DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

On behalf of the Officers and the Executive Committee of the International Society of Gynecological Endocrinology it is my pleasure and pride to invite you to join the 18th World Congress of Gynecological Endocrinology (ISGE), which will be held in Florence on March 7th–10th 2018.

As per tradition, the Congress will be enriched by sessions organized by National and International Scientific Societies of the area covered by our discipline, and by sessions directly organized by the Members of the International Federation of Societies of Gynecological Endocrinology (FISGE). This program integrates the latest basic science developments, with the most advanced clinical applications in all areas covered by Gynecological and Obstetrical Endocrinology.

The latest and most advanced studies on the impact of Sex Hormones on brain and mind, on the cardiovascular, gastro-intestinal, bone and muscular, urogenital system etc, will be presented at our 18th World Congress.

Obstetrical and Fetal Endocrinology will also be developed for their latest discoveries.

With great pleasure we announce a huge scholarships program in order to facilitate trainees and researchers for pre-congress course and congress attendance.

With this in mind, I again invite of all of you to joint our 18th World Congress in Florence in 2018!

Andrea R. Genazzani
President of the International Society of Gynecological Endocrinology (ISGE) and Chairman of the Congress

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- the monthly Journal of Gynecological Endocrinology,
- the FISGE (International Federation of the Societies of Gynecological Endocrinology)
- the ISGRE (International School of Gynecological and Reproductive Endocrinology)
- the biannual World Congress of Gynecological Endocrinology, a major scientific event which allows a perfect integration of renowned faculty members with talented young scientists presenting innovative research.

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Meet more than 80 Lecturers
**The Bruno Lunenfeld Lecture**
Joseph M. Penninger (AT) RANKL – from bone loss to breast cancer

**Key Lectures**
Leila Adamyan (RU) Endometriosis and adenomyosis in adolescents, fertile and menopausal women
Sarah Berga (US) Stress, emotional eating, and reproductive function
Martin Birkhaeuser (CH) Menopause hormone therapy after 65: available data, risks and benefits
Roberta Brinton Diaz (US) The neurological and immunological transitions of the perimenopause: implications for post menopausal neurodegenerative disease
Luigi Devoto (CL) Significance of estrogens metabolites in the pathophysiology of PCOS
Bruno Lunenfeld (IL) Molecular pathways of ageing
Frederick Naftolin (US) The ovarian renin-angiotensin system
Felice Petraglia (IT) Hormones and inflammation: an update on endometriosis
Carlos Simon (ES) The dialogue between the maternal endometrium and the embryo. Potential impact on the onset of adult diseases

**Symposia**

1. **Puberty and adolescence**
   - Blazej Meczekalski (PL) Kisspeptin role in functional hypothalamic amenorrhea
   - Camil Castelo Branco (ES) Management of transsexuality in an outpatient gynecologic area
   - George Creatsas (GR) Dysfunctional uterine bleeding in adolescence
   - Vincenzina Bruni (IT) Premature ovarian insufficiency therapy in young women

2. **Androgens**
   - Charles Sultan (FR) Management of adolescent hyperandrogenism: still a challenge!
   - Angelica Linden Hirschberg (SE) The role of androgens for body composition and physical performance in women
   - Susan Davis (AU) Testosterone and cardiovascular health after menopause, a benefit or risk?
   - Andrea R. Genazzani (IT) Adrenal androgens: the key difference from other mammals

3. **PCO: genetic, epigenetic and metabolic risk factors**
   - Jerome F. Strauss (US) Genetic and epigenetic factors contributing to the hyperandrogenemia of PCOS
   - Charles Sultan (FR) Adolescent PCOS: an entity?
   - Alessandro D. Genazzani (IT) Metabolic impairment and new therapeutic strategies for PCOS
   - Andrzej Milewicz (PL) Serum bisphenol A and metabolic profile in women with PCOS

