



Introduction

The Working Group "Neurodevelopment and Psychosocial Care from Fetus to Adult" of the Association of the European Pediatric Cardiologists (AEPC) has the pleasure to invite you to their biennial conference, held from the 25th to the 27th of March 2020, in Milan, Italy.

The programme aims to provide the occasion to get updates and reflect on aspects regarding neuro-development and psychosocial aspects of congenital heart defects in all age groups. Although it is still in the initial phases, the keynote lectures will be included by Dr. Adrienne Kovacs and Prof. Elisabeth Utens.

There will also be a presentation on APPROACH-IS; the largest multicentre study carried out on psychosocial aspects in adults with congenital heart disease (Prof. Moons, working group).

In the following pages you will find information about the IRCCS Policlinico San Donato, about the airports in Milan, how to get to the hospital, lodging possibilities and indications on how to register to the congress and abstract submission.

For patient representatives, the European Congenital Heart Disease Organisation's annual general meeting will be held in Milan right after the congress, in the same venue, starting at around 15:00 on the 27th of March.



General Information

Date: Wednesday 25th of March (13:00) until Friday 27th of March 2020 (13:00)

Venue: IRCCS Policlinico San Donato, Piazza Edmondo Malan, 2, 20097 San Donato Milanese MI, Milano

Venue Website: https://www.grupposandonato.it/strutture/policlinico-san-donato

Venue and congress e-mail: aepc2020@grupposandonato.it

Telephone: +390252774735

E-mail in case of queries linked to registration: info@medcongress.it



Congress general information

The conference is an important platform for Neonatologists, Paediatricians, Cardiologists, Cardiac Surgeons, Intensivists, Neurologists, Psychologists, Nurses and other health care professionals and international patients and parent organizations in the field of congenital heart defects.

This multidisciplinary meeting offers many opportunities to interact and exchange new insights, and to share perspectives on the needs for the future in both clinical practice and scientific research.

The programme includes a young investigators competition for the best abstracts.

The themes that will be emphasised during this meeting are:

- Fetal/neonatal counselling
- Neurodevelopmental outcomes after congenital heart surgery
- Psychosocial and neuropsychological functioning among different age groups
- Psychosocial interventions and initiatives in the non-profit/association sector
- Transition, sports lifestyle and fitness

For information on the scientific profile and the international fields of cooperation of the AEPC Working Group please visit the AEPC website: http://www.aepc.org.

The preliminary programme will be circulated following the acceptance of the abstracts, which will be communicated on the 10th of January 2020.

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Directions to the IRCCS Policlinico San Donato Hospital

The hospital can be reached from Milan by public transport by Metro/Tube MM3 Yellow Line to San Donato and by catching the following busses by exiting on the left once arriving at the station: 130, 132, Linea C − Blu, Linea C − Rossa. You will need the "Biglietto 3 zone MI1MI3" costing € 2,00 to travel on both the tube and the bus from Milan.

Milan is served by three international airports.

- 1. Linate Airport (LIN), which is the closest to the hospital (11 mins by taxi). By public transport one can catch the 73 or the X73 bus from Linate to San Babila > MM1 Line to Duomo > MM3 to San Donato
- **2. Malpensa International Airport (MXP)** connected to the city by either the "Malpensa Express" railway service which goes to both Cadorna and Centrale Metro Station or by bus to the Centrale Metro Station.
- **3.** The airport of Orio al Serio (BGY), near the city of Bergamo which is connected by bus to the Centrale Metro Station.

If you have any queries regarding how to reach the hospital, please contact us on: aepc2020@grupposandonato.it

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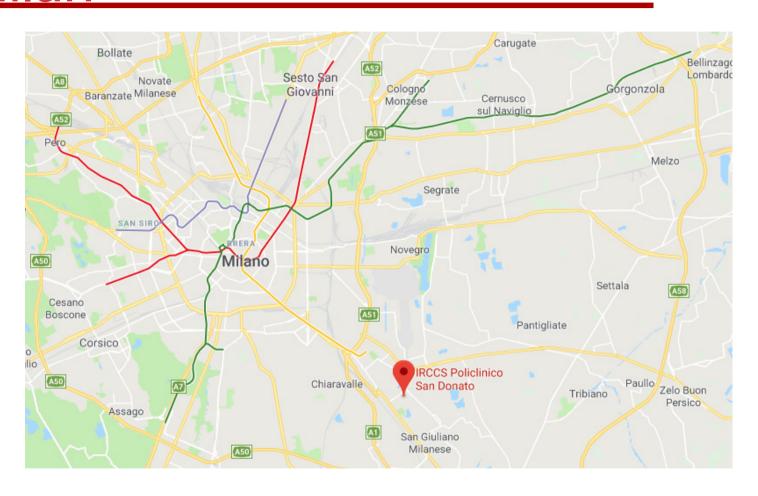
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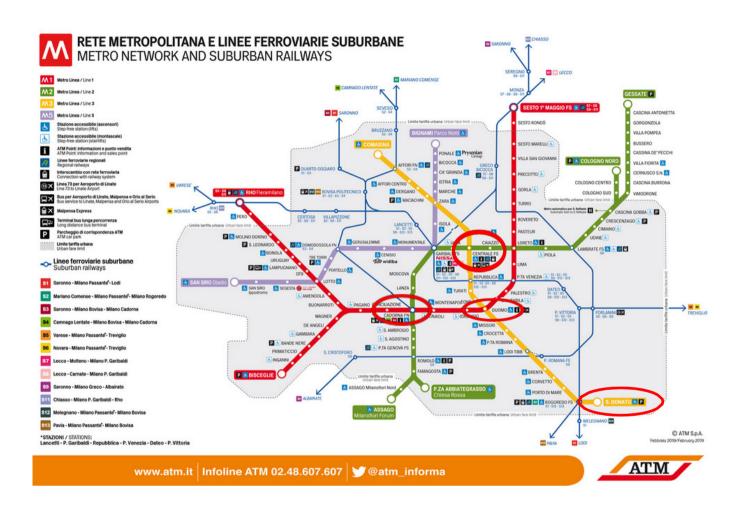




