INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE «GIUSEPPE D’ALESSANDRO»

55th Course: ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE EUROPEAN REGION: DEANS’ & DIRECTORS’ RETREAT

ERICE-SICILY: 26 – 29 MAY 2019

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PROGRAMME AND LECTURERS

POURPOSE OF THE COURSE

The 2019 Deans’ & Directors’ Retreat will be the arena where the members of the ASPHER (Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region) will discuss about education programs, teaching methodologies and research activities operated within their institutions. The decision to organize the Retreat at the HQ of the International School of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine “Giuseppe D’Alessandro”, Ettore Majorana Foundation, will make it easier for the 35 Directors of the Italian Postgraduate Schools of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine to participate in a debate with their European and US Colleagues, in an attempt to further improve the education programs, teaching methodologies and research activities operated by the ASPHER (EMFCSC)

APPLICATIONS

To obtain informations about the Retreat, please contact: Professor Carlo Signorelli, MD, MPH, PhD, University Vita Salute San Raffaele, Milan, Italy e-mail: odone.anna@for.it. Tel: +39.02.26435525

Further informations are available on the site of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER): https://www.aspher.org

PLEASE NOTE

Participants are expected to arrive in Erice on Sunday May 26 no later than 6:00 pm; those involved in the ASPHER General Assembly are expected to arrive before 4:00 pm

More information about the other activities of the “ETTORE MAJORANA” FOUNDATION AND CENTRE FOR SCIENTIFIC CULTURE (EMFCSC) can be found on the web at the following URL: http://www.cresc.info

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Precision Public Health: Capabilities Needed to Translate Genomic Data into Population Health Benefits

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Schools of Public Health’s Contribution towards the Universal Health Coverage Agenda

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Closing Ceremony

• K. CZABANOWSKA, ASPHER ImmediatePast President • J. MIDDLETON, ASPHER President • G. PRIVITERA, Chair Italian Network of Schools of Public Health C. SIGNORELLI, Chair ASPHER Exco 2019 • A. ZICHICHI, ASPHER President • S. BOCCIA, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome, IT • G. GIAMMANCO • C. SIGNORELLI • F. VITALE, Director, International School of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, EMFCSC, Erice, IT

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 — is 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 return from the Achaeans arrived in Sicily by boat and as they settled near the harbour with the Sicilians all together they were named Elymians; their towns were Segesta and Erice». This inspired Virgil and he wrote in the third great Aeneid 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 (~29 B.C.), Horace (~20 B.C.), and others have celebrated this magnificent spot in Sicily in their poems. During seven centuries (XII–XIX), the town of Erice was under the leadership of a local magnificacy, 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 toda. 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 near vicinity: the theatre of the decisive battle of the first Punic War (264-241 B.C.) — suggestive necropolis and paleolithic vestiges are still visible: the grottos of Favigiata, 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: at all less than one hour’s drive from Erice.