

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AIM

The 17th Congress of the Italian Myology Association (AIM) took place in Syracuse from 31 May to 3 June 2017. The participation of the specialists in the field reached remarkably high levels with a presence of about 300 participants from all over Italy and foreign countries. The recent scientific advances in diagnosis, therapy and care have been illustrated by the best Italian scientists and by German, French, Danish, British, Portuguese and American speakers. It should also be noted that more than half of the participants were young researchers under 35, some of whom were awarded for their brilliant scientific contributions.

The AIM Web site has recently been updated in content and graphics and can be consulted at www.miologia.org. Within the site, all the AIM clinical centers were recently censused and were reported in a comprehensive list in order to clearly provide national reference centers to patients and physicians.

In order to promote research on neuromuscular diseases among young physicians, AIM, in collaboration with some patient associations, has recently promoted two fellowships for young researchers engaged in mitochondrial diseases and muscle glycogenosis research, respectively. With the intent of obtaining a closer collaboration with the patient's associations, AIM is supporting and cooperating with CAMN (Neuromuscular Disease Association Coordination), which put together the main patient/Family's Italian Associations.

The next AIM Congress will take place in Genoa in Spring 2018. Further information on the event and other activities of the association can be viewed on the new website.

GCA

During the Gala dinner of the 13th Congress of the Mediterranean Society of Myology the 2018 Gaetano Conte Prizes will be assigned for basic and clinical research.

MSM

The 13th Congress of the Mediterranean Society of Myology will be held in Turkey in 2018, organised by Prof. Haluk Topaloglu. The symposium was in the traditional two-days MSM format with selected topics (see brochure).

WMS

The 22nd International WMS Congress will be held in Saint Malo, France from 3 to 7 October 2017. The symposium will follow the traditional format with 3 selected topics:

1. Excitation-contraction coupling: basic aspects and related disorders.
2. Extra-muscular manifestations in NMD.
3. Advances in the treatment of neuromuscular disorders

Contributions will also be welcome on new advances across the neuromuscular field.