



Report 5th SICCR National Congress

The fifth SICCR National Congress was held in occasion of the tenth anniversary of The Italian Society of Colorectal Surgery, on 7th 8th and 9th October and was hosted in the splendid setting of the castle “Carlo V” in Lecce.

Despite the unfavourable weather conditions on the first day of the event (it hardly ever rains in Lecce!) the attendance was outstanding, in fact there were more than 350 participants amongst who, we acknowledge, many young surgeons and residents who were the main characters and whose active participation enhanced the event.

We had the honour of listening to some of the major national and international experts of colorectal surgery among who Klaus Matzel from Erlangen, Manuel Devesa from Madrid, Andrew Zbar from Tel Aviv, Roberto Bergamaschi from New York who with their highly scientific contributions made this congress an event of great significance.

The work in the congress was carried out with punctuality and preciseness and was characterized by a lively interest on behalf of the participants and by animated discussions at the end of each session.

Dr. Maria Di Lena from the University of Bari and Dr Sasan Amirhassan from the University of Tor Vergata in Rome won prizes; the former for best oral presentation and the latter for the best poster presentation.

The leitmotiv of this congress was the overcoming of personal opinions with *evidence based surgery* with regard to the choice of therapy for patients with colorectal pathologies because without this significant step forward, progress in the assistance and cure of these patients can never take place.

During the event the elections of the new representatives of the Governing Council took place which saw the rise of young motivated colleagues whose overall plans of growth of the Society are overwhelming. We wish them all the best in achieving their objectives.

The city of Lecce was also the perfect venue to enjoy pleasant moments together during the intervals and to put aside, even if for a short time, the fatigues of the congress.

It is a city full of sights and places of historical charm such as the “Chiostro dei Domenicani” and the “Fortezza of Torre del parco” which is the symbol of the medieval city.

At the end of the event, Treviso was announced as the next congress venue. A fascinating presentation was delivered by Nello Santoro and Aldo Infantino, who will be the hosts of the next SICCR congress and to whom we wish good luck with their planning.

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