Dear Friends and Colleagues,

it is a great pleasure for us to invite you to the Ninth Postgraduate Course on “Surgery of The Thoracic Aorta”, which will take place in Bologna on 13th and 14th November 2017.

This interactive meeting will focus on open, hybrid, transcatheter and endovascular techniques employed during operations on the thoracic aorta.

The Course is addressed to Surgeons, Cardiologists, Radiologists and Anesthetists. Participants will be offered an attractive and diverse scientific programme containing a full spectrum of exchange and learning opportunities.

The programme will also include a number of live surgery demonstrations in order to illustrate state-of-the-art procedures and technologies. The Course will take place in a very relaxed and casual atmosphere so that all participants can openly exchange opinions and experiences.

You are also invited to send videos showing your personal surgical experiences related to the topics of the meeting that will be presented and discussed during specific interactive sessions devoted to each topic.

The venue is Bologna, a very elegant and ancient city, which is also famous for its University and, of course, for its cuisine.

Please join us and make this meeting a memorable one.

We are looking forward to welcoming you for an unforgettable learning experience.

Roberto Di Bartolomeo
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Monday
13th November 2017

7.30 Participants’ registration
8.15 Welcome addresses
   R. Di Bartolomeo
8.30-13.00
AORTIC VALVE AND ASCENDING AORTA SURGERY
Valsalva graft: a 15-year history
• 15 years of research. Historical note from Bologna 2003 to Bologna 2017
  R. De Paulis
• Practical Surgical Advantages in the use of Valsalva graft
  G. El Khoury
• 4D flow representation and characterization after reimplantation procedure
  L. Girardi
• Commissural repositioning in bicuspid aortic valve repair with Valsalva graft
  (video)
  C. Antona
• The evidence in a Bentall procedure with Valsalva graft. Is this standard of care?
  E. Chen
Perceval literature review: lesson learnt after 10 years of clinical experience
   D. Bouchard

Interactive Session
Video from attendants
Presentations and Discussion

LIVE SURGERY DEMONSTRATION
From the Operating Room of the S. Orsola Hospital

13.00 Lunch
14.00-19.00
AORTIC DISSECTION
Total Aortic Repair for Acute type A Dissection: A New Paradigm
   G. Matalanis
GREAT DEBATE:
Fet in the Type A acute dissection
Chairman: M. Bashir
• PRO: M. Shrestha
• CON: W. Morshuis
The Frozen Elephant trunk procedure for the treatment of acute aortic dissection type B
   M. Grabenwoger
Contemporary treatment of type B aortic dissections
   M. Schepens
The Evolution of FET: From Zone 2 to Zone 0 Anastomosis with E-vita Open Neo
   H. Jakob
Aortic Surgery in Pregnancy
   S. Lansman
Surgery in aortoarteritis - an Indian experience
   V. Bashi

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LIVE SURGERY DEMONSTRATION
From the Operating Room of the S. Orsola Hospital

19.00 Closing remarks
   R. Di Bartolomeo
20.30 Conference Dinner
Tuesday 14th November 2017

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8.15-13.00

AORTIC ARCH

Insiris Resilia: a new class of resilient heart valves enabled by RESILIA tissue
A. Campbell

Re-operations on the aortic arch
A. Pochettino

Thoracic Scallops for extending the proximal landing zone
R. Heijmen

The Endovascular Repair of the Aortic Arch
M. Czerny

FACULTY VIDEOS
• J. Coselli
• H. Ogino
• Y. Okita
• W. Slisatkorn
• D. Spielvogel

Interactive Session
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LIVE SURGERY DEMONSTRATION
From the Operating Room of the S. Orsola Hospital

13.00 Lunch

14.00-17.00

DESCENDING AND THORACO-ABDOMINAL AORTA

Update on the TBE (Gore) Branched Arch Graft. A complete trial result
J. Bavaria

Endovascular repair of the ascending aorta
E. Roselli

Update on Delayed Paraplegia
A. Estrera

Thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm open repair: updates on multimodal approach
R. Chiesa

