

# Bringing **HTA** into practice

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

**Rome, June 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

*Dear Colleagues,*

*We invite you to participate in the second Annual Meeting of Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi), an international society for the promotion of health technology assessment (HTA), to be held in Rome from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005.*

*In recent years, national health care systems have had to cope with an increasing demand for new health interventions, which have become increasingly more technologically advanced and expensive.*

*Managing technological innovation and diffusion is one of the main issues plaguing health services delivery systems worldwide. Given limited available resources, how do we provide an environment that fosters technological innovation and, at the same time, balances the needs of individual patients with those of entire populations? In the past, strategies have focused on, first, evaluating the appropriateness of interventions, such as diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, assistive technologies, and organizational standards, and then developing strong policies based on the results. Unfortunately, such policies have generally been ineffective in minimizing inappropriate use. It has, therefore, become crucial that we concentrate our efforts on influencing the initial stages of technological innovation, helping to guide innovators in the development of technologies that are most likely to meet the needs of the people.*

*What are the various roles of HTA in this context? Despite the fact that there is strong consensus on HTA research methods, not all health care systems have been able to fully utilize the information produced by HTA to influence decisions and clinical practice. A potential expanded role for HTA in technological innovation processes remains unexplored. What would be the appropriate instruments, necessary skills, and useful partnerships?*

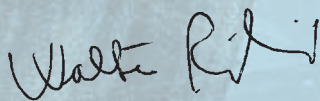
*These are the challenges facing HTA if it wants to more effectively influence health care services management in the future. They form the basis for topics to be addressed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of HTAi, "Bringing HTA into Practice", from which we believe new policies and enthusiasm for HTA will emerge.*

*Rome, one of the most exciting European cities of culture, is for sure the ideal place to address these delicate and strategic debates about our scientific societal development in the future. We also hope that all delegates may have a wonderful and cultural experience during the next HTAi meeting in Rome.*

*We look forward to seeing you.*

*Yours sincerely*

Walter Ricciardi



Cesare Catananti



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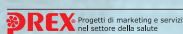
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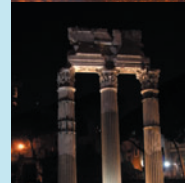
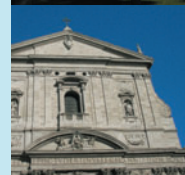
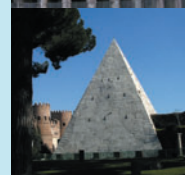
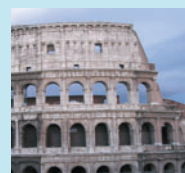
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Call for **Abstracts**



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# Preliminary Programme

## SATURDAY

HTAi Board of Directors' Meeting  
Satellite Sessions

## SUNDAY

Pre-conference Workshops

Epidemiology  
Biostatistics  
Health economics  
Modelling  
Systematic reviews  
Meta-analyses

Pre-conference Workshops

Costing methods  
Qualitative methods  
Social network analysis  
Knowledge brokers  
Evidence based medicine/nursing  
Clinical engineering

*Welcome Reception*

## MONDAY

Opening Ceremony

1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session

Bringing HTA into practice

Oral Presentation Sessions

Clinical guidelines  
Policy making  
Organizational decision making  
Clinical decision making  
Public decision making process  
Decision making in developing countries

Parallel Panel Sessions

Application of HTA: practical experience in different countries  
HTA and industry  
HTA at the macro level: policy making process  
HTA at the meso level: managerial decision process  
HTA at the micro level: professional level

Poster Sessions

HTAi Annual Business Meeting

## TUESDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session

Managing efficiency/equity trade off: the role of HTA

Oral Presentation Sessions

Assessing utility  
Economic evaluation methods  
Modelling  
Outcomes research methods  
Costing methods  
Epidemiology and HTA  
Public health and HTA  
Ethics/equity

Parallel Panel Sessions

Innovation, technology and government: a role for HTA?  
The gene-based medicine  
HTA from the point of view of clinical engineering  
Dissemination of HTA  
Impact of HTA on health care practice  
Technological innovation  
Regulatory environment of drugs  
Regulatory environment of devices  
Technological overlapping

Poster Sessions

*Conference Dinner*

## WEDNESDAY

Oral Presentation Sessions

Education in HTA  
Surgical technologies  
Neurosciences technologies  
Oncology technologies  
Cardiovascular technologies  
Pharmacoeconomics  
Genomics  
Emerging technologies  
Technologies in emergency medicine

Poster Sessions

3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session

Harmonizing HTA practices  
Awards  
Closing remarks

Post-conference Workshops

## THURSDAY

Post-conference Workshops

## FRIDAY

Post-conference Workshops

## Glossary

### Plenary Sessions

consist of two/three speakers and one chair.

