5th International Congress of MAGI Association 2010

International Congress

“Genetic Therapies Application in Europe and Development Countries”

Trento – Bruxelles – Tirana

Congress Venue:

**TRENTO 20-21 Maggio**
Sala Rosa - Palazzo della Regione Trentino Alto Adige
Via Gazzoletti 2 - 38122 Trento (I)

**BRUXELLES 22 Giugno**
Common Representation of the European Region Tyrol - South Tyrol – Trentino
45-47, rue de Pascale B - 1040 Brussels

**TIRANA 11 Settembre**
Tirana International Hotel & Conference Centre
Skanderbeg Square 8, - Tirana, Albania

Congress Presentation

MAGI association was founded in Trentino, Italy, the birthplace of Alcide De Gasperi, a key figure of European unification. Briefly, MAGI non-profit association was established in February 2006 in the Province of Trento. It is composed of doctors specialized in medical genetics, biologists and biotechnologists whose aim is to help patients with genetic diseases and to promote biotechnological research in Europe and developing countries. In 2006, a convention was signed with Siena University to develop training courses and research projects, mainly for doctors from developing countries. In 2007, another convention was signed with Milan University to launch research protocols into neurological diseases with a genetic basis. In 2008, a further convention was ratified with the Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico “Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza” at San Giovanni Rotondo, to implement diagnostic protocols and consulting for patients with genetic diseases. In 2009, Trento Province completed the procedure for recognition of the MAGI Centre for Diagnosis and Research of Genetic Diseases. MAGI’s scientific committee is composed of twelve university professors who live in the USA, Canada and Europe (including Prof. Massimo Pandolfi of Brussels University). Most are of Italian origin. Our genetics service is recognized and listed by the Orphanet European Consortium and at national levels has achieved excellence in the diagnosis of genetic diseases of the retina (in collaboration with Prof. Giovanni Staurenghi of Milan University), molecular diagnosis of congenital deafness and genetic diagnosis of juvenile stroke. Every year about a dozen study grants are sponsored for doctors from developing countries; we are currently setting up our first two centres abroad, one at Tirana, Albania, called the House of Science for Sick Children, the other in Brussels, Belgium, called the Pool of Siloam. Our aim is to organize three conferences in our three centres in order to favour exchange of knowledge on biomedical sciences and in Europe and in Development Countries.

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