FACULTY VIDEOS
• C. Etz
• M. Gargiulo
• K. Tsagakis

Interactive Session
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LIVE SURGERY DEMONSTRATION
From the Operating Room of the S. Orsola Hospital

17.00 Closing remarks
R. Di Bartolomeo
FACULTY

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**COURSE VENUE**

Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi  
P.zza della Costituzione 4/a  
40128 Bologna – Italy

**HOW TO GET TO BOLOGNA**

**By Plane**

Several airlines connect Bologna with many Italian and foreign cities. The international airport “G. Marconi” is located just 7 km from the Course Venue.  
About 15 minutes by taxi.  
Taxi: +39 051.372727 - +39 051 4950

**By Train**

The Bologna Central Station is one of the largest railway interconnections in both Italy and Europe. It is a few minutes from Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi. Buses no. 35/39 link the station with the Course Venue.  
The prices of the tickets are € 1,30 validity: 75 minutes from time of stamping on bus. One-day ticket price is € 5,00, validity: 24 hours from time of stamping on bus.

**By Car**

From motorway A1, A13, A14: from the ring road exit n. 7 (Via Stalingrado) or exit Bologna Fiera direction city centre of Bologna.  
Car parking: parking facilities are available near the Course Venue.

**SHUTTLE SERVICE**

A shuttle service will be available on 13th and 14th November, connecting the Congress Venue to all the hotels booked through the Organizing Secretariat.

**VIDEOS**

Participants are invited to send videos on any of the topics addressed in Windows Media Player compatible formats. Maximum video length is 5 minutes. All oral presentations will be in English. The Videos should be sent to the Organizing Secretariat by 9th October 2017 with a CD, USB or uploading them on www.wetransfer.com (Recipient’s e-mail address: c.negroni@noemacongressi.it). The 10 best video presentations will be published on JOVS (Journal of Visualized Surgery). The winners will have to write a brief report about the video topic.

**COURSE RECEPTION**

A reception desk will operate at the Course Venue on 13th November from 7.30 to 19.00 and on 14th November from 7.30 until the end of the Course.

**CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

Attendance certificates will be issued to Course participants by the Organising Secretariat at the end of the Course.

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

The official Course language is English. Simultaneous translation will be provided from English to Italian.

**EXHIBITION**

A technical exhibition will take place throughout the Course. For information, please contact the Organizing Secretariat: info@noemacongressi.it.

**SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

Conference Dinner on Monday, 13th November. Detailed information will be available in the Final Programme.
REGISTRATION FEES
[price including 22% VAT]

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*Reduced fee for individual registrations only

HOW TO REGISTER

On-line registration on the web site: www.noemacongressi.it

The registration fee for Surgeons includes:
Admittance to all sessions, access to the exhibition, Course materials, certificate of attendance, coffee breaks and lunches on 13th and 14th November, Conference Dinner on 13th November.

The registration fee for Trainees includes:
Admittance to all sessions, access to the exhibition, Course materials, certificate of attendance, coffee breaks and lunches on 13th and 14th November.

The registration fee for Accompanying Persons includes:
Conference Dinner on 13th November, a guided tour on 14th November.

PAYMENT

Payments have to be made to:
Noema srl
> by Bank Transfer to Noema srl drawn on an Italian bank.
> by Credit Card
  (MASTERCARD, VISA).

CANCELLATION

Cancellations of registered Participants must be sent in writing to the Organizing Secretariat. A 70% refund will be made for all cancellations received before 2nd October 2017. After that date no refunds will be possible. All refunds will be processed after the Course.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

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A number of rooms have been booked for Course participants at the Hotels listed above. Rooms will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis depending on availability. Confirmation will be sent to each applicant.

Please note that tourist tax have to be paid directly at check-out.
The Course has been approved by Eucomed Conference Vetting System

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