### Oral Sessions

consist of five/six oral presentations on the same topic selected by the ISPC from the abstracts submitted. Oral presentations are scheduled with 10 minutes for slide presentation followed by 5 minutes of discussion.

### Parallel Panel Sessions

consist of three/four presentations on selected topics, allowing some time for discussion to follow. Time at disposal: 1 hour and 30 minutes.

### Poster Sessions

Posters selected by the ISPC will be displayed from 20<sup>th</sup> June 2005 until 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005.

### Interactive Poster Sessions

The ISPC will select a number of posters for discussion. The time at disposal for each of them will be 10 minutes (8+2).

### Pre/Post Conference Courses/Sessions\*

These are courses on specific fields of interest.

\*Further detailed information regarding pre and post conference courses and their registration fees will become available, on the website, closer to the meeting.

## Call for Abstracts

You are invited to submit abstracts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> HTAi Annual Meeting *Bringing HTA into practice*. The major topics of the 2005 meeting are listed in the programme although all topics are welcome.  
Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2005**

- Submission should be made only via the society web-site ([www.htai.org](http://www.htai.org)) starting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004
- Please, indicate your presentation preference (oral, poster, both) and key-words. Please note that final decision on presentation type will be by the ISPC
- All details on the online abstract form must be completed
- Only one oral presentation per person is allowed. Being a co-author will not be taken into account
- Abstracts, written according to the rules, must be received not later than **31<sup>st</sup> January 2005**
- All authors will receive a notification of receipt of their abstract. Please contact the Organizing Secretariat Prex if you do not receive any communication by **10<sup>th</sup> February 2005**
- All authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by **15<sup>th</sup> March 2005**
- Authors, in order to present their work, must be registered at the meeting

## Call for Parallel Panel Sessions (PPS)

The ISPC invites you to submit proposals for Parallel Panel Sessions.

Deadline: **15<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

Proposals should be as brief as possible and include:

- a one-page outline that indicates the title of the session, goal or purpose, and an explanation of why the topic is appropriate and important for presentation at the HTAi meeting
- a tentative list of speakers including a short CV, presentation titles, and whether they have agreed to participate
- complete contact information for the organizers

Please submit your proposal using the PPS form to be downloaded from [www.htai.org](http://www.htai.org) (starting 15<sup>th</sup> October) not later than **15<sup>th</sup> December 2004**.

Selection or modification of submitted proposals is at the discretion of the ISPC.

Authors will be notified of the ISPC's decision not later than **20<sup>th</sup> January 2005**; after acceptance, managers of each session will need to submit abstracts for all the presentations comprising that session by **20<sup>th</sup> February 2005**.

All speakers, in order to present their work, must be registered at the meeting.

## Registration Fees

You may register in one of three ways:

**Internet:** available after 15<sup>th</sup> January 2005 - payment by credit card\* only

**Fax/Mail:** complete the registration form and fax to +39 06 45422583 or mail it to the PCO Prex  
Payment by bank draft, check, credit card\*

\*Credit card payments are subject to a 5% administrative fee. Credit cards accepted: Visa, Mastercard, Diners

		on or before April 15, 2005	after April 15, 2005
<b>HTAi member</b>	<b>Full</b>	€ 495,00	€ 585,00
HTAi membership renewal NOT included	<b>Reduced*</b>	€ 225,00	€ 315,00
	<b>One-day</b>	€ 180,00	€ 270,00
<b>HTAi member</b>	<b>Full</b>	€ 630,00	€ 720,00
HTAi membership renewal included	<b>Reduced*</b>	€ 306,00	€ 396,00
	<b>One-day</b>	€ 312,00	€ 402,00
<b>non member</b>	<b>Full</b>	€ 675,00	€ 756,00
HTAi membership included	<b>Reduced*</b>	€ 342,00	€ 429,00
	<b>One-day</b>	€ 342,00	€ 432,00

Pre-registrations close on **5<sup>th</sup> June 2005**; after this date it will be possible to register only on-site.

