

**7<sup>th</sup> International Feline Retrovirus  
Research Symposium**

**September 11-15, 2004**



**Pisa, Italy**

***Final Announcement***

*Dear colleague,*

*On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, you are cordially invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> International Feline Retrovirus Research Symposium (IFRRS) that we have the privilege to host on 11-15 September, 2004 in Pisa, Italy.*

*This congress will follow the highly successful symposium held in Amelia Island, Florida in 2002 where people had the great and unique opportunity to exchange their ideas, opinions and results and spend a few days in a great venue. We hope the spirit of the incoming IFRRS meeting will be as energetic, active, competitive and friendly as in previous ones and act as a stimulus for further research and collaboration. With these words, I once more extend my warm welcome to all of you and hope your stay in historical and hospitable Pisa will be a momentous occasion for the field of feline retrovirus research.*

*Mauro Pistello*

## Pisa, a Small Town with a Great Atmosphere



*Pisa is situated in North-West Tuscany on the banks of the Arno River. Just 80 km from Florence and 10 km from the sea, Pisa has a primary place in national and international tourism. This is also favored by the climate, mild and temperate, because of the vicinity to the sea and the protection offered by the mountains behind the town.*

*A city of art and history, with the complex of Piazza dei Miracoli – cultural patrimony of all humanity – [Pisa](#) preserves numerous masterpieces of civil (the well-known Leaning Tower) and military architecture and of medieval history. The [Certosa of Calci](#) (10 km from Pisa), and the Basilica of San Piero a Grado (5 Km from Pisa), a magnificent example of Romanesque art, are two other must-seeing treasures. Cultural and academic traditions are also at top level: besides the most ancient Botanical Gardens of Europe, Pisa can boast numerous museums, a prestigious athenaeum ([University of Pisa](#)) flanked by the [Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari Sant'Anna](#) and the [Scuola Normale Superiore](#), unique in Italy and instituted by Napoleone Bonaparte in 1813.*

*Pisa commemorates its traditions with numerous folklore and religious events. Among these, it is worth mentioning the [Luminara](#), a suggestive decoration of the banks of the Arno River with wax candles to celebrate the patron San Ranieri, the Palio di San Ranieri, a regatta with special boats through the historic parts of town and the [Game of the Bridge](#), a re-evocation of an ancient tournament game.*

*The countryside of Pisa is particularly suitable for farm-holidays, trekking, cycling, horse-riding, bird watching, golf, open-air and water sports, which can be practised on a fantastic coast with sand-beaches, hotels and restaurants. In the [Parco Regionale di Migliarino, San Rossore, Massaciuccoli](#), extending for 24,000 hectares along the coast from Viareggio to Livorno, with tree groves and Mediterranean shrubs, encounters with deer, wild boars and the over two-hundred varieties of migratory birds are frequent.*

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## **Who should attend**

- ✓ AIDS Research Scientists
- ✓ Immunologists & Virologists
- ✓ Molecular & Cell Biologists
- ✓ Veterinary & Medical Research Scientists
- ✓ Veterinarians & Physicians
- ✓ Public Health & Veterinary Regulatory Officials
- ✓ Government Agencies & Private Companies Involved in Animal Health
- ✓ Wildlife Biologists

## **Conference Venue**

The 7<sup>th</sup> IFRRS Congress will be held at the Aula Magna of the Polo Didattico “G. Carmignani”, a modern building adjacent to that of Scuola Normale Superiore (enter the gate on the left). The Scuola Normale Superiore is a prestigious and worldwide-known university school established by Napoleone Bonaparte in 1813 and is located in the ancient “Palazzo della Carovana” in Piazza dei Cavalieri. This beautiful middle-age square is in the historical center of Pisa and at walking distance from most hotels and from “Pisa Centrale” railway station (see map).

# Scientific Programme

## Saturday, September 11

05:00 pm – 07:00 pm *Registration*

07:00 pm – 08:30 pm *Welcome Reception*

08:30 pm – 10:00 pm ***Opening Session***

08:30 pm – 09:00 pm *Remarks* **Mauro Bendinelli** (*University of Pisa, Italy*)  
**Mauro Pistello** (*University of Pisa, Italy*)  
**Oswald Jarrett** (*University of Glasgow, UK*)

09:00 pm – 09:45 pm *Lecture* **Robin Weiss** (*University College, London, UK*)  
“Why do retroviruses cause disease?”