4. **Contraception: personalized regimens, new molecules**
   - Kristina Gemzell-Danielsson (SE) Contraception for teenagers and young women
   - Johannes Bitzer (CH) Do will still need anti-androgenic progestogens?
   - Adolf E. Schindler (DE) The role of progestogen-only-pills (POP’s) for contraception and non-contraceptive indications
   - J Michel Foidart (BE) Introducing the first NEST in contraception (native estrogen with selective tissue activity)

5. **Contraception: difficult cases**
   - Rossella E. Nappi (IT) Hormonally-related headaches
   - Nilson R. De Melo (BR) Contraception in menopausal transition
   - Anna Glasier (GB) The advantages and disadvantages of long-acting reversible contraception (LARC)
   - Peter Chedraui (EC) Contraception in women with cardiovascular risk factors

6. **Early pregnancy: a critical period with multiple affecting factors**
   - Takeshi Maruo (JP) Thyroid hormone in trophoblast invasion and early pregnancy maintenance
   - Howard Carp (IL) Management of antiphospholipid syndrome in pregnancy
   - Robert Taylor (US) Gap junctions and hormonal regulation of endometrial decidualization
   - Mark Brincat (MT) The IVF/ICSI, early pregnancy interphase

7. **Premature labor: how to prevent, how to manage**
ART - Time is moving: new difficulties and new possibilities
Luca Gianaroli (IT) 40 years after Louise Brown
Alberto Revelli (IT) Multivariate prediction model for IVF results: a tool to get benchmark
Johan Smittz (BE) Can we predict oocyte quality in the ART laboratory?
Pedro N. Barri (ES) Uterine factor in IVF repeated implantation failure

ART - New therapies and new challenges: the individual factors
Carlos Simon (ES) Stem cell therapy of the endometrium in Asherman’s syndrome and atrophic endometrium
Basil Tarlatzis (GR) The use of androgens or androgen-modulating agents in poor responders undergoing in vitro fertilization
Paolo Artini (IT) Collapse of blastocysts is correlated to implantation success or not?

PCO: ART and pregnancy outcomes
Basil Tarlatzis (GR) PCOS: what is the preferred stimulation protocol for IVF?
Xiangyan Ruan (CN) Aromatase inhibitors plus HMG for infertile PCOS women
Duru Shah (IN) AMH in PCOS and ART outcome

Endometriosis/Adenomyosis: from basic science to clinics
Ludwig Kiesel (DE) Regulation of proliferation and invasion in endometriosis
Robert Taylor (US) Cell biology of nascent endometriosis implants
Steven R. Goldstein (US) The role of transvaginal U/S in the diagnosis of endometriosis and adenomyosis
Nicola Pluchino (IT) Role of bone marrow-derived cells in endometriosis development

Progesterone: the life time partner steroid
Luigi Devoto (CL) Different pathways of P-receptor complex in the process of ovulation
Adolf E. Schindler (DE) Prevention or treatment of pregnancy disorders with progestogens
Philippe Bouchard (FR) Progesterone: friend and/or foe on breast and CNS
Alfred Mueck (DE) Vascular effects of progestogens

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Vitamin D
Faustino Perez Lopez (ES) Maternal vitamin D and reproductive outcomes
Andrzej Milewicz (PL) Serum vitamin D levels and VDR polymorphisms in women with PCOS
Mark Brincat (MT) Vitamin D in PCOS and endometriosis. Levels and significance

Progestogens: friend and/or foe on breast and CNS
Bart CJM Fauser (NL) Metabolic dysfunction in PCOS: implications for pregnancy and children outcomes

Neurosteroids as regenerative agents
Robert Brinton Diaz (US) Allopregnanolone as a therapeutic to regenerate the degenerating brain
M. Schumacher (FR) Progesterone and stroke
Regine Sitruk-Ware (US) Effects of progesterone and nestorone on myelin

