Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is great honour indeed for me to welcome you on the occasion of the 1st Congress organized by the Multinational Chapter of the IUA which is to be held in Palermo, one of the world’s most attractive tourist destination. I am very pleased to have the possibility to express best thanks to Prof. Novo and his team for the outstanding activity in preparing this scientific gathering. It will represent without doubt an impulse for the Multinational Chapter of the IUA to start and develop its own life.

The subtitle of this meeting – a multidisciplinary approach to cardiovascular diseases – is in good agreement with the current mission of the IUA which is focused on two main issues: to bring together all types of vascular specialists and to support their interdisciplinary cooperation which is at present necessary for good clinical practice. The second aim of the IUA is to support young vascular specialists and to give them an educational opportunity and the possibility to be active scientifically. I am sure both these aspects will be fulfilled and appreciated during the next Multinational Chapter Congress.

Prof. Novo and his team have been working for many months to organize this congress and I am glad to have the opportunity to congratulate him for preparing us a unique opportunity to obtain a state-of-the-art update on management of vascular disorders. Allow me to express my gratitude and conviction that we will spend together an unforgettable time in the city of Palermo.

Welcome again and may we have a nice meeting in Palermo!

Karel Rottocil, MD, PhD
President
International Union of Angiology
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the XXIV Mediterranean Congress of Angiology and Vascular Surgery which will be held in Palermo Sicily next October under the Presidency of Prof Salvatore Novo. I am sure this Congress will be a successful one and will give the opportunity for scientific dialogue and communication at its highest level.

As you know, the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery have a multidisciplinary character, and provides a unique forum for discussing critical issues concerning the management and care of all vascular patients. Furthermore, MLAVS has the mission to foster progress and mutual understanding between all professional groups dealing with vascular diseases in the Mediterranean region, and to promote research.

Although the persisting economic crisis has affected the organisation of Medical Congresses, I am sure that the efforts of the Organising Committee as well as the beautiful environment of Palermo will ensure an active participation.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery I wish you a very productive and pleasant Meeting.

Let’s meet in Palermo in 2014!

N. Angelides MD, PhD, FRCS
President of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Palermo, to participate in the 1st Meeting of the Multinational Chapter of the International Union of Angiology “A multidisciplinary approach to cardiovascular diseases”, organized in conjunction with XXIV Congress of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery (MLAVS), at the Didactic Centre of the University of Palermo, from October 2nd to 5th, 2014. The beautiful town of Palermo has been selected several times as a meeting’s venue for cardiovascular specialists coming from different European countries: March 2000 - XII Meeting of the Working Group on Peripheral Circulation of the European Society of Cardiology; September 2005 - 15th Congress of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery; October 2009 - 18th Congress of the European Chapter of the International Union of Angiology, jointly organized with the 19th Congress of the Mediterranean League of Angiology and Vascular Surgery (MLAVS).

Now is the first time that scientists coming from all over the world meet in Palermo for a Meeting really different from the previous ones, having the peculiarity to see the field of cardiovascular disease form an interdisciplinary point of view.

On this aspect the first announcement contains a very large list of topics useful for the preparation of scientific contribution from people wishing to participate and actively contributing to the scientific programme of the Congress with oral communications or posters as well as for the special sessions devoted to the competition for IUA prizes.

We hope to receive also your suggestions for Symposia, Debates, Workshops, How to Sessions, Pro and Con Sessions, Lecture by the members of the Boards of the International Union of Angiology and by world-wide scientists actively involved both in cardiovascular disease as well as in clinical and experimental research.

The Congress is aiming to present and debate the most recent experiences and researches in the field of cardiovascular diseases between angiologist, cardiologist, diabetologist, specialists in internal medicine and geriatrics, haematologist, radiologist, vascular surgeon, biotist and geneticist, as well as young post-graduating doctors in these disciplines and nurses, so to have a multiform and attractive scientific programme.

Moreover, we hope that people coming from other countries as well as from different regions of Italy can find attractive and interesting also the history and the monuments of Palermo, with its mosaic of art and culture.

With the auspices to have soon the opportunity to meet you in Palermo, 
Sincerely Yours.

Chairman of the Congress

**Registration Fees** (VAT included)

Registration includes: Admission to the Congress, Exhibition, Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail, Congress documentation, Certificate of Attendance, coffee breaks and light lunches.

