

## **Appendix 5**

**Programme of the Sixth European  
Symposium on the Prevention of  
Congenital Anomalies, Catania,  
Sicily,  
2 June 2001**

# 6<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM ON THE PREVENTION OF CONGENITAL ANOMALIES

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- 08.45 Welcome
- 09.00-10.45 **Session 1: Primary prevention of NTD by periconceptual folic acid**
- 09.00 *Paedar Kirke (Ireland)*: Research developments and issues in the prevention of neural tube defects by periconceptual folic acid supplementation.
- 09.30 *Janine Goujard (France)*: A comparison of policies for the prevention of neural tube defects in Europe.
- 09.45 *Lorentz Irgens (Norway)*: Periconceptual folic acid supplementation in Norway 1999-2000.
- 10.00 *Bob McDonnell (Ireland)*: Trends in knowledge and use of folic acid in the five year period 1996-2000.
- 10.15 *Emil Simeonov (Bulgaria)*: Prevalence of neural tube defects in Bulgaria
- 10.30 *Hermien De Walle (The Netherlands)*: Insufficient folic acid intake in The Netherlands: What about the future?
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee break and posters
- 11.15-12.30 **Session 2: Epidemiology, prevention and treatment of oral clefts**
- 11.15 *Peter Mossey (UK)*: Developments in the treatment of oral clefts.
- 11.45 *Julian Little (UK)*: Gene-environment interaction in orofacial clefts.
- 12.00 *Elisa Calzolari (Italy)*: Geographical variation in the prevalence of oral clefts in Europe.
- 12.15 *Annikka Ritvanen (Finland)*: Investigating the high rate of cleft palate in Finland.
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch and posters
- 14.00-15.15 **Session 3: Impact of prenatal diagnosis**
- 14.00 *Tricia Boyd (UK)*: Evaluation of the use of ultrasound soft markers for prenatal screening.
- 14.30 *Gianni Monni (Italy)*. Operational protocols after diagnosis by soft markers
- 14.45 *Guido Cocchi (Italy)*: Prenatal screening for Down Syndrome in Europe.
- 15.00 *Claude Stoll (France)*: Evaluation of prenatal diagnosis on congenital heart diseases
- 15.15 *Lenore Abramsky (UK)*: Sex chromosome anomalies: How likely are they to be postnatally diagnosed and how is the prenatal diagnosis first communicated to parents?
- 15.30 *Ingeborg Barisic (Croatia)*: Prenatal ultrasound detection of abdominal wall defects: Associated malformation, chromosomal abnormalities and perinatal outcome

- 15.45 *DeVigan (France)*: Importance of ultrasonography in the prenatal screening for trisomy 21 in the Parisian population 1998-99.
- 16.00 *Edwards (UK)*: One year follow up study of antenatally diagnosed dilated renal pelves between 5 & 9.mm within Merseyside and Cheshire, UK

16.15-16.45 *Coffee break and posters*

16.45-17.15 **Session 4:**

- 16.45 **In Memory of Zachary Johnson: Congenital anomalies in Ireland**  
*(Howard Johnson, Ireland)*
- 17.00 **Epidemiology of congenital anomalies in Sicily**  
*(Sebastiano Bianca, Catania)*

17.15-18.15 **Session 5: Other issues in prevention**

- 17.15 *Vrijheid (UK)*: Risk of chromosomal congenital anomalies in relation to residence near hazardous waste landfill sites in Europe
- 17.30 *Bianchi (Italy)*: Parental occupation in agriculture and risk of phposadies: A multicentre case-control study in Italy
- 17.45 *Calzolari (Italy)*: Congenital anomalies: Experince of a regional registry for heart defects 1980-1994 (Italy)
- 18.00 *Czeizel (Hungary)*: Folic acide antagonists (trimethoprim-sulfonamides and sulfonamides) during pregnancy and the risk of orofacial clefts
- 18.15 *Wiesel (Germany)*: Comparison of clinical findings and echocardiographic examinations of newborns with trisomy 21: Analysis of 32,589 newborns of the Mainz Congenital Birth Defect Monitoring System
- 18.30 *Sebastiano Bianca (Italy)*: Cluster of birth defects in industrial area in Sicily
- 18.45 Conclusion

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**Free communications** invited from EUROCAT members and international scientists.

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