



## "THE ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION OF CLINICAL MEDICINE TO BLOOD SAFETY"

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*Residential Course*

Tirana (Albania), 1-5 October 2005

<b>Saturday, 1/10/2005</b>	<i>Evening: Arrival to the Hotel</i>	(Dinner)
<b>Sunday, 2/10/2005</b>	<i>Morning: The importance of Transfusion Medicine for the progress of Clinical Medicine</i>	
8,00- 9,00	<i>Opening of the course (Coordinators, WHO, MoH, Gjata, Qendro). Presentation of participants.</i>	
9,00- 9,30	<b>WHO Recommendations for developing national policy and guidelines on the clinical use of blood</b> (V. Hafner)	
9,30-10,00	<b>Voluntary blood donation and prevention of hereditary blood diseases: two interacting aspects of health education</b> (M. Angastiniotis)	10,00 Coffee-break
10,30-11,00	<b>The clinical role of Transfusion Medicine specialists</b> (U. Rossi)	
11,00-11,30	<b>Therapeutic haemapheresis: an open field for improvement of clinical care</b> (I. Qendro)	
11,30-12,00	<b>Building a quality system for Transfusion Services</b> (J. M. Cárdenas)	
12,00-12,30	<i>Discussion</i>	12,30 Lunch
<b>Sunday, 2/10/2005</b>	<i>Afternoon: The quality of clinical indications to transfusion</i>	
14,00-14,30	<b>Clinical indications of transfusion therapy in surgery</b> (A. Gjata)	
14,30-15,30	<b>New techniques to prevent bleeding in caesarean section and vaginal hysterectomy</b> (M. Stark)	
15,30-16,00	<b>Clinical indications of transfusion therapy in haematology</b> (P. Xhumari)	16,00 Coffee-break
16,30-17,00	<b>Clinical indications of transfusion therapy in paediatric haematology and oncology</b> (A. Godo)	
17,00-17,30	<b>The role of early endoscopy as a blood-saving procedure in upper intestinal tract haemorrhages</b> (A. Gjata)	
17,30-18,00	<i>Discussion</i>	19,30 Dinner
<b>Monday, 3/10/2005</b>	<i>Morning: Blood-sparing concepts and techniques in Medicine and Surgery. Autotransfusion</i>	
8,00- 8,35	<b>Risk of perioperative anaemia</b> (H. Gombotz)	
8,35- 8,55	<b>Blood-sparing in critical care conditions</b> (C. Triginer)	
8,55- 9,30	<b>Implementation of blood-sparing surgery</b> (H. Gombotz)	
9,30-10,00	<b>Clinical indications of plasma and platelet concentrates</b> (L. Walterová)	10,00 Coffee-break
10,30-10,50	<b>Clinical and laboratory post-transfusional parameters in patients of general surgery</b> (K. Lilaj)	
10,50-11,20	<b>Autotransfusion: advantages and problems</b> (T. Nurka)	
11,20-11,40	<b>Preoperative haemodilution in patients of general surgery</b> (K. Lilaj)	
11,40-12,00	<b>National reports on the contribution of Clinical Medicine to blood safety (1)</b>	
12,00-12,30	<i>Discussion</i>	12,30 Lunch
<b>Monday, 3/10/2005</b>	<i>Afternoon: The responsibility of Clinical Medicine for the quality of blood safety</i>	
14,00-14,30	<b>Self-sufficiency of voluntary non-remunerated "quality" blood donors: the first problem of Transfusion Medicine in Albania</b> (I. Qendro)	
14,30-15,10	<b>Quality analysis of replacement donation: a resource to be abandoned!</b> (J. M. Cárdenas)	
15,10-15,40	<b>Blood donor questionnaire: why are we asking these questions?</b> (O. Marantidou)	
15,40-16,10	<b>Albanian Red Cross and promotion of voluntary blood donation</b> (Z. Muça)	16,10 Coffee-break
16,40-17,10	<b>Motivations and recruitment of voluntary blood donors</b> (P. Carolan) <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	
17,10-17,30	<b>The role of clinicians in promoting voluntary blood donation</b> (J. M. Cárdenas)	
17,30-18,00	<i>Discussion</i>	19,30 Dinner
<b>Tuesday, 4/10/2005</b>	<i>Morning: Transfusion therapy in emergency conditions</i>	
8,00- 8,30	<b>Recent experience of promotion of voluntary blood donation in Kosovo</b> (M. Belegu)	
8,30- 9,00	<b>Medical reasons to phase out paid and replacement donation</b> (J. Koistinen)	
9,00- 9,30	<b>When and whom to transfuse. From pre-hospital to hospital wards</b> (C. Triginer)	
9,30-10,00	<b>Bedside measures for transfusion safety</b> (O. Marantidou)	10,00 Coffee-break
10,30-12,00	<b>National reports on the contribution of Clinical Medicine to blood safety (2)</b>	
12,00-12,30	<i>Discussion</i>	12,30 Lunch
<b>Tuesday, 4/10/2005</b>	<i>Afternoon: The role of hospital organisation in promoting blood safety</i>	
14,00-14,30	<b>Key-elements of haemovigilance systems</b> (V. Hafner)	
14,30-15,00	<b>Problems of blood-transmissible infections in the Balkans</b> (S. Bino)	
15,00-15,30	<b>The role of Hospital Transfusion Committees and Transfusion Medicine specialists in intra- and inter-hospital collaboration</b> (L. Walterová)	
15,30-16,00	<b>Basic clinical and organisational requirements for an effective haemovigilance</b> (U. Rossi)	16,00 Coffee-break
16,30-17,00	<b>Public Health and Transfusion Medicine requirements for admission into European Union</b> (J. Koistinen)	
17,00-17,30	<b>"Transversal" analysis of the contribution of Clinical Medicine to blood safety in South-Eastern Europe</b> (I. Qendro)	
17,30-18,00	<i>Conclusion of the course</i>	20,00 Social Dinner
<b>Wednesday, 5/10/2005</b>	<i>Morning: Departure from the Hotel</i>	

