

# **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND LAW CONFERENCES**

## **PRESENTS**

### **MEDICO – LEGAL CONFERENCE**

**7 JULY 2011 – 10 JULY 2011**

**BOLOGNA ITALY**



## WELCOME

On behalf of International Events and Law Conferences, our conference partners, sponsors and supporters, I am proud and honoured to invite you to join us from 7 July 2011 to 10 July 2011 in Bologna for our Medico-Legal Conference. We are also proud to announce that our conference will be held at the ***Grand Hotel Majestic (gia' Baglioni), Bologna, Italy.***

This conference will provide a forum bringing together leading lawyers, doctors, dentists, nurses, academics and other professionals to tackle current issues in the medico-legal field. Delegates and guests will have an opportunity to meet, interact and exchange ideas and experiences with international colleagues from different parts of the globe.

Bologna is an interesting city not only from a historical view point but in economic and political aspects. It was named the cultural city of Europe in 2000. The city is found in the Emilia Romagna region and is the heartland of central Italy. The hills and plains of the Po Valley separate the cold north of the Alps and the hot Mediterranean south. With its rich agricultural land, historic cities and thriving industry, Bologna is one of the most prosperous areas in Italy. Bologna is the home of the oldest university in Europe and in particular its law faculty of world renowned.

Bologna is also famous for its Medical School which dates back to 1063 with medical statutes dating back to 1378. Early teachings in Bologna included anatomy, physiology, pathology and therapy. In particular, anatomy, which was prohibited by ethic – religious rules, was practised in extreme secrecy. *Guglielmo da Saliceto's* surgical textbooks are a testimonial of this. Famous female doctors also include *Laura Bassi, Marina Gaetana Agnese* and *Anna Morandi Marzolini*. So what better city to bring these two disciplines together in one conference—our Medico-Legal Conference.

Apart from our professional program, we have organised an interesting and stimulating selection of activities as part of our cultural program, which will enable our delegates, their family and friends enjoy the finer aspects of the city known as “*Bologna the fat*” (*Il grasso*) and “the fork” (*la forchetta*) to appreciators of fine foods and exquisite wines.

But no trip to Italy would be complete without a tour of the eternal city of Rome, the city of art Florence and the city of romance, Venice. Our post conference tour offers delegates and their friends to further cement friendships made during the conference.

As I believe this conference will be as successful as our previous conferences in Bologna, I hope to welcome you in Bologna, Italy in July 2011. I can assure you of a stimulating, enriching and pleasurable week, and many opportunities to join with your professional counterparts, renew and make friendships but above all, I can assure you that Bologna will remain firmly fixed as the ‘*place to re-visit*’ in years to come.

**Sofia Parastatidou**



## **BOLOGNA 2011 CULTURAL PROGRAMME**

### **THURSDAY 7 JULY 2011**

#### **LUNCH : TYPICAL BOLOGNESE RESTAURANT (TIME: 13.00 – 14.30)**

We are going to enjoy a traditional Italian lunch at one of the best and friendliest restaurants in Bologna. Style and elegance, good food and wine, this is a lunch that you will not forget. *(Adult: €30,00; Child €20,00)*

#### **WELCOME DRINKS - (Time: 19.00 - 20:00)**

Enjoy us for drinks in one of Bologna's chic establishments under the famous porticos of the city, whilst mingling with other delegates and their friends through the early evening, over wines, and other Bolognese specialties. Savour the atmosphere, renew old acquaintances and make new friendships in a contemporary setting frequented by artists and international guests whilst admiring the artworks on display. *(For Delegates and Accompanying Registered Persons this is included in the registration for the conference) – For other guests: Adult : €30, Child €20*

### **FRIDAY 8 JULY 2011**

#### **LUNCH : BOLOGNESE TRATTORIA (TIME: 13.00 – 14.30)**

Enjoy lunch at a typical Bolognese Trattoria. *(Adult: €40,00; Child €30,00)*

#### **WINE TASTING OF REGIONAL WINES (TIME: 17.30 – 19.00)**

Our sommelier will walk us through the flavoursome wines of the Emilia Romagna Region. We will also taste some of the world famous prosciuttos and cheese which no doubt lend themselves to such descriptive references as 'Bologna the Fat' (*Il Grasso*) and 'Bologna the Fork' (*La Forchetta*). *(Adult: €45,00)*

