The Vicenza International Courses are well renewed scientific events held in the city of Andrea Palladio. Starting in 1982, international Vicenza courses on peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis and critical care nephrology have been held regularly featuring an outstanding faculty and gathering participants from numerous countries. The themes of Peritoneal Dialysis, Critical Care Nephrology and Hemodialysis have been discussed with a 3 years rotation, leading to the most comprehensive review in the specific areas of practice and research. The 2008 edition of the course is dedicated to Hemodialysis. We gathered participants from more than 50 different countries. A series of lectures and panel discussions were delivered during the three days of each course. The proceedings are always published in a special book on time for the course enabling the audience to better follow the scientific lectures. A widespread consensus on the format of the course and the timely publication of the proceedings, is demonstrated by the affection of participants over the years. For this reason we decided to continue to host this course every year offering the most updated knowledge on the area of the specific theme. Our task is to put together specialists from different disciplines in a single scientific event with a multidisciplinary approach to the patient with kidney disease. This year the theme will be Hemodialysis and related technology. We really hope that a large number of delegates will join this important event which is becoming a classic appointment for the experts and the physicians who want to receive updated information in the field of Hemodialysis.

In 2008 we have the fortunate coincidence to host simultaneously The Vicenza Course and the First Congress of the International Society of Hemodialysis. This important coincidence will further add appeal to the scientific event. In fact, abstract submission will be allowed and a significant poster presentation will be an integral part of the meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE: the official language is English.

VENUE: the Course will be held at the Congress Center of ENTE FIERA, Via dell'Oreficeria, 36100 Vicenza (Italy), on June 3-6, 2008.

REGISTRATION: The registration fee is € 800 until May 20, 2008. Registration after May 20 or on-site registration will be subject to space availability and the registration fee will be € 960.

TRANSPORTATION: Vicenza is a small city not provided with airport. However, several daily connections are available from Milan, Venice, Verona and Rome. Venice and Verona airports are located 45 minutes from Vicenza.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: the course secretariat will not organize hotel accommodation for delegates, but a complete list of available hotels with prices and directions for direct reservation will be provided along with the registration form in the web site of the congress.

CLIMATE: in June the weather in Vicenza is generally mild and sunny with occasional showers. The average temperature is 30°C max and 20°C min.