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18th INTERNATIONAL LEPROSY CONGRESS

First Announcement

General Information

Date: September 16-20, 2013

Congress Language: English

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Dear Friends and Colleagues

On behalf of the organizing and scientific committees we are very pleased to extend you a warm invitation to attend the 18th International Leprosy Congress in Brussels, Belgium from 16 to 20 September 2013.

We are aiming to organize a congress programme that will reflect the multidisciplinary character of Leprosy and attract scientists and health personnel from a variety of scientific and medical backgrounds.

The core of the scientific program is decided by the Scientific Committee appointed by the International Leprosy Association (ILA). A variety of topics will be covered and a preliminary list can be seen below:

- History of leprosy
- Microbiology – including genomics, strain typing
- Genetics - immunogenetics
- Immunology – assessment of exposure, early diagnosis
- Pathology – pathogenesis of disease
- Epidemiology of leprosy – distribution and determinants
- Chemotherapy – new drugs, drug resistance
- Leprosy Control – global strategy, low endemic settings
- Role of people affected by leprosy
- Prevention – vaccines and chemoprophylaxis
- Nerve function and injury
- Reactions – type 1 and ENL
- Leprosy and Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Leprosy and other mycobacterial diseases – Buruli ulcer
- Prevention of disability
- Leprosy Surgery
- The eye and leprosy



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Tropical dermatology
Psychological and social aspect
Training – capacity strengthening and retaining leprosy expertise
The morbidity residual
Rehabilitation
Stigma – intervention to reduce stigma
Human rights and advocacy

For information on registration, submission of abstracts and other details, please wait for the Second Announcement (expected to be available by November/December 2012 at the ILA website and Leprosy Mailing List of Salvatore Noto (LML)).

Organizing Committee
Chair - Marcos Virmond – ILA president

Scientific Committee
Chair - Prof. W. Cairns S Smith – School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Aberdeen,

Local Organizing Committee
Chair - Rigo Peeters – General Secretary Damien Foundation

ILA website: <http://www.leprosy-ila.org/do.php/Home>

LML: <http://www.aifo.it/english/resources/online/lml-archives/index.htm>