\* *This fee is reserved for students and delegates from developing countries. Because verification is required the following papers must be submitted together with the registration form: **Students:** a letter written on official letterhead and signed by a department head or mentor  
**Delegates from developing countries:** a copy of the passport*

### ENTITLEMENTS

**Full and reduced fees for HTAi members and Non members:** attendance at scientific sessions and exhibition, congress kit with final programme and abstract book, coffee breaks, luncheons, welcome reception, certificate of attendance.

**One-day registrations:** attendance at scientific sessions and exhibition on that day, congress kit with final programme and abstract book, coffee breaks and luncheon on that day, certificate of attendance (welcome reception not included).

*Reduced fees for students include a 1-year student membership in HTAi.*

### CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be in writing and faxed/e-mailed to Prex S.p.A. not later than **15<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

- before **29<sup>th</sup> April 2005** full refund excluding an administrative fee of € 30,00
- after **29<sup>th</sup> April 2005** refund 40% of registration fee
- after **15<sup>th</sup> May 2005** no requests of refunds will be accepted

Refunds will be handled 4 to 6 weeks after the close of the conference.

## Important Dates

Early-registration deadline  
Closing of registrations  
Abstract submission deadline  
Parallel Panel Sessions submission deadline

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2005**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June 2005**  
**31<sup>st</sup> January 2005**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

Access the latest and official information of the meeting at [www.htai.org](http://www.htai.org) or [www.prex.it](http://www.prex.it). The web sites provide information for all aspects of the meeting as well as the possibility to download the registration and accommodation forms.

## Prizes

During the 2005 HTAi Meeting five prizes will be awarded:

- 4 Poster Prizes: 2 "Best Student Paper", 2 "Best Poster"
- 1 "Best Abstract"

The International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care awards a Journal Prize to the "best" article appearing in the journal this year.

## Official Language

The official language of the meeting is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

## Social Programme

A rich social programme has been organised and includes cultural and leisure activities during the evenings of 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June. Contact Prex for further information on tours and the Conference Dinner.

## Hotel Accommodation

For a list of hotel and prices, please refer to the hotel accommodation form available on the HTAi website. Low budget solutions in religious houses are also available: enquiries should be sent to [hotelhta@prex.it](mailto:hotelhta@prex.it).

## Official Carrier



For further information regarding availability, bookings and ticket purchase for ROME (ITALY), foreign visitors may contact their nearest Alitalia Office (see the addresses and the phone numbers on Alitalia Internet WEB Site: [www.alitalia.com](http://www.alitalia.com)). When calling Alitalia, please quote Identification Code "KA".

Visitors originating from the United States may contact their nearest ALITALIA Office or call the toll-free number 1-800-223-5730 to reserve flights and receive tickets by mail directly to their address, quoting their "KA" Identification Code and credit card number to charge the corresponding amount. All visitors will benefit of a special discount on available fares.

## Congress venue

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### HOW TO REACH THE CONGRESS VENUE



**By plane:** a special rail service Leonardo Express connects Rome Fiumicino International Airport to Termini Railway Station in the centre of Rome. Tickets can be bought both at the airport and at Termini station (newsagents').

**By metropolitan train:** from Roma Ostiense, Trastevere and San Pietro Stations take the line to Cesano/Bracciano/Viterbo (every 30 minutes) and get off at Gemelli. Walk along the Policlinico Gemelli (do not enter!) until the entrance in Largo Francesco Vito, 1 (500 mt); alternatively take bus no. 994 for 2 stops and get off at Largo Francesco Vito, 1.

**By car:** all highways lead to the beltway called "Grande Raccordo Anulare" (G.R.A.). From Naples/Rome Fiumicino International Airport take the G.R.A. - exit Via Aurelia (city centre) then continue until Piazza Inverno, towards Circonvallazione Cornelia - Piazza dei Giureconsulti until Via della Pineta Sacchetti. From L'Aquila/Florence take the G.R.A. - exit Via Flaminia/Via Cortina D'Ampezzo/Via Trionfale.