

# Fifth International Conference on "B Cells and Autoimmunity"

Como, Italy - August 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Satellite meeting organized in conjunction with the ICI Meeting  
[www.ici2013.org/home](http://www.ici2013.org/home)

Dear Colleagues,

recently, studies of B cell physiology have continued to provide new and surprising insights into major autoimmunity questions, with novel potential immuno-intervention strategies. This satellite meeting is intended to bring together basic scientists and clinicians with research interests in a range of autoimmune diseases. The major goal of this meeting is to view and discuss recent advances in different facets of B cell biology and to put them in the prospect of understanding autoimmunity and of designing

effective immuno-intervention strategies. It will provide a forum for constructive discussions and initiating international collaboration.

We look forward to seeing you in Como.

#### The Scientific Organizers:

Simone Cenci (Italy)

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## Important Dates:

**Abstract Submission Deadline:**  
June 30, 2013

**Note: Registration Is Limited** to 300 people and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close prior to the registration deadline when capacity is reached.

## Call for Abstracts

### How to Submit an Abstract

To submit an abstract, please go the link here below and follow the instructions provided.

[http://congress.spr.it/bcells2013abstract/abs\\_start.aspx](http://congress.spr.it/bcells2013abstract/abs_start.aspx)

### Style

Each abstract must be submitted in English. It must be typed, single-spaced and may not exceed 3000 characters (excluding title and authors).

document and titled "Abstract\_SURNAME" (or a surname of the presenting author). Please set the e-mail subject line to "ABSTRACT\_SURNAME" (or a surname of the presenting author).

All submissions must be received by June 30, 2013.

### Submission

A completed abstract followed by the above style, formatting, and layout should be saved in a word

**Selected oral and/or poster presenters will be contacted by the Organizing Committee by the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

## Contact

For all questions regarding the conference, please contact the Organising Secretariat:

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## Accommodation

### BCAI2013 List of Accommodation

Please be reminded that August is a summer holiday season. We recommend that you book a hotel as soon as possible. Please also kindly note that we are unable to provide a travel agency specialized for this conference and arrange hotel bookings for attendees and each attendee is responsible for finding accommodation for himself/herself.

The Grand Hotel di Como has a limited number of rooms available for the conference participants due to summer vacation. When you inquire about hotel reservation [www.grandhoteldicomo.com](http://www.grandhoteldicomo.com), please write "BCAI2013", in the subject line.

### Hotel websites

[www.hotelvillafiori.com](http://www.hotelvillafiori.com)  
[www.hotelreginaolga.it](http://www.hotelreginaolga.it)  
[www.hotelmiralago.it](http://www.hotelmiralago.it)  
[www.albergo-centrale.com](http://www.albergo-centrale.com)  
[www.albergosangiuseppe.it](http://www.albergosangiuseppe.it)  
[www.giardinocernobbio.com](http://www.giardinocernobbio.com)

### Youth Hostels

[www.ostellocomo.it](http://www.ostellocomo.it)

## About Como

Please visit the official website of Como Lake to have all useful information about the city  
<http://www.comolake.com/index.php?lang=en>

## Venue (Access)

### Conference Venue



### ● Spazio Como - Grand Hotel Como

Via per Cernobbio 41A  
Como

### How to reach the conference venue

#### By car

From any point of departure, head to Milan and then follow the signs for the A9 motorway, connecting Milan to Switzerland, direction Como - Chiasso.

Take the exit **Lago di Como** (last exit before the Swiss border coming from Milan; first exit after the Swiss border coming from Switzerland).

After about 1 km you'll find a roundabout, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit following the sign for **Como** - city centre. After 200 metres you'll see the Grand Hotel di Como on your right.

#### By train

The closest train station is Como San Giovanni (only 3 km away). From there getting to the Grand Hotel di Como is easy and takes a few minutes thanks to the private taxi service available outside the station. From Milan Centrale station and Milan Porta Garibaldi station, trains to Como S. Giovanni station leave approximately every hour. All trains from Germany and Switzerland to Milan (central station) stop at the Como San Giovanni station.

Alternatively, you can take the Ferrovie Nord trains leaving from Milan Cadorna station approximately every 30 minutes. They take 1 hour to reach the Como Lago station (5 km from the Grand Hotel di Como). Just few meters away from the Como Lago train station you can take the boat service that in less than 10 minutes will take you directly in front of the hotel (boat stop: Tavernola).

Updated timetables and tickets online purchasing available on the website [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com).

#### By plane

The most convenient Italian International Airports to reach the Grand Hotel di Como are Milan Malpensa (55 km away - 40 minutes driving) and at Milan Linate (75 km away - 50 minutes driving), as well as Bergamo Orio Al Serio (95 km away - 1,15 hours driving). Alternatively, you can land at Lugano Agno (Switzerland), the closest airport at only 28 km from the Hotel.