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**CME - EACCME - UEMS Credits**

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**T O P I C S**

- Acute Coronary Syndrome
- Ageing and vascular diseases
- Antplatelet drugs
- Aortic valve disease
- Aortic aneurysms
- Acute arterial thrombosis
- Arteritis
- Arterial hypertension and vascular complications
- Atrial fibrillation and thromboembolic complications
- Asymptomatic carotid lesions
- Biotechnology in angiology
- Cardiometabolic Syndrome, NALFD, NASH
- Cerebrovascular diseases
- Chronic critical leg ischemia
- Computers in angiology
- Congential vascular Disease
- Metabolic Syndrome, Diabetes and cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes and vascular complications
- Diagnostics in angiology: non-invasive and invasive
- Diseases of the lymphatics
- Drugs active on the heart and peripheral circulation
- Drugs active on the venous wall
- Drugs affecting RAAS
- Epidemiology of vascular diseases
- Endovascular surgery
- Experimental angiology
- Guidelines in cardiovascular diseases
- Haemorheology and Microcirculation
- Immunology and vascular disease
- Inflammation and atherosclerosis
- Laser Therapy in angiology
- Lipid lowering drugs in primary and secondary prevention
- Menopause and cardiovascular diseases
- Microcirculation in rheumatic and autoimmune disease
- Mitraclip
- Molecular biology in vascular disease
- Multi-focal atherosclerosis: outcome, timing of medical and surgical therapy
- Multimodality imaging (Echocolor Doppler, NMR, CT) in vascular disease
- New and old heparins
- New antidiabetic drugs
- New oral Anticoagulant
- Nutraceuticals and cardiovascular disease
- Peripheral obstructive arterial disease
- PFO and Stroke
- Preclinical atherosclerosis and CV Risk
- PTA in different arterial bed
- Progression and regression of atherosclerosis
- Pulmonary embolism
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Prostanooids in CLI
- Raynaud’s disease
- Reconstructive surgery in arterial and venous disease
- Rehabilitation in angiology
- Renin-angiotensin system and vascular alterations
- Risk factors and atherosclerosis
- Socio-economic impact of angiological diseases
- Stroke
- Supraaortic trunks disease
- TAVI
- Telematics in angiology
- Teaching and educational programs in angiology
- Traumatic vascular diseases
- Thrombolytic drugs in arterial and venous diseases
- Varices and varico-plehbitis
- Vascular malformations
- Venous thrombosis and post-thrombotic syndrome
- Venous disease: - venous insufficiency - venous compression - laser therapy - news in pharmacological treatment - EAP: a critical review - Sclerotherapy
PALERMO SIGHTSEEING

1st Walking tour- 1/2 day

- Palazzo Reale - Cappella Palatina
- S. Giovanni degli Eremiti
- Porta Nuova - P.zza della Vittoria
- Palazzo Arcivescovile
- Cattedrale (tesori e cripta)
- Chiesa del SS. Salvatore
- Monumento a Carlo V
- Palazzo Belmonte Riso (Museo d’Arte Contemporanea della Sicilia)
- Chiesa S. Giuseppe dei Teatini
- P.zza Vigliena (4 canti di città)
- Chiesa di S. Matteo - P.zza Pretoria-Fontana-Palazzo delle Aquile
- Piazza Bellini- Chiesa di s. Cataldo
- Chiesa della Martorana
- P.zza Sant’Anna e quartiere dei Lattarini
- Complesso Monumentale di S. Anna e Galleria d’arte Moderna
- Palazzo Valguarnera
- Teatro di S. Cecilia
- Oratorio di S. Lorenzo
- Chiesa e P.zza di S. Francesco d’Assisi*

* At the end of the tour you can have a lunch break at the “Antica Focacceria di S. Francesco” to taste the specialties of Sicilian cuisine.

2nd Walking tour- 1/2 day

- Piazza Massimo e Teatro Massimo
- Chiesa di S. Domenico
- Oratorio del SS. Rosario - Chiesa di S. Maria in Valverde - Oratorio del SS. Rosario in S. Cita - S. Giorgio dei Genovesi*
- Complesso del Castello a Mare
- Piazza Marina – Palazzo Steri – Chiaramonte (Rectorate University of Palermo)
- S. Maria dei Miracoli
- Palazzo Mirto
- Chiesa di S. Maria della Catena
- Mura delle cattive-Loggiato di S. Bartolomeo
- Palazzo Abatellis
- Chiesa della Gancia
- Chiesa della Magione
- Complesso di S. Maria dello Spasimo
- Chiesa di Santa Teresa alla Kalsa
- Villa Giulia e Lungo Mare Foro Umberto I

* These oratories and churches are part of a circuit of baroque treasures called “the way of treasures”, if you buy a single ticket at S. Cita Church you can visit them all.