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PCOS e dismetabolismo
Vincenzina Brunì (IT) Fattori genetici ed epigenetici predisponenti la PCOS
Antonio Cianci (IT) L'insulino resistenza della PCOS e le strategie terapeutiche
Antonio Lanzoni (IT) Il trattamento degli iperandrogenismi
Chiara Benedetto (IT) PCOS e rischio oncologico

Management della Terapia Ormonale Sostitutiva
Rossella E. Nappi (IT) Sintomi climaterici come marker di vulnerabilità biologica
Anna Maria Paoletti (IT) Quando integrazione e quando sostituzione ormonale
Vincenzo De Leo (IT) PCOS e menopausa: nuove opzioni terapeutiche
Angelo Cagnacci (IT) L’evoluzione della TOS: combinata ciclica o continua, steroidi di sintesi o TSEC

Endometriosi e dolore pelvico cronico
Stefano Luisi (IT) Le basi fisiopatologiche dell’endometriosi e le scelte terapeutiche
Stefano Angioni (IT) Chirurgia dell’endometriosi: quando e quanto radicale?
Antonio La Marca (IT) La paziente con endometriosi alla ricerca di una gravidanza: come procedere?
Alessandra Graziotto (IT) Dolore pelvico cronico non da endometriosi: diagnosi e strategie terapeutiche
Neuroprotection
Luis Garcia-Segura (ES) Neuroprotective action of estradiol and estrogen receptors
Walter Rocca (US) Sex, gender, and the decline of dementia
Andrea R. Genazzani (IT) Adrenal androgens impact on neurosteroids

Menopausal transition
Tommaso Simoncini (IT) Neuroendocrine changes of the menopausal transition
Pauline Maki (US) Cognition and hot flashes: a scientific update
Mary Ann Lumsden (GB) Following Guidelines – what should we say to those with heart disease?
Santiago Palacios (ES) Effects and management of the menopausal transition on vulvo-vaginal tissue

Precision medicine and hormone therapy: right woman, right time, right regimen
Roberta Brinton Diaz (US) The perimenopause is personal: precision hormone therapy to make it precise
Pauline Maki (US) A scientific update on the critical window of hormone therapy and cognition: who, what, when?
Regine Sitruk-Ware (US) How to tailor progestin use to individual needs in the post-menopause
Andrea R. Genazzani (IT) How long to treat and how adapt the hormone therapy to the overcoming needs

Cardiovascular protection and life long risk factors: diagnosis and management
Irene Lambrinoudaki (GR) Obstetrical history and cardiovascular risk in later life
Sven O. Skouby (DK) HT: pharmacology tailored to women’s health
Antonio Cano (ES) Symptoms and hormones: fine-tuning atherosclerotic risk?
Peter Collins (GB) Cardiovascular risk management in women – an update, what’s new?

Cardiovascular protection: the sex steroids challenges
Frederick Naftolin (IN) Sex steroids block the initiation of atherosclerosis
John Stevenson (GB) HRT for primary prevention of CHD
Nestor Siseles (AR) Cardiovascular risk in climacteric women: when to begin the hormone treatment?
Tomi Mikkola (FI) Cardiovascular mortality risk and HRT

Osteoporosis: a long life risk for women
Martin Birkhaeuser (CH) Prevention of osteoporosis in anorexia nervosa: what is new?
Hadji Peyman (DE) Pregnancy associated osteoporosis - what we know and what we don’t
John Stevenson (GB) HRT for prevention of osteoporosis
Tobias De Villiers (ZA) New drug development in osteoporosis

Premature Ovarian Insufficency
Farook Al-Azzawi (GB) Determinants of oocytes reserve and depletion
Nick Panay (GB) POI: progress through a global registry
Bart CJM Fauser (NL) POI: implications for cardiovascular health
Svetlana Vujovic (RS) Hypoestrogenism and insulin resistance in premature ovarian insufficiency: is it time dependent?

