

## FACTS SHEET

### The 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EUROPE ASIA MEDICAL & LEGAL CONFERENCE

LIPARI, AEOLIAN ISLANDS, SICILY, ITALY

7 – 14 July 2012

*(This conference will run after New York 25 June – 2 July 2012 and before Prague, Czech Republic 20 – 27 July 2012)*

This conference is a permanent part of the international medical & legal education agenda. It now rotates between Lipari capital of the Aeolian Islands off Sicily (2009), Lake Como (2010) & Positano (2011).

The Aeolian Islands (also known as the Lipari Islands) are one of the jewels of the Mediterranean, rivalling and even surpassing anything the Greek Islands have to offer. The Aeolian Islands off the Sicilian coast are one of those crossroads of history and culture. They have elements of both Greek and Roman history as well as a Moorish influence and as such are an excellent place to refresh and enhance our learning.

The Aeolian Islands offer totally clear waters, no pollution and the ability to take in secluded beaches accessible only by boat. The snorkelling and diving are superb and the cuisine of course stupendous. Whilst we believe Sicily and the Aeolian Islands are totally safe, organisationally as you move south it becomes problematic. Therefore it is best to visit these islands under the umbrella of an organisation with experience in this part of the world (both the conference manager Rosana Farfaglia & conference director Lorenzo Boccabella have personal links with southern Italy).

**The academic and professional program** has always been the centrepiece of our conferences, but an equally important part is the networking activities we organise outside of the formal program. Over the years many delegates have forged professional links with other practitioners arising out of meeting for the first time at the conferences. The synergy of medical and legal practitioners at these conferences has led to a greater understanding of each other's role and broken down many barriers. Delegates have also reported that the informal interaction with other delegates has led to an exchange of ideas and methodologies, and an enhancement of professional camaraderie among fellow practitioners including referrals both fellow medical practitioners and lawyers.

#### CONFERENCE EVENTS

- Group snorkel or scuba dive,
- Afternoon to evening cruise, including swimming off the boat, dinner on board, stopping at the islands of Panarea and Stromboli & watching the volcanic flares of Mt Stromboli at night from the boat.
- BBQ lunch on a small boat in an isolated cove plus swimming
- Guided tour of the archaeological museum regarded as one of the best of its kind for ancient Greek artefacts
- Dine at a different restaurants on the island, each being a gastronomic feast
- Morning swims in the pristine clear waters

Or just wander around at your pace discovering little trattoria's to eat at or little bays to sit on to soak in the atmosphere

#### THE CONFERENCE HOTELS

The conference will be based on the main Aeolian Island, Lipari. The conference hotels are small but wonderfully family run, offering total access to the island. The main conference hotel is **Hotel Tritone** and cost start at \$340 per night including, d, bed & breakfast for a double room based on a 7 night stay, (second person occupying the room free of charge). We also have rooms/apartments available at **Residence Mendolita**, prices start at \$295 per apartment with breakfast included (second person accompanying the room free of charge) including breakfast. The Bernadi family are the owners of Hotel Tritone, Residence Mendolita and numerous other hotels and popular restaurants on Lipari. Other room configurations and rates are available on request.

We also offer rooms in a well run Pensione which we can personally recommend. The Pensione has 8 Double rooms and 4 rooms with a small kitchenette (12 in total). The Cost is \$120 per night including breakfast (second person accompanying the room free of charge). Prices for fully self contained kitchenette rooms commence at \$150 per night including breakfast. All prices are subject to any exchange rate variations.

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## GETTING THERE

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**Conference Bus & Private Hydrofoil:** We are organising a chartered bus on Saturday 7 July from Catania to Milazzo then private hydrofoil over to Lipari. We will be leaving from Catania (Palace Stesicorea Hotel) at 11.00am then passing by Catania Fontanarossa airport at roughly 12 noon, then continue to Taormina to collect passengers at the bottom of the cable car at approximately 1.30pm (for delegates staying in Taormina pre-conference).

A **private return hydrofoil** will be leaving Lipari at 10.00am on Saturday 14 July 2012, arriving back in Milazzo on the mainland by around 11.00am. A private bus will collect passengers from Milazzo, and make its way back to Catania airport, via Taormina. This bus will arrive at the Catania Fontanarossa airport by approximately 1.00pm, so please ensure all departure flights are booked to depart after 3.00pm on Saturday 14 July.

For delegates whose flights leave **early on departure day Saturday 14 July 2012**, there is an a Siremar Aliscafi (catamaran) that leaves Lipari daily at 7:50am arriving Milazzo at 8.55am, connecting with the Giutabus which travels direct to Catania airport arriving at around 10.45am.

Registration forms for all bus services and social events will be sent to you closer to the conference date.

## MAKING YOUR OWN WAY TO LIPARI

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Lipari is very accessible by boat transport, with hydrofoils from Reggio Calabria (mainland Italy) and Messina and Milazzo in Sicily. Messina is about 150kms from Catania Fontanarossa Airport (international airport receiving flights from many European cities and London). Milazzo is just to the north of Messina. Reggio Calabria also has a small airport. There are ocean-going ferries from Rome, Naples and Salerno to Sicily, some of which stop at Lipari (if not you alight at Messina and then take the hydrofoil to Lipari). Getting a train to Reggio Calabria, Messina or Milazzo is a viable option, as is driving a rental car to drop off at any of those ports.

We will also have document available on how to get to Lipari which gives detailed facts on the options available. This will be sent to you prior to the conference commencing.

For travel arrangements and for **conference airfares and accommodation packages**, please contact our associated licensed travel agency CPE Travel Pty Ltd on our office number 07 3254 3331.

## TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

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CPE Travel Pty Ltd is our licensed travel agency within the conference organisation. Our experienced travel consultants are available to assist you with all travel arrangements including airfares, 2-for-1 packages, car hire, pre-conference and post-conference accommodation. Contact our office to speak with one of our consultants on 07 3254 3331 or email [travel@educationcpe.com](mailto:travel@educationcpe.com).

## ACCREDITATION

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We are now an accredited provider with the RACGP which means that each conference will attract up to 30 category 2 points. We are now applying for points for all the Colleges for points for each conference and expect that this conference will attract points across the board.

## REGISTRATION

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Registration cost is \$AUD1100 for single registration or for multiple registrations, \$AUD850. Please note that international conferences do not attract GST. Accompanying persons not needing formal registration are free and are welcome to attend all functions and sessions. Please note that rooms will be allocated strictly in accordance with the receipt of the registration fee. If for any reason you wish to cancel your registration (even at the last minute), I will refund your registration fee less a \$AUD100 administration charge. Accommodation once paid can only be refunded at the hotel's discretion.

## THE PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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Conference sessions will run a disciplined 4 hours each day generally starting early to late afternoon giving you ample time to explore the city and its surrounds.

Speakers at our conferences in the past have included judges at all levels including the Canadian Court of Appeal, the US Federal Court of Appeal, the Venice International Arbitration Court and other international arbitration bodies, the Italian trial and appeal courts & judges from Australia and NZ at all levels. Other speakers have included legal experts from the World Trade Organisation, the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the Red Cross, the International Labour Organisation, practising lawyers & legal academics from the USA, Europe, Burma, China and of course Australia and NZ and representatives of law enforcement bodies like the money laundering division of the Swiss police and Ireland's Criminal Assets Bureau.

**Conference Motto: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)**

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