## Sunday, September 12

07:30 am – 08:30 am *Registration*

08:30 am – 10:30 am ***Virology I***

*Chair* **Takayuki Miyazawa** (*Obihiro University, Hokkaido, Japan*)  
**Ellen E. Sparger** (*University of California, Davis, CA, USA*)

08:30 am – 09:15 am *Lecture* **Brian Willett** (*University of Glasgow, UK*)  
“The mechanism of infection with the feline immunodeficiency virus”

09:15 am – 10:30 am *Oral Presentations*

10:30 am – 11:00 am *Break and Poster Session*

11:00 am – 01:00 pm ***Virology II***

*Chair* **Giulia Freer** (*University of Pisa, Italy*)  
**Pierre Sonigo** (*INSERM, CNRS Paris, France*)

11:00 am – 11:45 am *Lecture* **Jean-Luc Darlix** (*Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France*)

“Unexpected molecular analogies between HCV and HIV”

11:45 am – 01:00 pm *Oral Presentations*

01:00 pm – 02:30 pm *Lunch and Poster Session*

02:30 pm – 05:00 pm **Immunology**

*Chair* **Edward A. Hoover** (*Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA*)

**Mary B. Tompkins** (*North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA*)

02:30 pm – 03:15 pm *Lecture* **Rolf A. Zinkernagel** (*University Hospital, Zurich, Switzerland*)

“On some immunological tricks used by persisting viruses”

03:15 pm – 05:00 pm *Oral Presentations*

06:00 pm *Bus to Certosa di Calci*

## **Monday, September 13**

08:30 am – 10:30 am **Pathogenesis I**

*Chair* **Mary Jo Burkhard** (*The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA*)

**Wayne A. Tompkins** (*North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA*)

08:30 am – 09:15 am *Lecture* **Mario Stevenson** (*University of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA, USA*)

“Analysis of HIV- host cell interplay by RNA interference”

09:15 am – 10:30 am *Oral Presentations*

10:30 am – 11:00 am *Break and Poster Session*

11:00 am – 01:00 pm **Pathogenesis II**

*Chair* **Gregg Dean** (*North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA*)

**Thomas W. Vahlenkamp** (*Federal Research Center, Riems, Germany*)

11:05 am – 01:00 pm *Oral Presentations*

01:00 pm – 02:30 pm *Lunch and Poster Session*

02:30 pm – 04:30 pm ***Virus Vectors & Gene Therapy***

*Chair* **John Elder** (*The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA, USA*)

**Martin Löchelt** (*German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg, Germany*)

02:30 pm – 03:15 pm *Lecture* **Eric M. Poeschla** (*Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA*)

“FIV: from lentivirus to lentivector”

03:15 pm – 04:30 pm *Oral Presentations*

04:30 pm – 05:00 pm *Break and Poster Session*

05:00 pm – 06:30 pm ***Epidemiology & Non-Domestic Cats***

*Chair* **Stephen O’Brian** (*National Cancer Institute, Frederick, MD, USA*)

**Susan VandeWoude** (*Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA*)

05:00 pm – 05:45 pm *Lecture* **Dominique Pontier** (*Université Claude Bernard Lyon I, Lyon, France*)

“Some reflexions on the use of deterministic and stochastic models in epidemiology”

05:45 pm – 06:30 pm *Oral Presentations*

06:30 pm *Free Evening*

## **Tuesday, September 14**

08:30 am – 10:30 am ***Vaccine I***

*Chair* **Margaret Hosie** (*University of Glasgow, UK*)  
**Hans Lutz** (*University of Zurich, Switzerland*)

08:30 am – 09:15 am *Lecture* **Barbara Ensoli** (*Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy*)

“New strategies for HIV/AIDS vaccine  
development”

09:15 am – 10:30 am *Oral Presentations*

10:30 am – 11:00 am *Break and Poster Session*

11:00 am – 01:00 pm ***Vaccine II***

*Chair* **André Aubert** (*Virbac Laboratories, Carros,  
France*)

**Janet K. Yamamoto** (*University of Florida,  
Gainesville, FL, USA*)

11:05 am – 01:00 pm *Oral Presentations*

01:00 pm – 02:30 pm *Lunch and Poster Session*

02:30 pm – 04:30 pm ***Diagnosis & Therapy***

*Chair* **Herman Egberink** (*Utrecht University,  
Utrecht, The Netherlands*)

