



Società Italiana di Chirurgia Colo-Rettale

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Dear colleagues

it is a pleasure for me to announce that the Spring Meeting of our society will take place the 23-24 April 2007 in Rome as scheduled.

As you probably know, we had some problems for the sponsorship due to the decision of ASSOCIOMEDICA and FARMINDUSTRIA to stop any sponsorship to medical congresses in response to the new financial law. Several congresses have already been cancelled but our spring meeting is vital for the strategy and visibility of our society. For that reason the Council board of the society decided last 17th February to maintain the meeting even with a reduced budget, cutting any not-necessary expenses, including hospitality of speakers and moderators, including the President of the Society.

Another important new concerns the qualification in colorectal surgery. Last 20th February we had a meeting with senatore Ignazio Marino (Commissione sanità) and prof Luigi Frati (president of the conference of the Presidi di Facoltà). Our proposal to introduce an official clinical fellowship in colorectal surgery was not feasible but prof Frati suggested (and we accepted it) that within the School of Specialization in General Surgery and Diseases of the digestive tract, the last year could be devoted to colorectal surgery in order to achieve a final diploma oriented in colorectal surgery. This could have some importance as a preference title to become consultant in Colorectal surgery Departments. Furthermore the SICCR will be involved by the Consiglio Universitario Nazionale in the definition of the scientific program and the university centres where this new courses of specialization will take place.

Best regards

President SICCR

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