



Report: Annual meeting of UCP coordinators and Regional Representatives

The annual meeting of UCP coordinators and regional representatives took place on the 26th May in the hotel Fortuna in Chianciano Terme.

The meeting was opened with the official greeting of the president Dr Trompetto, who once again expressed his willingness to go ahead with the certification of the people responsible for the UCPs as stated in the regulations. This was followed by a close examination by Ocelli and Greco, of the data collected on the annual reports; 52 out of 55 units handed in their reports. The shared opinion on these results is that this important amount of data be used at a scientific level and consequently this gave origin to a lively debate and some useful proposals; in particular Greco proposed a paper on *sinus pilonidalis*, given the different surgical approaches, Stolfi and Pescatori suggested a scrutiny of some data which would then be judged by experts of fame, preferably international experts. De Nardi then proposed the Neoplasm of the rectum (1007 cases of K of the medium-low rectum by our members); Ratto would like the survey to include financial costs ; Trompetto suggests using this data to discuss them with the country's high representatives, as for example with the change of very old DRG or the introduction of new ones on the basis of the latest technologies. In this configuration of the Annual Report as a photocopy of the activities with a close examination of a specific topic. Infantino underlines the importance of the definition of the most important topics within the first half of June. De Nardi/ Ratto/Stolfi/ La Torre were chosen to take part in a prospective study.

The meeting proceeded with some interesting scientific communications on the gatekeeper by Ratto, on Tibial Nerve Stimulation in incontinence by Giuliani, on the observatory of unfavourable events after new technologies in surgery by Basso. Some time was given to participants for a free discussion full of proposals and useful comments.

After a well-deserved acknowledgement to the former coordinator of the UCPs Professor Pucciani and to the coordinator of the regional representatives Dr Mattana for the work carried out with great commitment, the meeting continued with the election of the successors; Roberto Perinotti from Biella was elected as Coordinator for all the Italian Coloproctology Unit and Vincenzo Greco, Regional Representative of Calabria, as Coordinator for the Regional Representatives. Our best wishes go to them in the hope that they continue along the path of their predecessors. For the next Annual meeting of UCP coordinators and Regional Representatives Stolfi suggested Rome, D'Elia suggested Legnano and Perinotti, Biella. The Directive Council will evaluate all proposals and chose the most appropriate location depending on the logistics, within the month of June. The meeting concluded with a dinner party in which participants had the opportunity to socialize with their fellow colleagues.

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