



Welcome to the

THIRD INTERNATIONAL RAGWEED CONFERENCE

April 3-4, 2014, Rho (Milan), Italy

<http://irc.aslmi1.mi.it>

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<http://www.internationalragweedsociety.org>

Organizers:

Local Health Authority Milan 1

organized jointly with the

“Ambrosia day, 2014 – Ragweed allergy: 15 years of prevention”

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Conference venue for the Third International Ragweed Conference

Congress Centre (Centro Congressi) in Rho, placed inside an 18th Century complex surrounded by a big park and a lovely Italian garden, to keep and favour the silence.



Close to the Sanctuary of the Afflicted Virgin Mary (Santuario della Madonna Addolorata) stands the "College". This name means a place where people "live together." The Missionary Oblates recognize their founder in the venerable father Giorgio Maria Martinelli (1656 – 1727). The foundation of the College dates back to 1714.

The Congress Centre (Centro Congressi) in Rho is 2 kilometers far from the New Fair Center of Rho-Pero, on the way from Milan to Malpensa international airport and on an axis leading to major european destinations by road.

Website of the Local Health Authority Milan 1: <http://www.aslmi1.mi.it>

Website of the Congress Centre: www.santuariorho.it/

Website of the International Ragweed Society: <http://www.internationalragweedsociety.org>

Preliminary programme:

Thursday, April 3, 2014

08.30–09:00 Arrival, registration
09:00–12.30 3rd IRC morning scientific sessions
12:30–13:30 Lunch break
13:30–16:30 3rd IRC afternoon scientific sessions
16:30–17:30 IRS General Assembly
20.00 Conference dinner

Friday, April 4, 2014

08.30–12:00 3rd IRC morning scientific sessions
12:00–13:00 Lunch break
13:00–17:00 "Ambrosia day, 2014 – Ragweed allergy: 15 years of prevention"

The conference will be jointly organized with "Ambrosia day, 2014 - Ragweed allergy: 15 years of prevention" (Local Health Authority Milan 1, Lombardy Region, Italy) and will focus on the harmful effects of the pollen of common ragweed in Europe. Basic research together with practical considerations in the field of pollen allergen genetics, aerobiology and meteorological aspects, human (and animal) health aspects and public health issues, ecological and management aspects will be emphasized, along with laboratory, pilot, and modeling studies leading to innovative approaches, including biological control, seeing the impressive positive effect on ragweed pollen level due to the spread of *Ophraella communa* in Northern Italy. Platform and poster presentations will be selected by the technical program committee from abstracts submitted for consideration.

Abstracts are due January 31, 2014. A sample abstract could be downloaded from <http://irc.aslmi1.mi.it> or <http://www.internationalragweedsociety.org>

Topics

1. ***Aerobiology and Meteorological aspects of ragweed pollen movement*** - Main lecture by ***Michel Thibaudon*** (Lyon, France)
2. ***Ecological and management aspects of ragweed*** – Main lecture by ***Bruno Chauvel*** (Djion, France)
3. ***Clinical aspects and genetic/ environmental factors influencing ragweed pollen allergenicity*** – Main Lecture by ***Beatrice Jahn Schmid*** (Vienna, Austria)
4. ***Ragweed pollen allergy: public health issues*** – Main Lecture by ***Nolwenn Noisel*** (Montréal, Canada)
5. ***Ragweed pollen allergy: veterinary aspects*** – Main Lecture by ***Nicla Furiani*** (Perugia, Italy)

Registration fees

Registration fees for IRC members

Euro 120.- Early registration (before January 31, 2014)

Euro 160.- Registration after January 31, 2014

Euro 60.- Accompanying Person Registration

Euro 60.- Student Registration

Registration fees for non-members

Euro 140.- Early registration (before January 31, 2014)

Euro 180.- Registration after January 31, 2014

Euro 60.- Accompanying Person Registration

Euro 60.- Student Registration

Registration fee includes two lunch-buffet, book of abstracts, list of participants and Italian CME credits.

The conference fees are payable

- by bank transfer to

Account holder: **Local Health Authority Milan 1**

Name of the bank: **Banca Popolare di Milano**

International Bank Account Number: **IT 15 G 05584 33320 000000075104**

Swift code: **BPMIITMM161**

When transferring the fee to the conference bank account, please make sure that **your name is clearly indicated** in the message field, particularly if your institution is the payer, otherwise it will be impossible to connect the payment to you.

Transportation - How to reach the Congress Centre

Corso Europa, 228 Rho (MI) (GPS: Latitude 45.53294, Longitude 9.03862). The Sanctuary is about 1 km far from the railway station Rho Centro, easily reachable by the suburban railway lines S5 (Treviglio - Milano Passante - Varese) and S6 (Piolto - Milano Passante - Novara).

The station is also served by the railway lines Milano-Varese, Milano-Domodossola and Milano-Torino.

From the railway station and terminal of Milan's Subway 1 Rho Fiera you can take a city line bus in direction "Centro Città".

Public bus service: STIE line from Milano Cadorna, "Santuario" stop.

By car or bus:

- highway A4 Milano-Torino exit Rho
- highway A8 Milano-Laghi exit Lainate
- Milan West Ringroad (Tangenziale Ovest) exit Rho Fiera.

Accommodation

Participants are kindly asked to reserve their hotel rooms individually (except invited keynote speakers). Since there is a great demand for hotels in this highly commercial season, please book your accommodation as soon as possible.

Recommended hotels

(prices indicated below are approximate and are just for your information; please check the exact process directly with the hotels)

Please, refer to the Local Health Authority Milan 1 and to the conference when reserving your room, since the Local Health Authority has a special agreement with these hotels. The invited speakers will also be lodged here.

MISSIONARY OBLATES COLLEGIUM

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20017 Rho (MI)

Tel. +39 02 9320801

Fax +39 02 93208099

info@collegiorhodense.it

Prices:

02/03 April 2014:

- single room € 50/night, breakfast not included; € 55/night breakfast included

HOTEL ESPERIA
Piazza della Libertà, 2
20017 Rho (MI)
Tel . +39 02 930 3971
Fax +39 02 9309713
info@esperia-hotel.it

Prices:

02/03 and 04 April 2014:

- double room single occupancy € 60,00/night/room breakfast included
- double room € 75,00/night/room breakfast included

ITALIANA HOTELS MILAN RHO FAIR

Via Alessandro Volta,
20017 Rho (MI)
Tel. +39 02 939 9861
Fax +39 02 93185219
desiree.russo@italiana-hotels.com

Prices:

01/02/03 and 04 April 2014:

- double room single occupancy € 74,00/night/room breakfast included
- double room € 84,00/night/room breakfast included

05/06 April 2014

- double room single occupancy € 114,00/night/room breakfast included
- double room € 124,00/night/room breakfast included

Miscellaneous

General information about the Congress Centre

Please consult the following website: www.santuariorho.it/

**If you have any request, please, do not hesitate to contact us: Dr.ssa Maira Bonini,
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We are looking forward to welcoming you in Rho.

Best regards,
Conference Organizers