#### **DINNER – (TIME: 20.30 – 23.00)**

Dine in a restaurant located in the medieval part of the city under the seven arches and enjoy the ambience of elegance and comfort. A choice of vegetarian, meat and seafood dishes await to be washed down with premium Italian wines. *(Adult: €60,00; Child €40,00)*

## **SATURDAY 9 JULY 2011**

### **WALK ABOUT TOUR**

Take a walking tour with your English Speaking guide and visit some of the most notorious tourist spots of this city. The tour will take you to Neptune's Fountain, King Enzo's Palace, Maggiore Square, D'Accursio Palace, the Basilica of Saint Petronius, Archiginnasio Palace, St. Steven's Church, Mercanzia Palace and the Two Towers. There are two options available: either a half day or a full day tour. (*Adult/Child: Full day: €45,00; half day: €25,00*)

### **LUNCH: (13:00 – 14.45)**

Enjoy a three course lunch washed down with regional wines. Today the chef will pay homage to another region's cuisine but no doubt this meal will be reminiscent and is testament of the '*dolce vita*'. (*Adult: €60,00; Child: €40,00*)

### **THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF BOLOGNA (15:00 – 17:00)**

Enjoy a tour of the Archaeological Museum with your English speaking archaeologist who will walk you through the time warp. The Archaeological Museum of Bologna was founded in 1881, and houses collections of prehistoric artefacts and antiquities from Egypt, Greece, Etruria, Gaul and Rome. The rooms housing the prehistoric section display artefacts illustrative of the industries that developed in the Bolognese area from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age: amygdales, scrapers, arrow heads, axes, clay vases and objects in copper and bronze. The section dealing with the Villanovan civilisation and the Etruscan civilization that replaced it in the Bolognese area is of notable interest.

Tombs furnishings discovered in the numerous burial grounds of Felsina include such items as bronze vessels, alabaster and glassware, candelabra, fibulae, jewellery, bronzes; Attic ceramic ware is particularly well represented, providing evidence of the extension of Etruscan trade relations with Athens. (*Adult/Child: €15,00 with an English speaking archaeologist*).

### **APERITIVO**

Italy is all about lifestyle and appreciating the finer things in life. After a day's work at the office, Italian's like to wind-down with a refreshing drink before dinner and chat, chat, chat. Join us at our favourite drinking spot where we will once again indulge ourselves in the Italian style of living. (*Adult: €30,00*).

### **DINNER – PAPPAGALLO**

If ever there was a landmark eating institution, well this is it. This restaurant is housed in a 14<sup>th</sup> Century palazzo in the historic centre. Elegance and class are two words to describe this Bolognese landmark restaurant. Frequented by the rich,

famous and powerful. (*Adult:€75,00*)

## **SUNDAY 10 JULY 2011**

### **LUNCH: CARACCI RESTAURANT (13:00 – 15:00)**

Well, we have left the best to last. Lunching under the gaze of original frescos painted by the Caracci brothers will leave you breathless. Scholars from all parts of the globe come to gaze at the finest artwork in Italy and today you will lunch surrounded by it. (*Adult: €70,00*).

### **FAREWELL DRINKS : (19:00 – 22:00)**

As this phase of our conference has come to a close for this year, join us and fellow participants for a farewell drink. (*For Delegates and Accompanying Registered Persons this is included in the registration for the conference: Other Guests (Farewell Drinks: Adult €40,00; Child €30,00)*)

## **SUPPLEMENTARY CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

- **WALKING TOURS – (*refer to information above*).**
- **TRA-GHETTO (L'INFERNO DI BOLOGNA) – (FRIDAY EVENING AT 20.30)**

Discover the underground canals of Bologna be transported back to Dante's inferno. Animators and Dante's poetic verses await to entice you to another world. After this experience enjoy a glass of wine (*cost not included in ticket price*) and enjoy the surroundings of modern jazz in Cantina Bentivoglio (*cost not included in price*). (*Adult/Child:€15,00 for tra-getto only*)

