



**INTERNATIONAL ATHEROSCLEROSIS SOCIETY**

**International Course**

**FROM GENETIC DIAGNOSIS  
TO GENE THERAPY**

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## Scientific Programme

Thursday, February 8, 2001

13.30 - 14.00    Opening Remarks  
R. Malacrida, Lugano, Switzerland  
S. Humphries, London, UK  
G. Nosecda, Mendrisio, Switzerland  
R. Paoletti, Milan, Italy  
G. Vassalli, Lausanne, Switzerland

### I Session      **GENETIC STRATEGIES**

14.00 - 15.00    Overview of Genetic Strategies  
for Analysis of Complex Disorders    S. Humphries, London, UK

15.00 - 16.00    Finding Genes that Influence  
Complex Disorders: Strategies  
based on Genome-Wide Linkage  
Scans in Families and Sibpairs      J.E. Hixson, Houston, USA

16.00- 16.30    *Coffee Break*

16.30 - 17.30    Use of Transgenic and Knock  
Out Mice to Study Mechanisms  
Underlying Hyperlipidemia and  
Atherosclerosis                        L.M. Havekes, Leiden, The Netherlands

17.30 - 18.30    Analysis of Promoter Variants in  
Candidate Genes for CAD             A. Hamsten, Stockholm, Sweden

18.30            *End of the Session*

19.30            *Welcome Reception and Dinner*

**Chairpersons of the Course**

S. Humphries, London, UK  
G. Vassalli, Lausanne, Switzerland

**Scientific Secretary of the Course**

E. Tremoli, Milan, Italy

Friday, February 9, 2001

**II Session**      **RISK FACTORS AND GENE POLYMORPHISMS**

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|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 8.30 - 9.30   | Genetic Factors Predisposing to CHD In Young People at Familial Risk of Disease: the EARS Study           | L. Tiret, Paris, France              |
| 9.30 - 10.30  | Genetic Predisposition to Thrombosis and Risk of MI at a Young Age  | L. Iacoviello, S.Maria Imbaro, Italy |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | <i>Coffee Break</i>   |                                      |
| 11.00 - 12.00 | Genetics of Atherosclerosis: the Framingham Experience  | J.M. Ordovas, Boston, USA            |
| 12.00 - 13.00 | Analysis of Gene-Environment Interaction in Risk of CAD, Smoking and LPL, ApoE and Stromelysin as Example | S. Humphries, London, UK             |
| 13.00         | <i>Lunch</i>  |                                      |

**III Session**      **PRINCIPLES OF GENE THERAPY**

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|---------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 14.00 - 15.00 | Introduction to Cardiovascular Gene Therapy             | G. Vassalli, Lausanne, Switzerland |
| 15.00 - 16.00 | Gene Transfer: Impact on Pharmacological Studies        | G. Chiesa, Milan, Italy            |
| 16.00 - 16.30 | <i>Coffee Break</i>                                     |                                    |
| 16.30 - 17.30 | Cell Transplantation: a Novel Therapy for Heart Disease | R.-K. Li, Toronto, Canada          |
| 17.30 - 18.30 | Gene Therapy of Venous By-Pass Graft                    | T.F. Lüscher, Zurich, Switzerland  |
| 18.30         | <i>End of the Session</i>                               |                                    |
| 19.30         | <i>Dinner</i>   |                                    |

Saturday, February 10, 2001

IV Session      **GENE THERAPY IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE**

8.45 - 9.30	Gene Therapy of Hyperlipidemias	S. Yla-Herttuala, Kuopio, Finland
9.30 - 10.30	Gene Therapy: Strategies to Target Restenosis in Injured Coronary Arteries	S. Janssens, Leuven, Belgium
10.30 - 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.00 - 12.00	Angiogenic Gene Therapy in "No-option" Patients with Severe Coronary Disease: Panacea or Pandora's Box?	D.W. Losordo, Boston, USA
12.00 - 12.45	<i>General Discussion of the Course</i>	
12.45 - 13.00	<i>Concluding Remarks</i>	
13.00	<i>End of the Course</i>	
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	

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