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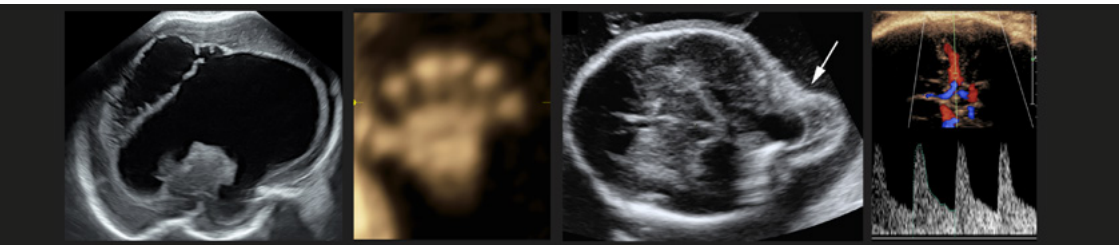

HOT TOPICS & CONTROVERSIES IN FETO-MATERNAL MEDICINE

5th edition

Difficult diagnoses, genetic uncertainties

New venue!

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Verona

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Course Objective

The 5th edition of the course has three components, as in the previous editions.
The first part focuses on the diagnostic and counselling challenges offered by borderline cerebral and cardiac findings.
The second part addresses the diagnostic difficulties encountered in anomalies rarely discussed in training courses, such as facial, renal and segmental spinal malformations.
The third part deals - as in the previous courses - with feto-maternal important conditions, which in the present edition are represented by thyroid dysfunction and hyperemesis gravidarum and their possible ominous consequence on the fetus. Live demos, entertaining debates & voting sessions are used to enhance an effective discussion.

La 5ª edizione del corso è composta da tre parti, come nelle edizioni precedenti.
La prima parte si concentra sulle sfide diagnostiche e di consulenza poste dai risultati borderline relativi al cervello e al cuore.
La seconda parte affronta le difficoltà diagnostiche riscontrate in anomalie raramente trattate nei corsi di formazione, come le malformazioni facciali, renali e spinali segmentali.
La terza parte tratta le condizioni importanti per il feto e la madre, che nella presente edizione sono rappresentate dalla disfunzione tiroidea e dall'iperemesi gravidica e dalle loro possibili conseguenze nefaste sul feto. Dimostrazioni dal vivo, dibattiti divertenti e sessioni di votazione sono utilizzati per migliorare l'efficacia della discussione.

Program

Thursday, 19 November 2026

13:00 Delegate registration
14:00 Opening

SESSION I
CNS. Ventricular obstruction. From diagnosis to...treatment?
Chairs: D. Paladini, S. Uccella

14:10 Atrial width: ...9 to 11...what to do? **P. Volpe**
14:30 LIVE DEMO 1 | Demonstrating the ventricular system **R. Birnbaum**
14:50 Aqueductal stenosis and atresia **D. Paladini**
15:10 Intracranial hemorrhage **E. Eixarch**
15:30 Discussion
15:40 Current neonatal treatment **C. Pasquali**
16:00 Prenatal treatment. A systematic review of results & techniques **M. Bosco**
16:20 *Special Lecture* | Are we ready for in utero shunting? **S. P. Emery**
17:00 *Special Lecture* | In utero treatment of VGAM. Are we there...or not? **Y. Ville**

17:40 Conclusion of day 1

Friday, 20 November 2026

SESSION II

Presentation and discussion of rare or unusual cases to learn from

Chairs: D. Paladini, R. Birnbaum

Discussants: R. Birnbaum, R. Chaoui, T. Homfrey, D. Paladini, P. Volpe

08:30 **Case 1** | Presentation (20 min) + discussion (10 min)
09:00 **Case 2** | Presentation (20 min) + discussion (10 min)
09:30 **Case 3** | Presentation (20 min) + discussion (10 min)
10:00 **Case 4** | Presentation (20 min) + discussion (10 min)

10:30 *Coffee Break*

SESSION III

FGR. Current Controversies. From genetics to management

Chairs: F. Figueras, T. Stampaljia

11:00 Is (early) FGR an indication to neurosonography? **E. Eixarch**
11:20 Is (early) FGR an indication to amniocentesis...and exome? **T. Homfrey**
11:40 LIVE DEMO 2 | Biometry & Doppler assessment **F. Figueras**
12:10 Comparison of current guidelines for late FGR **T. Stampalija**
12:30 ***Special Lecture*** | Controversies in diagnosis and management for late FGR **F. Figueras**
12:50 Discussion

13:15 *Lunch*

SESSION IV

Limbs & extremities. How to look for genetic-oriented hints

Chairs: R. Birnbaum, P. Volpe

14:45 LIVE DEMO 3 | Systematic assessment of limbs & extremities **D. Paladini**
15:05 Polysyndactyly **P. Volpe**
15:25 Radial Aplasia **D. Paladini**
15:45 Clubfeet & rockerbottom **R. Birnbaum**
16:05 Other upper arm anomalies **R. Chaoui**
16:25 Discussion

16:45 *Coffee Break*

SESSION V

The cardiac diagnoses that we miss. Why?

