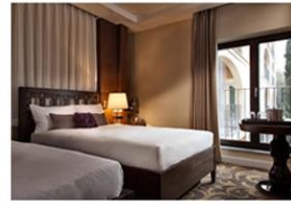


# 5TH ALPHA-1 GLOBAL PATIENT CONGRESS

AND 2<sup>nd</sup> BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE



**9 -11 April, 2015**

## Congress Location

Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco Resort  
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Dear Attendee,

I hope this letter finds you well and getting ready to join us for the 5th Alpha-1 Patient Congress! In preparation for the event, please read carefully through the information provided below.

## Travel and Hotel Information

### Hotel Registration

Upon arrival at Il Ciocco you will be asked to fill out the following information:

- First and Last Name
- Sex (Male/Female)
- Date and Place of Birth
- Country of Citizenship
- Credit Card Information for Incidentals
- Dietary Restrictions you may have (gluten free, dairy free, vegan, or other)

### Hotel Location

The Tuscany Renaissance Il Ciocco is located in a rural setting. Note that there are no shops in walking distance, so **do bring snacks** that you may require outside of meals and breaks.

### Weather

The weather in Barga in early April is expected to be sunny but cool. Congress attire will be business casual.

### Optional Hotel Activities

Use of Il Ciocco's fitness center is complimentary for guests. The Wellness Area, which is equipped with a heated indoor pool, whirlpool, countercurrent swimming machine, sauna, ice baths and Turkish baths, is available to guests for 10 euros per day (at your own expense). If you are interested, please buy a day-pass at the hotel registration desk.

### **Oxygen Therapy**

The hotel sits at 500 meters (1600 feet) above sea level, which should not pose a problem for Alphas with decreased lung capacity. In Sala Usignolo, outside the main Congress Hall, additional oxygen is available for those who have requested assistance.

### **Medical Assistance**

We have arranged for a trained nurse to be available in Sala Usignolo. A local physician will be able to write prescriptions if needed. A medical clinic is 10 minutes away by car from the hotel and an on-site helipad is available for flights to Lucca's or Pisa's main hospitals (both 15 min away) in the event emergency medical care is required.

### **Insurance**

Congress organisers cannot accept liability for personal injuries or for loss or damage to property belonging to Congress participants during or as a result of the event. Please confirm your own insurance coverage.

## **Meeting Information**

### **Congress Registration**

Congress Registration will take place in the hotel lobby. You can check in between 10:00am-6:30pm on Thursday and from 8:00-10:00am on Friday. For attendees arriving later, please visit the Alpha-1 Global Information Table at the back of the Congress Hall.

### **Badge**

Please wear your registration badge throughout the event. **Your badge will serve as your meal ticket.** Guests and spouses who have not registered for the event will be charged for lunch and dinner upon consumption.

### **Welcome Reception**

On Thursday, April 9, a welcome reception will take place from 6:30-7:30pm in the hotel lobby. During this time there will be a short program in honor of Dr. Maurizio Luisetti.

### **Translation**

Translation from English to Italian will be provided during general sessions. Instructions will be provided on-site.

### **Perfumes**

All Congress attendees are asked **not to wear perfumes or colognes** as these can trigger serious breathing problems for some Alphas.

### **Congress Program**

Please find attached the Congress Program pages. I hope this will allow you to prepare for the different sessions, especially on Saturday when there will be room for interaction during designated discussion times.

On behalf of the Global Steering Committee, safe travels to each of you and we'll see you in Toscana soon!

### **Gonny Gutierrez**

Alpha-1 Global Director