- **JULIA & KAPITANY – HORSE-RIDE AROUND BOLOGNA**

**Saturday 16 October 2010** – Take a tour of one of the most beautiful gardens in Bologna, Gardini Margherita with Julia & Kapitany. A perfect activity for our younger friends with a view the beautiful lake and gardens with the famous Kapitany (*Approx. 7 minutes and maximum 4 adults/5 children*). (*Adult €20,00; Child €15,00*)

**Sunday 17 October 2010 – Option one:** Take a tour with Julia and Kapitany around the two towers and via Castiglione, Farini, Piazza Galvani and Piazza Maggiore (*approx. 15 minutes and maximum 4 adults/5 children*) (*Adult*

*€20,00; Child €15,00)*

Option 2: Take a longer trip: via Ugo Bassi, Nazario Sauro, Riva Reno, Galleria, Indipendenza, Ugo Bassi, Piazza Maggiore (*approx. 25 minutes and maximum 4 adults/5 children*) (*Adult €30,00; Child €20,00*)

➤ **CITY TOUR - RED TOURIST BUS**

The city tour on board the big red bus is a modern and convenient way to see the city of Bologna. See Bologna's most famous monuments and admire the panoramic view of S.Michele in bosco. With your own tour-guide on board follow all the important historical developments of the capital city of Emilia – Romagna. (*Adult/Child €15,00*)

➤ **TOUR OF THE BOLOGNESE HILLS (“colli”).**

Enjoy a tour of the vineyards of the Tizzano wine cellar, the historical residence of the Viscont of Modrone family. With the guidance of our expert sommelier we will learn about the characteristics and unique qualities of wines from the Bolognese ‘colli’. See how grapes are turned into wine whilst enjoying a glass of wine with our special guests and performing act. (*Adult/Child €45,00*)

➤ **GASTRONOMIC TOUR ON THE BUS**

Take a tour of this region's gastronomic delights. With your expert guide, let the history and culture of Bologna through its famous dishes seduce you with a selection of typical produce from this region and explore the best kept secrets of the Bolognese cuisine. (*Adult/Child €45,00*)

## **YOUNG PERSONS ACTIVITIES AND TOURS**

➤ **City Tour for young persons**

The tour bus transforms into a playground, circumventing the walls of the city in search of witches and vampires. On board, your special host recalls famous stories and legends as you go on a discovery tour of surprises. (*Child €25,00*)

➤ **APOSA**

Discover the natural water canals of Aposa which traverse the city. Young persons will be taken to a classroom where they will map out the underwater canals after having visited them with their guides. *(Child including workshop - €15,00)*

➤ **BAGNI (BATHS) OF MARIO**

A guided tour of the Baths of Mario. Discover how the water system was built to bring water to the fountain of Neptune in the city centre. Creative time is then spent in a workshop where the participants have a chance to express their own creative talents. *(Child including workshop - €15,00)*

➤ **SALA BORSA**

Discover the ancient past of the city by visiting the archaeological sites under the 'Sala Borsa' in the centre. Workshop activities include recreating you very own ancient city. *(Child including workshop - €15,00)*

➤ **METROPOLITAN JUNGLE HUNT**

Adventure in the city. Enjoy a raft ride of the city's canals under the bridge in Via Indipendenza and the window in Via Piella. An adventure partly by foot partly by rubber life boats discovering what lies underneath. *(Child - €30,00)*

*[NB] Some cultural activities may be subject to minimum numbers. The program is correct at the time of publication. If any late changes are made to the program, details will be published in the final Program for Medico Bologna 2011 to be provided to registrants and will also be up-dated from time to time on our conference facebook pages.*



## Grand Hotel Majestic (gia' Baglioni), Bologna



The conference hotel for the Medico-Legal Conference 2011 is the Grand Hotel Majestic (*gia' Baglioni*). Located in the Palazzo Ghisilardi Fava it was transformed into a hotel in 1911.

The Palazzo itself oozes with history, built in the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century to house the Archbishop's Seminary, the pre-existing rooms include the salons with the frescoed ceilings by the Carracci brothers, jewels of the sixteenth century.

The hotel is situated in the heart of the city, surrounded by handsome, arcaded streets lined with medieval and Renaissance palazzo and just a stone's throw away from the elegant Piazza Maggiore and the Due Torri.