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Milan Underground Connections: Stops connected to Airports - Cadorna, Centrale and San Babila and San Donato Stop



Registration information

Category	Early bird Fee until 1/2/2020	Fee from the 2/2/2020
Health professionals Includes Medical Doctors and Psychologists	€ 225,00	€ 275,00
Nurses and Students	€ 175,00	€ 200,00
Patients and parents	€ 140,00	€ 140,00

Coffee/tea breaks, business lunch on Thursday and Friday and dinners/party on Wednesday and Thursday are included. All other meals and accommodation are not included in the price.

In order to register, please download and fill in the form available on the link: http://bit.ly/AEPCRegistrationForm and send it via e-mail, together with the payment receipt, to the address: registration@medcongress.it.

Registration fees and payment method are indicated on the form. If you have any queries regarding registration, the reference e-mail is: info@medcongress.it
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Lodging

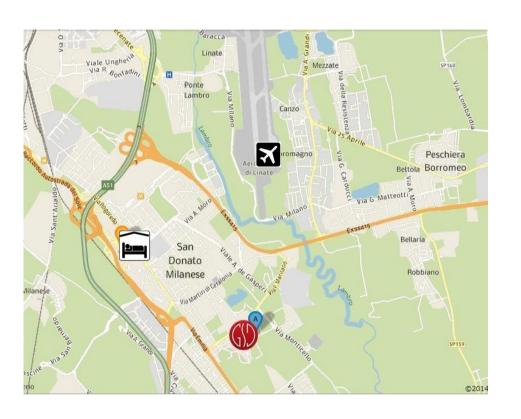
The hospital has a convention with the Crowne Plaza Linate and Hotel Santa Barbara, which are both close to Linate Airport and the hospital. On the following page you can see more details about booking in these hotels

Other alternatives in San Donato Milanese, close to the hospital are:

- Unahotels The one Milano: https://www.gruppouna.it/unahotels/unahotels-the-one-milano
- B&B Balcone Fiorito: http://www.bbbalconefiorito.it/

Another possibility is to book more centrally in Milan and make your way to the hospital by metro and bus or taxi.





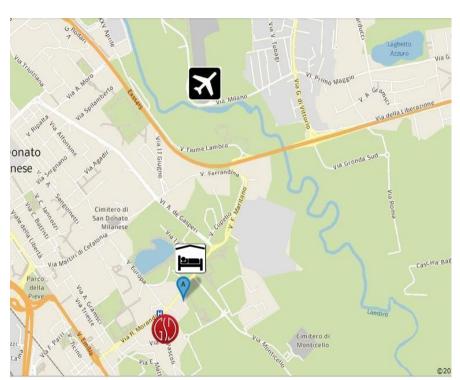
Crowne Plaza Linate

Standard double room - single use and standard double or twin room € 126,00/night including 10% tax, American Breakfast and WIFI connection.

Booking link: http://bit.ly/GSDMAR2020.

These prices are available for the $24^{th} - 29^{th}$ of March (also for patient representatives attending the ECHDO AGM after the congress) and will be valid until the 13^{th} of December 2019.





Hotel Santa Barbara: http://www.hotelsantabarbara.it/en;

Please write to: <u>santabarbarahotel@duetorrihotels.com</u> in order to reserve.

Prices for arrival on the 24th and departure on the 28th of March: Single room € 390 Double room – single use (French bed) € 416 double/twin room € 450. Please indicate AEPC2020 in the correspondence.

Information for patient representatives also attending the ECHDO Annual General Meeting, the prices for arrival on the 24th and departure on the 29th of March are:

Single room € 465 Double room – single use (French bed) € 501 - double/twin room € 540, please indicate AEPC2020+ECHDO in the correspondence.

In case you want to arrive before or after please enquire with the hotel about the prices since they vary according to the day of the week. These prices will be valid until the 17th of March 2020.



Call for Abstracts

We welcome abstracts for oral and/or poster presentation, both regarding scientific research and clinical care, related to neuro-developmental and psychosocial aspects of congenital heart defects from fetus to adults.

There will be an award for the best abstract presented by a Young Investigator (age 35 or under). The winner will receive € 600 after the conference and then another € 600 when the work will be published in a peer-review journal. Those who submit abstracts need to indicate at that time whether they wish to be considered for the Young Investigator Award. The Scientific Committee will make the decision about the winner after the presentations at the conference.

Deadline abstract submission: 30th of November 2019 (midnight of GMT time)



Abstract submission

Authors submitting abstracts for presentation at this conference should consider the following:

- 1. Abstracts should contain the following structure: Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusions.
- 2. Titles should be indicative of the content of the abstract, without abbreviations in the title.
- 3. Abbreviations may be used in the body text, if they are defined at their first mention.
- 4. The combined length of the abstract body text should not exceed 250 words.
- 5. By submitting an abstract for consideration, the Authors confirm that, if the abstract will be accepted for an oral or poster presentation, the Author or co-author/presenter will register for and attend the conference.
- 6. Submission: Abstracts should be submitted to aepc2020@grupposandonato.it with "Abstract AEPC 2020" in the subject heading.
- 7. The members of the Scientific Committee will review the abstracts.
- 8. Authors will be informed about the acceptance of their abstract for oral or poster presentation by the 10th of January 2020.

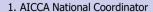


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Looking forward to seeing you all next year in Milan!