Depression and cognition in midlife women
Luis Garcia-Segura (ES) Estrogenic regulation of neuroinflammation: implications for depression and cognition
Pauline Maki (US) Do menopausal symptoms account for the declines in cognitive function during the menopausal transition
John Studd (GB) Estrogens and testosterone for reproductive depression

Urogenital aging
Nick Panay (GB) Impact and management of VVA / GSM - an evidence based approach
Tomi Mikkola (FI) Stress urinary incontinence risk in women using HRT
Camil Castelo Branco (ES) VVA in young women
Tommaso Simoncini (IT) Managing pelvic organ prolapse between hormones and surgery

Breast cancer: clinical impact of latest investigations
Nicoletta Biglia (IT) Breast cancer screening today
Anne Gompel (FR) When can HT be used in those at increased risk of breast cancer?
Xiangyan Ruan (CN) Membrane-bound-Progesterone-Receptor can predict prognosis of breast cancer
Christian Singer (AT) Endocrine therapy and fertility in young breast cancer patients

Sexuality all the life
Johannes Bitzer (CH) New sexualities - the internet and sex
Angelica Linden Hirschberg (SE) Hormonal contraception and impact on sexuality
Rossella E. Nappi (IT) Genitourinary syndrome of menopause and impact on women’s life
Susan Davis (AU) Sexual wellbeing and older women- what is the data?
Menstrual cycle disorders: from adolescence to menopause

/ Frederick Naftolin (US) The hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis: puberty, menstrual cycle regulation and post-reproductive life

/Nick Panay (GB) Practical approaches to managing premature ovarian insufficiency

/Steven R. Goldstein (US) Abnormal uterine bleeding: the standard of care has changed

/Alessandro Genazzani (IT) Metabolism, obesity, thinness and reproduction

/Basil Tarlatzis (GR) Polycystic ovary syndrome

/Sarah Berga (US) Hypothalamic amenorrhea

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Focus on the latest research on today’s hot topics

1. **SPRM**
   - Philippe Bouchard (FR) Selective progesterone receptor modulators (SPRMs): update on the clinical results in fibroids
   - Kristina Gemzell-Danielsson (SE) SPRMs for contraception with added health benefits

2. **Bilateral oophorectomy in pre-menopausal women**
   - Walter Rocca (US) It is time to stop unjustified oophorectomies
   - John Studd (GB) It is time we learn to treat oophorectomized women correctly

3. **POPULATION COUNCIL-ISGE SESSION: Old needs and new possibilities for women health protection**
   - Regine Sitruk-Ware (US) Vaginal rings for dual protection
   - Anna Glasier (GB) Interventions to reduce unintended pregnancy rates

4. **The vaginal and endometrial microbiota**
   - Gary Ventolini (US) Intravaginal and endometrial microbiota are important for human reproduction
   - Inmaculada Moreno (ES) Study of the endometrial microbiota to improve ART outcomes

5. **Stress and reproduction**
   - Sarah Berga (US) Does stress causes infertility?
   - Alessandro D. Genazzani (IT) Integrative treatment to overcome the neuroendocrine impairment

6. **Obesity and reproduction: impact in pregnancy and at menopause**
   - Moshe Hod (IL) Facing the Non Communicable Disease (NCD) global epidemic – it all starts in utero
   - Peter Chedraui (EC) The metabolic syndrome a pro-inflammatory state before or after the menopause?

7. **Fertility preservation: possibilities and strategies**
   - Antonio Pellicer (ES) Oocyte cryopreservation or tissue transplantation for fertility preservation in cancer patients: what is best?
   - Marie-Madeleine Dolmans (BE) Ovarian tissue cryopreservation and transplantation: which success for 2018?

8. **Ovarian tumors**
   - Manuel Noetling (AR) Androgens secreting tumors
   - Pierluigi Benedetti Panici (IT) Update on cytoreductive surger for advanced ovarian cancer
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