

Malta
4-5 December 2008

GUCH in the Mediterranean

Grown Up Congenital Heart Disease

Congress Organisers: Dr Victor Grech & Prof Jane Somerville



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Purpose: To discuss issues in adults who present with congenital heart disease modified by advances in treatment over the last 50 years

Format: Formal Lectures, Interactive Sessions and Case Presentations

Designed for all those involved in the care of adolescents and adults with congenital heart disease:

- Paediatric and Adult Cardiologists
- Cardiac Surgeons
- Paediatricians
- Interventionalists
- Physicians
- Anaesthetists
- Obstetricians
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Paramedics

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Congress in the Winter Sun

Venue: Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, Malta



This course has been awarded **12 CME credits** in line with UEMS criteria, exactly equivalent to European CME Credits (ECMECs)

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early registration fee (before 1st July 2008)
€230

late registration fee (from 1 July 2008)
€300



Faculty

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Paediatric cardiologist and interventionalist at the Istituto Clinico Humanitas di Rozzano, Milan

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Dr Fiona Walker

GUCH consultant at the Heart Hospital in London and lead GUCH cardiologist and director of the maternal cardiology at UCLH, UK

Congress Programme

Thursday, 4 December 2008

08:00 Course registration

Session 1: GUCH Introduction

- 09:00 Introduction to the meeting - Albert Fenech, Chairman, Cardiology Services, Malta
09:10 Introduction to the problem - Jane Somerville
09:30 GUCH epidemiology - Victor Grech
10:00 Recurrence risks and genetics - Isabella Borg
10:30 Coffee break

Session 2: Investigations in GUCH and Problems

- 10:45 The CXR is useful - Jane Somerville
11:15 MRI and CT in GUCH - Andrew Taylor
11:45 Strong points and weaknesses of ICE and TOE in the treatment of ASD - Patrizia Presbitero
12:15 Discussion
12:30 Lunch

Session 3: Special Problems 1

- 14:00 Pregnancy - Fiona Walker
14:30 The obstetrician and the at-risk pregnancy - Charles Savona-Ventura
15:00 Pregnancy and Marfan's syndrome - Patrizia Presbitero
15:30 Discussion till 16:00
20:30 Course dinner

Friday, 5 December 2008

Session 4: Special problems 2

- 08:30 Interventional treatment - Joseph DeGiovanni
09:00 Foramen ovale: anatomical variants for closure - Patrizia Presbitero
09:30 Surgery for native/ post-surgery GUCH - Joseph DeGiovanni
10:00 Coffee Break

Session 5: Special Problems 3

- 10:30 The GUCH needing noncardiac surgery - Oscar Aquilina
11:00 Arrhythmias, pacing and electrophysiological intervention - Joseph DeGiovanni
11:30 Near misses and disasters - Fiona Walker
12:00 Discussion
12:15 Lunch

Session 6: Special Problems 4 and Cases

- 13:30 New drugs in pulmonary hypertension - Maurice Beghetti
14:00 Managing cyanosis and the Eisenmenger in GUCH - Fiona Walker
14:30 Cases studies by course participants - Victor Grech
16:00 Summary and discussion till 16:15

Also available online:

- Programme for accompanying persons
- Checklist for cases brought in by delegates for Case studies in Session 6
- Information about the Maltese islands