



Brixen/Bressanone (South Tyrol, Italy)

October 16-20, 2012

First Announcement

9th International Symposium on
**Photodynamic Therapy and
Photodiagnosis in Clinical Practice**

and



4th International Meeting EPPM

European Platform for Photodynamic Medicine

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The already traditional symposium centred on basic research, as well as on pre-clinical/clinical studies in the field of **Photodiagnosis and Photodynamic Therapy** will be held in **Brixen/Bressanone (Italy)** during **October 16-20, 2012**. The scope and significance of this symposium are particularly exploited since it is organized in close collaboration with the **4th International Meeting of the European Platform for Photodynamic Medicine (EPPM)**, namely the most important European organization promoting photodynamic processes and their biomedical applications.

The organization of the joint meeting follows a well-established structure, which allows for an in-depth, even though relaxed, examination and discussion of the state-of-the-art, novel developments and future perspectives concerning the chemical, biological, biophysical and medical aspects of photodynamic action.

As usual, the various topics will be presented by internationally acknowledged experts. At the same time, broad space will be given to short communications as well as to poster presentations. The latter will be discussed during a specifically devoted lunch break, a choice which has been so far very positively experienced and was found to be quite productive.

The October 2012 symposium will focus on

- tumours in different anatomical sites
- dermatological diseases
- microbial infections
- novel photosensitisers and delivery systems, with emphasis on bioconjugated drugs
- role of nanotechnologies in fluorescence diagnosis and PDT
- veterinary indications
- instrumentation and dosimetry

Adequate space will be allocated to cover **novel ground-breaking advances**, as well as to examine and propose suitable strategies for implementing the **interactions between industries and basic/clinical research**, and to facilitate the **networking among PDT-active centres** in Europe and beyond.

Mid-Autumn weather in Brixen/Bressanone is generally very pleasant with a picturesque view of the truly large variety of colours typical of the Southern side of the Alps in this season.

We also promise a finest selection of top-Tyrolean food specialties, including a Gala dinner at the gourmet restaurant of Hotel Elephant and a typical Tyrolean evening (Törggelen) including the tasting of new wine and roasted chestnuts cooked on an open fire.

REGISTRATION

Participants are cordially invited to register as soon as possible, preferably before July 30th, 2012.

The **Registration Form** will be available in the symposium website

Website: www.bio.unipd.it/PDT2012

SYMPOSIUM FEES

	Early registration deadline July 30th	Late registration
Participants	€ 350	€ 500
Students	€ 150	€ 250
Exhibitors	€ 150	€ 250

The registration fee includes:

- admission to all the scientific sessions
- symposium programme and Abstracts
- coffee breaks
- Welcome Reception
- Lunch Buffet during the poster session
- Gala dinner at Hotel Elephant
- Tyrolean evening (*Törggele*)

Accompanying persons: € 150

The registration fee for accompanying persons covers:

Welcome Reception, Törggele and Gala Dinner

No registration fee is required for children under 14 years.

Please note: Credit card payment at the symposium registration desk **will not be accepted.**

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition of instrumentation for photo-chemotherapy, phototherapy, photodiagnosis, nanotechnologies in PD/PDT, as well as of optoelectronic equipment, photosensitizing compounds, and other pharmaceuticals will be available throughout the workshop.

Exhibitors are kindly required to register at least one month before the congress starts.

CONGRESS SECRETARIAT

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ABSTRACTS

Presentations: invited lectures on basic research and state-of-the-art applications in each single clinical discipline, as well as related free communications and poster presentations.

A session devoted to **poster discussion** will be organized on **Thursday, October 18th** during lunch time.

Instructions for abstract submission will be available in the second announcement and in the website.

The organizing committee reserves the right to switch the submitted presentations from oral to poster depending on the available time.

**Abstract submission deadline:
July 30th, 2012**

ACCOMMODATION

Please remember that **October is high tourist season** in Bressanone/Brixen and most hotels are **fully booked. Booking in advance is strongly recommended, preferably before June 15th.**

A limited number of rooms have been reserved for symposium participants at **Academia Cusanus** residence, which is at 10 min. walking distance from the Symposium venue.

The cost is 37 Euros per person/night in a single room, and 32 Euros per person/night in a double room, including breakfast. All of the rooms have a private bathroom.

The rooms will be allocated on a first-come/first-served basis. Participants interested in this accommodation should contact **Prof. Giulio Jori** specifying the arrival and departure date.

Participants wishing Hotel accommodation will find the necessary information in the symposium website.

HOW TO REACH BRIXEN

BY CAR: coming from North on motorway "Brenner" (A22, toll) exit "Brixen/Bressanone" or on the state road from Innsbruck via "Brennerpass" to Bozen;

coming from South on the same motorway (exit Chiusa/Klausen) or on the state road from Verona via Trento-Bolzano

BY TRAIN: in Brixen/Bressanone there is a stop for all IC- and EC-trains on the route Innsbruck-Brenner-Verona.

BY AIR PLANE: Bolzano (40 km), www.abd-airport.it
next international airports

Innsbruck (80 km), www.innsbruck-airport.com

Verona (190 km), www.aeroporto.verona.it

Venice (300 km) www.veniceairport.it

Milan (330 km), www.sea-aeroporto.milano.it

Munich (260 km). www.munich-airport.de