

4TH ELITA – ELTR Winter Meeting

April, 3–5, 2008

Cortina d'Ampezzo – Italy

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the fourth ELITA-ELTR Winter Meeting. Since its foundation in 1993 by the European pioneers in liver transplantation, ELTA has brought together specialists with a common interest in liver transplantation and since 2005 in intestinal transplantation. Therefore the name of the society was changed to ELITA - European Liver and Intestine Transplant Association (<http://www.elita.org>), which represents the liver and intestine transplant community within ESOT (<http://www.esot.org>).

ELITA will continue to be the driving force for maintaining and developing the European Liver Transplant Registry - ELTR (<http://www.eltr.org>) - with audited data on over 77 000 liver transplants and living donor data base. This has all been made possible because of the efforts by all contributing transplant centers and the financial support of industrial sponsors. The fourth ELITA-ELTR Winter Meeting aims at bringing together all specialists in liver transplantation and intestinal transplantation including transplant coordinators and data managers. Lectures will be held by experts on the most challenging themes such as hepatocellular carcinoma, hepatitis C and intestinal transplantation. The results of ELTR studies will be discussed and further research opportunities will be investigated during the meeting. We are repeating the very positive and stimulating experience of the previous editions of the Winter Meeting, which is the “My worst case” session.

Moreover, we are very pleased to communicate that the accepted abstracts are published in *Transplant International*, thanks to the important collaboration with the editor Prof. Ferdinand Mühlbacher.

Moreover, the past members of the ELITA Board will be invited to participate in the ELITA REUNION which will take place at the Winter Meeting.

Cortina d'Ampezzo is located in the heart of the Dolomites, surrounded by dramatic sceneries. The Ampezzo Valley has long been considered one of the most well-known tourist destinations in the world and offers a unique opportunity to combine work and rest through sport, nature and culture. Cortina is dramatic peaks, amazing hikes, enchanting landscape.

Cortina offers the best available structures for all congress events requirements. The wide and flexible range of services offered guarantees the highest standards in congress facilities in a truly exclusive location, with the new Alexander Girardi Congress Hall to host conferences.

To enforce the enchanting atmosphere that Cortina creates, invited speeches by transplant pioneers will further sharpen our knowledge.

We wish you a fruitful conference!

Patrizia Burra,
ELITA Chairman and Local Organizer

On behalf of Board Members