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*Course venue and hotel accommodation at:*

**Tirana International Hotel**, Skanderbeg Square, Tirana (Albania). Tel. +355/4/23.41.85 - Fax +355/4/23.41.88

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### **Faculty members**

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### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

Applications should ordinarily be sent **as soon as possible**. The deadline is **1/9/2005**.

Applications may be accepted, in extreme cases, until the 20/9/2005.

**Early application is strongly advisable** to ensure adequate hotel reservation.

*Notification of the registration with full practical information will follow in due course.*

The fee of **780 Euro** (*single* room), or of **680 Euro** (*shared double\** room), includes board and lodging from **Saturday 1/10/2005 night** (*dinner included*) to **Wednesday 5/10/2005 morning** (*breakfast included*), and covers accommodation at the hotel, the meals during the course, the Proceedings and other didactic material, the cost (travel, board and lodging) of the participation of teachers, the simultaneous translation, and the ESTM organisational expenses for the preparation of the course. Travel expenses are at the charge of participants. Participants from Tirana, not needing hotel accommodation (bed and breakfast), will pay a **reduced** fee of **490**.

Payment of the registration fee should be made:

- through **bank transfer** to the "ESTM" (account n. **49/36561, Credito Artigiano, C.so Magenta 59, 20123 Milano - Italy; IBAN code: IT 62 Y035120161400000036561; SWIFT Code: ARTI IT M2**): all bank expenses must be covered by the participant,
- or by **"non transferable" bank cheque in Euro** (for participants from the European Union), or **international cheque**, drawn to "ESTM" and sent by mail, together with the application form, to:

**ESTM, Viale Beatrice d'Este 5, I-20122 MILANO, Italy - Tel. +39/02/58.31.65.15 - Fax +39/02/58.30.81.11.**

Registrations without payment, or evidence of payment, will not be accepted.

*The number of participants foreseen is at least 100. In case the number of applications should exceed the number of available places, a selection of applications will be made on the basis of the chronological order of arrival and the judgement of the course coordinators.*

The course is subject to cancellation, owing to causes beyond control, or in the unlikely case that the required number of registrations should not be reached. In this case, a written notification of the cancellation will be sent to all registrants before the course, with full refund.

The registration fee includes a book of Proceedings of the course, to be distributed at the beginning of the course, and an attendance certificate, to be delivered at the end of the course.

Knowledge of English is useful. Simultaneous translation into Albanian will be available.

The ESTM courses have been approved by the Royal College of Pathologists of London as being appropriate for Continuing Medical Education (CME) purposes, *at the rate of 1 CME credit per hour*.

Application has also been made for accreditation by the European Council for Accreditation in Hematology of the European Hematology Association (ECAH/EHA): based on the experience of the previous 3 ESTM courses, we expect the answer to be given before the beginning of the course.

Requests of cancellation received until 2 months before the beginning of the course entitle to a full refund. A charge of 25% will be made for requests of cancellation received between 60 and 30 days before, and of 50% between 29 days and 10 days before the beginning of the course. Cancellations received less than 10 days before the beginning of the course will not be reimbursed. All requests of cancellation must be done in written, signed and sent by mail, and can be anticipated by fax and/or e-mail transmission. All reimbursements will be dealt with after the end of the course.

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(\* accepted only with the indication of the sharing participant)

**APPLICATION FORM**

(to be filled and sent by mail to the ESTM - Viale Beatrice d'Este 5, 20122 Milano, Italy,  
and anticipated by fax - +39/02/58.30.81.11 - and/or e-mail - [estm.secretariat@flashnet.it](mailto:estm.secretariat@flashnet.it) ).

Family name..... First name.....

Institute.....

Address..... Town..... Postal code.....

Country..... Tel..... Mobile tel. ....

Fax..... E-mail .....

I APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION TO THE ESTM RESIDENTIAL COURSE (1-5 October 2005):  
"The essential contribution of Clinical Medicine to blood safety"

- I include a copy of a **bank transfer** to the ESTM of  
(all bank expenses must be covered by the participant)
  - 780 Euro** (single room), or
  - 680 Euro** (shared double room) \*
  - 490 Euro** (for participants from Tirana, not needing hotel accommodation)

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<b>INFORMATION ABOUT ARRIVAL</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Means of transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> plane (flight number: .....	<input type="checkbox"/> bus	<input type="checkbox"/> train <input type="checkbox"/> car
Date .....		Time .....	
<input type="checkbox"/> Will follow later, as soon as possible.			

**NOTES OR COMMENTS TO THE ESTM**