenses incurred for travel, accommodation or Congress attendance.

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