**Katrin Hartmann** (*Ludwig-Maximilians  
University, Munich, Germany*)

02:30 pm – 03:15 pm *Lecture* **Stefano Vella** (*Istituto Superiore di Sanità,  
Rome, Italy*)

“Advances in antiretroviral therapy of HIV  
infection”

03:15 pm – 04:30 pm *Oral Presentations*

05:00 pm *Bus to Parco Regionale di Migliarino, San Rossore, Massaciuccoli*

## **Wednesday, September 15**

09:00 am *Departure*

## Social Events

### Saturday, September 11

07:00 pm – 08:30 pm *Welcome Reception in the hall of the conference venue*

### Sunday, September 12

06:30 pm *Guided visit and dinner at [Certosa di Calci](#) (Chartreuse of Calci), founded in 1366 and world famous as one of the most beautiful monastic monuments, with splendid frescos and a worth seeing museum of natural history*

### Tuesday, September 14

05:30 pm *Guided visit on typical horse-drawn carriages and dinner at [Parco Regionale di Migliarino, San Rossore, Massaciuccoli](#), a natural park extending over 24,000 hectares along the coast of Northern Tuscany*

## Registration

**(Early bird deadline: June 14; latest electronic registration: July 16)**

The registration fee for delegates has been set at 350 Euro (400 Euro after June 14). This includes participation in the sessions, congress bag, and all social events. The registration fee for accompanying persons is 120 Euro (150 Euro after June 14) and includes the social events only.

Electronic registration has to be done with the appropriate form sent together with this announcement or available at [IFRRG](#) and our [Virology Section](#) web sites. Filled forms should be sent to [Mauro Pistello](#) by e-mail. Registration fees must be paid by money transfer to the IFRRS account (see details below). All bank charges must be paid by the participant. Please quote the name of the participant on every giro transfer form. For summary payment orders, please enclose a list of names. Transfer can be accepted only until July 16. Later payments have to be done on-site at the registration desk. In this case, payment will be by cash only.

Receipt of registration fees, you will be acknowledged by e-mail.

### IFRRS Congress account

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| Name of the account: | Associazione Culturale IFRRS   |
| Account number:      | 936356   |
| IBAN:                | IT 13 M 01030 25300 000000936356   |
| SWIFT CODE:          | PASCITMMPIS  |
| ABI:                 | 1030   |
| CAB:                 | 25300  |
| Bank address:        | Monte dei Paschi di Siena<br>San Giuliano Terme (PI)<br>I-56125<br>Italy |

### Cancellation

Cancellations have to be made to [Mauro Pistello](#) in writing only. In the event of cancellation before August 6, 50% of the registration fee shall be refunded, thereafter no refund can be made.

## **Abstracts**

**(Deadline: June 14)**

Participants are encouraged to submit abstracts that describe their original research results. Abstracts should be in Word format and sent as attachment to the following e-mail address: [pistello@biomed.unipi.it](mailto:pistello@biomed.unipi.it). They should begin 3 cm from the top of the page and must fit into a 15 x 18 cm area and be in 12 pt Times New Roman font. **Title** should be in all CAPITALS. List all authors and *underline* the name of the person who will present the paper. Include professional affiliation. Participants are requested to specify whether they prefer an oral or poster presentation in the covering message. Notification of acceptance and instructions for poster preparation will be sent by e-mail within July 16.

## **Language**

The official language of the conference will be English. No simultaneous translation is available.

## **Certificate of Attendance**

An official Certificate of Attendance will be provided for all registered delegates.

## **Information Area**

Updates and other inherent information will be posted on the [IFRRG](#) and our [Virology Section](#) web sites as well as sent by e-mail to [IFRRS mailing list](#).

## **Transportation**

Besides social events, no specific transportation will be organized from and to conference venue, airport, “Pisa Centrale” railway station and hotels. Indication on how to arrive to city center from the airport is provided under the General Information section.

