INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF UROLOGY AND NEPHROLOGY

11th Course: ADVANCES IN UROLOGICAL ONCOLOGY.
“FOCUS ON PROSTATE CANCER”

ERICE-SICILY: 20 - 23 APRIL 2006

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POURPOSE OF THE COURSE

The purpose of the Course is to provide state-of-the-art knowledge and future perspectives on basic and translational research, detection techniques and advanced therapeutic strategies of prostate cancer in a multidisciplinary approach. Scientific sessions will include interactive discussions between the faculty and the participants. International experts in the research and treatment of prostate cancer will share their views and experience with the audience.

This course is the first of a series of courses held under the aegis of the Italian Society of Urological Oncology. It is hoped to organise such courses on alternate years.

APPLICATIONS

Persons wishing to attend the Course should write, within February 20* 2006, to:
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*PLEASE NOTE

Participants must arrive on April 20, not later than 7 pm.

POETIC TOUCH

According to legend, Erice, son of Venus and Neptune, founded a small town on top of a mountain (750 metres above sea level) more than three thousand years ago. The founder of modern history — i.e., the recording of events in a methodic and chronological sequence as they really happened without reference to mythical causes — the great Thucydides (~500 B.C.), writing about events connected with the conquest of Troy (1183 B.C.) said: «After the fall of Troy some Trojans on their escape from the Achaei arrived in Sicily by boat and as they settled near the border with the Sicilians all together they were named Elymii: their towns were Segesta and Erice.» This inspired Virgil to describe the arrival of the Trojan royal family in Erice and the burial of Anchise, by his son Enea, on the coast below Erice. Homer (~1000 B.C.), Theocritus (~300 B.C.), Polybius (~200 B.C.), Virgil (~50 B.C.), Horace (~20 B.C.), and others have celebrated this magnificent spot in Sicily in their poems. During seven centuries (XIII-XIX) the town of Erice was under the leadership of a local oligarchy, whose wisdom assured a long period of cultural development and economic prosperity which in turn gave rise to the many churches, monasteries and private palaces which you see today.

In Erice you can admire the Castle of Venus, the Cyclopean Walls (~800 B.C.) and the Gothic Cathedral (~1300 A.D.). Erice is at present a mixture of ancient and medieval architecture. Other masterpieces of ancient civilization are to be found in the neighbourhood: at Motya (Phoenician), Segesta (Elymian), and Selinunte (Greek). On the Aegadian Islands — theatre of the decisive naval battle of the first Punic War (244-241 B.C.) — suggestive neolithic and palaeolithic vestiges are still visible: the grottoes of Favigiana, the carvings and murals of Levanzo. Splendid beaches are to be found at San Vito Lo Capo, Scopello, and Cornino, and a wild and rocky coast around Monte Cofano: all at least one hour’s drive from Erice.

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