Chairs: T. Stampaljia, F. Taddei

17:15 LIVE DEMO 4 | Sonographic and color Doppler artefacts in fetal cardiac assessment **R. Chaoui**
17:35 Pulmonary venous returns. Why is it so difficult? **D. Paladini**
17:55 AVSD, partial and intermediate **P. Volpe**
18:15 Right aortic and ductal arch **R. Chaoui**
18:35 Discussion

Saturday, 21 November 2026

SESSION VI
Back to the CNS. From genetics to ultrasound and back
Chairs: R. Birnbaum, P. Volpe

08:30 Macrocephaly. Diagnosis, associations and genetics
N. Krajden Haratz, T. Homfrey
08:50 From dolicocephaly to synosthosis. A challenging issue
E. Eixarch, T. Homfrey
09:10 Diagnosis of ventriculomegaly 12-14 weeks **P. Volpe**
09:30 Cephalocele. Diagnosis, associations and genetics
D. Paladini, T. Homfrey
09:50 Early-onset malformations of cortical development **R. Birnbaum**
10:10 Discussion

10:30 *Coffee Break*

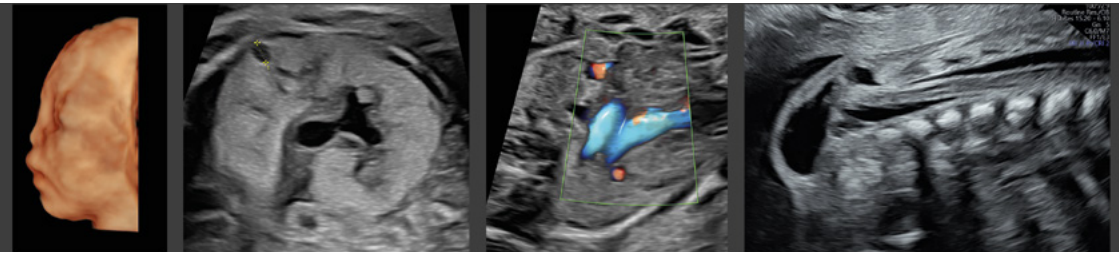
SESSION VII
Ai in screening and advanced fetal scanning. How much does it help?
Chairs: D. Paladini, P. Volpe

11:00 ***Special Lecture*** | Fetal ultrasound will stay human in the age of AI
R. Chaoui
11:45 AI and fetal US. Quality control and screening **D. Paladini**
12:05 AI and fetal CNS **Y. Ville**
12:25 Ai and fetal echo **R. Chaoui**
12:45 Discussion

13:00 CME test and goodbye

INVITED SPEAKERS

Roee **Birnbaum** *Tel Aviv, Israel*
Mariachiara **Bosco** *Verona, Italy*
Rabih **Chaoui** *Berlin, Germany*
Elisenda **Eixarch** *Barcelona, Spain*
Stephen P. **Emery** *Pittsburgh, USA*
Francesc **Figueras** *Barcelona, Spain*
Tessa **Homfrey** *London, Unite Kingdom*
Nina **Krajden Haratz** *Tel Aviv, Israel*
Dario **Paladini** *Verona, Italy*
Claudia **Pasquali** *Verona, Italy*
Tamara **Stampalija** *Trieste, Italy*
Stefano **Uccella** *Verona, Italy*
Yves **Ville** *Paris, France*
Paolo **Volpe** *Bari, Italy*



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Course Director

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Congress Venue

Centro Congressi
Camera di Commercio di Verona
Corso Porta Nuova, 96
37122 VERONA

Official Languages

English and Italian are the official languages of the Congress. Simultaneous translation into English and into Italian will be provided.

Accommodation

The Organizing Secretariat can reserve hotel accommodation for 2 nights:

Check-in 19 November 2026
Check-out 21 November 2026

Hotel booking can be made during the online registration procedure.

On site attendee registration fees

	until sep 30	From Oct 1
ISUOG member	€ 400,00	€ 450,00
Non member	€ 500,00	€ 550,00
Physician in training	€ 200,00	€ 250,00

Fees include VAT 22% and:
Congress attendance, Congress Kit, Coffee break & lunch, Simultaneous translation into Italian and English, Certificate of Attendance, ISUOG Certificate.

Online attendee registration fees

	until sep 30	From Oct 1
ISUOG member	€ 200,00	€ 200,00
Non member	€ 250,00	€ 250,00

Fees include VAT 22% and: congress live webinar attendance, 30 days access to congress recordings, Simultaneous translation into English, Certificate of Attendance.
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