## **BOLOGNA PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

Bologna is not only home to the oldest university in the Western world dating back to 1088 but one of the most developed cities in Italy. It often ranks as one of the top cities for the quality of life. It is also world-renowned for its gastronomic offerings, often being referred to as Bologna the fat (*Il grasso*).

The city is characterised by many well-preserved medieval structures and elegant and extensive arcades (*or porticos*), totalling more than 38 kilometres in the city's historical centre alone.

At the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Bologna had more than 100 fortified towers of which some 20 remain today.

Bologna is also home to numerous important churches, including the basilica of San Petronio (*the patron saint of Bologna*), the church of Santo Stefano (*the seven churches*) and the elegant sanctuary of San Luca linked to the city by porticos which run continuously from Porta Saragozza.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

A compact centre with most sites being within easy walking distance from one other, Bologna is a relatively easy city to get around by foot or by public transport. Alternatively, there are plenty of taxis available.

Bologna is served by Bologna International Airport, Guglielmo Marconi Airport (*BLQ*) with regular flights to and from major cities around the world. An ATC Aerobus connects the city with the airports and leaves from the train station roughly every 15 or 20 minutes until midnight.

### **BANK AND EXCHANGE**

The national currency in Italy is the euro (€). Banks are normally open Monday to Friday 08.30-13.30 hrs. and 15.00-16.00 hrs. They are closed on Saturday and Sunday. Many banks have automatic currency exchange machines that also take credit cards.

Exchange offices at airports and main railway stations are normally open 06.00 - 22.00 hrs. The main international credit cards (*VISA, American Express, Diners, Eurocard/Mastercard*) are widely accepted in most large retail outlets, petrol stations, hotels and restaurants. Please beware, however, that smaller businesses may not accept credit card payment so we recommend that you check prior to purchasing.

Service is usually included in the bill in bars and restaurants, but tips are welcome. Travellers cheques are best exchanged at an exchange office ("Cambio") as they are not accepted as payment in general stores, restaurants and hotels. Banks may also decline to change travellers' cheques.

### **CLIMATE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Bologna has a temperate climate with warm summers and cold winters. Average

temperature in July is 12 – 29° C.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

European Union passport holders do not need a visa to visit Italy. Many other nationalities are also exempt for stays of up to 3 months. However, if in doubt we highly recommend that you check with your local Italian embassy or consulate before travelling.

## PHONE NUMBERS

The most important telephone numbers in case of emergency are: 113 or 112 for calling the police/carabinieri, 115 for the fire brigade and 118 for the ambulance service.

## ELECTRICITY

Voltage is 220V AC, 50Hz. Plugs have two or three round pins. Foreign voltage could require an adapter.

## FOOD & WINE

Bologna is renowned for its culinary tradition. It has given its name to the well-known Bolognese sauce, a meat based pasta sauce called '*ragù*'. Since the city is located in the fertile Po River Valley, the rich local cuisine depends heavily on meat and cheese. Particularly, the production of cured pork meat such as *prosciutto*, *mortadella* and *salame* is an important part of the local food industry. Well-regarded nearby vineyards include Pignoletto dei Colli Bolognesi, Lambrusco di Modena and Sangiovese di Romagna. Tagliatelle al ragù, lasagne, tortellini served in broth and mortadella, the original Bologna sausage are among the local specialties.

## SHOPPING

The four main shopping streets (*Via dell'Indipendenza*, *Via Ugo Bassi*, *Via Rizzoli* and *Via D'Azeglio*) lead off Piazza Maggiore in crossroad formation. All the big-name Italian designers are found here, as well as a proliferation of antiques and books. Most shops open 09.30-13.00 hrs and 15.30-19.30 hrs, although the bigger stores stay open all day.

A flea market sets up shop from dawn to dusk, every Friday and Saturday, at the Parco della Montagnola.

For a real local taste of Bologna, the daily produce market on Via Clavature, (*east of Piazza Maggiore*) in Via Tamburini, Via Caprarie 1, is the place to buy homemade pasta, local ham and cheese or to enjoy your meal at the sit-down restaurant at the back.

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