

Rationale

The **First International Conference on the Mediterranean Child** will be held in Malta October 6 - 10, 2010 supported by the Italian Society of Pediatric Emergency (Societa' Italiana di Emergenza e Urgenza Pediatrica - SIMEUP) and the Consulate of Malta to compare the Italian and the Maltese pediatric medical systems.

The Italian pediatricians, extremely convinced of the importance of organizing this event in Malta, want to create collaboration with the Maltese colleagues for a scientific and training exchange, and for the definitions of common guidelines and best practices.

Maltese and Italian speakers participation to this high importance scientific event represents, thanks to a common culture identity, a relevant aspect to set up a network of experts that can have as common goal to develop and to start a research program, clinical trials and pediatric research.

There will be workshops and group activities for the participants so to give them the opportunity to compare instruments, techniques and new possibilities for diagnosis and care. In particular the attention will be focused on emergency pediatrics to develop standard protocols for hospitalization and outpatient care to reduce the psychological child trauma and family difficulties that hospital admission generates.

The International Conference will be the occasion to present an Italian-Maltese Joint Lab for developing the project "Calabria barycenter of the Mediterranean" that every year will involve an association from Calabria and a different Mediterranean city to be defined.

The event has been organized by dr. Stefania ZAMPOGNA, Italian Society of Pediatric Emergency National Adviser and by dr. Giovanni CAPOCASALE, Pediatrics Italian National Society Auditor.

Important international speakers of the most meaningful Scientific Italian Associations as Prof. Gianni Messi of the Italian Society of Pediatric Emergency and Prof Pasquale Di Pietro President of the Pediatrics Italian National Society and many professors from the University of Malta will take part in the international conference.

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