

**VITILIGO: WHERE ARE WE NOW?**  
**INTERACTION AMONG PATIENTS, CLINICIANS AND SCIENTISTS**  
*Milano, September 25<sup>th</sup> 2010*

This meeting is organized in co-operation with **ARIV** (*Associazione Italiana Ricerca e Informazione per la Vitiligine* – a patient-driven, non-profit organization based in Italy) and with the support of several National and International patient associations. The **First Vitiligo World Congress** proposes itself as a particularly innovative in-depth medical event with the participation of a Faculty - present also on the Patient Day - composed by the most eminent experts on Vitiligo. The Patient Day will be the occasion for a constructive exchange of information between doctors and patients on topics related to the disease. It will be a good opportunity to develop new communication channels through which patients may develop a closer contact with researchers and clinicians in order to play a more active role in stimulating current and future research.

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**PROGRAMME**

10.30-11.00 Welcome and introduction  
*Santo Raffaele Mercuri*  
*Iole Airoidi*

**SESSION I**

**Chair: Alide DePase, Mauro Picardo**

11.00-11.15 Vitiligo: the day when all began  
*Santo Raffaele Mercuri*

11.15-11.30 Recent advances in genetics of vitiligo. Causes, controversies and cures.  
The ARIV contribution to "Vitgene"  
*Richard A. Spritz*

11.30-11.45 Research on vitiligo in our laboratory in Cincinnati  
*Raymond E. Boissy*

**SESSION II**

**Chairs: Santo Raffaele Mercuri, Silvia Moretti**

11.45-12.00 Medical Overview  
*Mauro Picardo*

12.00-12.15 What's new in vitiligo?  
*Alain Taieb*

12.15-12.30 What is new in UV phototherapy of Vitiligo  
*Alessia Pacifico*

12.30-12.45 Clinical response to Excimer laser treatment in vitiligo  
*Luigi Naldi*

12.45-13.05 The Vitiligo Care program  
*Iole Airoidi, Mauro Picardo*

13.05-13.15 Micropigmentation: another solution in vitiligo camouflage  
*Milena Lardi*

13.15-13.25 My "First Vitiligo World Congress"  
*Chiara Soffiantini*

13.25-14.30 Brunch with the Experts  
Patients in interaction with internationally renowned dermatologists, geneticists and the Dermatology department staff of San Raffaele Scientific Institute.

Camouflage workshop.

### **SESSIONE III**

**Chairs: Santo Raffaele Mercuri, Luigi Naldi**

- 14.30-14.45            The body on show: between health and well-being  
*Lucio Sarno*
- 14.45-15.00           Cellular therapy for vitiligo: which are the perspectives and indications for  
next and far future?  
*Simone Cazzaniga, Silvia Lecchi*
- 15.00-15.15           Clinical data from Vitiligo patients: the Florentine experience  
*Silvia Moretti*
- 15.15-15.30           Preventive and curative treatment of vitiligo, based on the integrated  
pathogenesis theory.  
*Wiete Westerhof*
- 15.30-15.40           My story can be your Change  
*Lee Thomas*
- 15.40-15.50           A reserach paper based on a questionnaire sent to members of U.K. Vitiligo  
Society in prioritising vitiligo research topics.  
*Jennifer Viles*
- 15.50-16.00           SPRUSD: Setting Priorities and Reducing Uncertainties for people with Skin  
Disease: an example of patients engagement in research  
*Maxine Whitton*
- 16.00-16.15           Closing remarks  
*Santo Raffaele Mercuri, Mauro Picardo*