## Accommodation

A list of hotels is provided for your own choice. As shown on the map, all are at walking distance from congress venue and “Pisa Centrale” railway station. Special conference rates were obtained for a limited number of rooms; these include taxes and breakfast (unless otherwise stated). Prices of single room may vary depending on bed size and facilities. Participants should book hotel rooms by their own and mention IFFRS to obtain the reduced rate. No reservation will be made by the organizers. Please note that car parking is rather an exception than a rule for small hotels in the historical center. As September is high season for tourism and there are other concomitant congresses and events, please make hotel reservation as soon as possible, best before April, 30. After that date, IFFRS special rate is not guaranteed. If no rooms are vacant in the hotel list below, a full inventory of hotels and tourism information is available at Pisa web sites ([Pisa online](#) and [Comune di Pisa](#)). E-booking is usually possible through hotel e-mail address or web site.

### Hotel List and Tariffs (info at their web site)



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|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Hotel Cecile</b><br>Via Roma, 54     | Ph./Fax 050 29328<br>42-55 € Single | (breakfast NOT included)<br>52-65 € Twin |
| <b>Hotel Amalfitana</b><br>Via Roma, 44 | Ph. 050 29000<br>60 € Single        | Fax 050 25218<br>75 € Twin               |



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| <b>Hotel Leonardo</b><br>Via Tavolera, 17       | Ph. 050 579946<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:hotelleonardo@csinfo.it">hotelleonardo@csinfo.it</a><br>Web: <a href="http://www.pisaonline.it/HotelLeonardo">www.pisaonline.it/HotelLeonardo</a><br>65-75 € Single | Fax 050 598969<br>90 € Twin  |
| <b>Hotel Ariston</b><br>Via Cardinale Maffi, 42 | Ph. 050 561834<br>75 € Single   | Fax 050 561891<br>100 € Twin |

**Hotel Villa Kinzica**  
Piazza Arcivescovado, 2

Ph. 050 560419 Fax 050 551204  
E-mail: [info@hotelvillakinzica.it](mailto:info@hotelvillakinzica.it)  
Web: [www.hotelvillakinzica.it](http://www.hotelvillakinzica.it)  
78 € Single 98 € Twin

**Hotel Verdi**  
Piazza Repubblica 5/6

Ph. 050 598947 Fax 050 598944  
E-mail: [hotelverdi@sirius.pisa.it](mailto:hotelverdi@sirius.pisa.it)  
Web: [www.pisaonline.it/HotelVerdi](http://www.pisaonline.it/HotelVerdi)  
75-85 € Single 100-110 € Twin

**Royal Victoria Hotel**  
Lungarno Pacinotti, 12

Ph. 050 940111 Fax 050 940180  
E-mail: [mail@royalvictoria.it](mailto:mail@royalvictoria.it)  
Web: [www.royalvictoria.it](http://www.royalvictoria.it)  
84 € Single 100 € Twin

**Hotel Bologna**  
Via Giuseppe Mazzini, 57

Ph. 050 502120 Fax 050 43070  
E-mail: [hotelbologna@pisaonline.it](mailto:hotelbologna@pisaonline.it)  
Web: [www.albergobologna.com](http://www.albergobologna.com)  
120 € Single 140 € Twin



**Hotel D'Azeglio**  
Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, 18/B

Ph. 050 500310 Fax 050 28017  
80-93 € Single 106 € Twin

**Grand Hotel Duomo**  
Via S. Maria, 94

Ph. 050 561894 Fax 050 560418  
E-mail: [reception@GrandHotelDuomo.it](mailto:reception@GrandHotelDuomo.it)  
Web: [www.grandhotelduomo.it](http://www.grandhotelduomo.it)  
123 € Single 178 € Twin 210 € Suite

**Jolly Hotel Cavalieri**  
Piazza Stazione, 2

Ph. 050 43290 Fax 050 502242  
E-mail: [pisa@jollyhotels.it](mailto:pisa@jollyhotels.it)  
Web: [www.jollyhotels.it](http://www.jollyhotels.it)  
147 € Single 173 € Twin

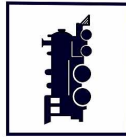


**Hotel Relais dell'Orologio**  
Via della Faggiola, 12/14

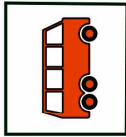
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180-230 € Single 260 € Twin 352-496 € Suite



**Conference Venue**  
**Polo Didattico "G. Carmignani"**  
 Piazza dei Cavalieri, 6  
 (gate adjacent to Scuola Normale Superiore)



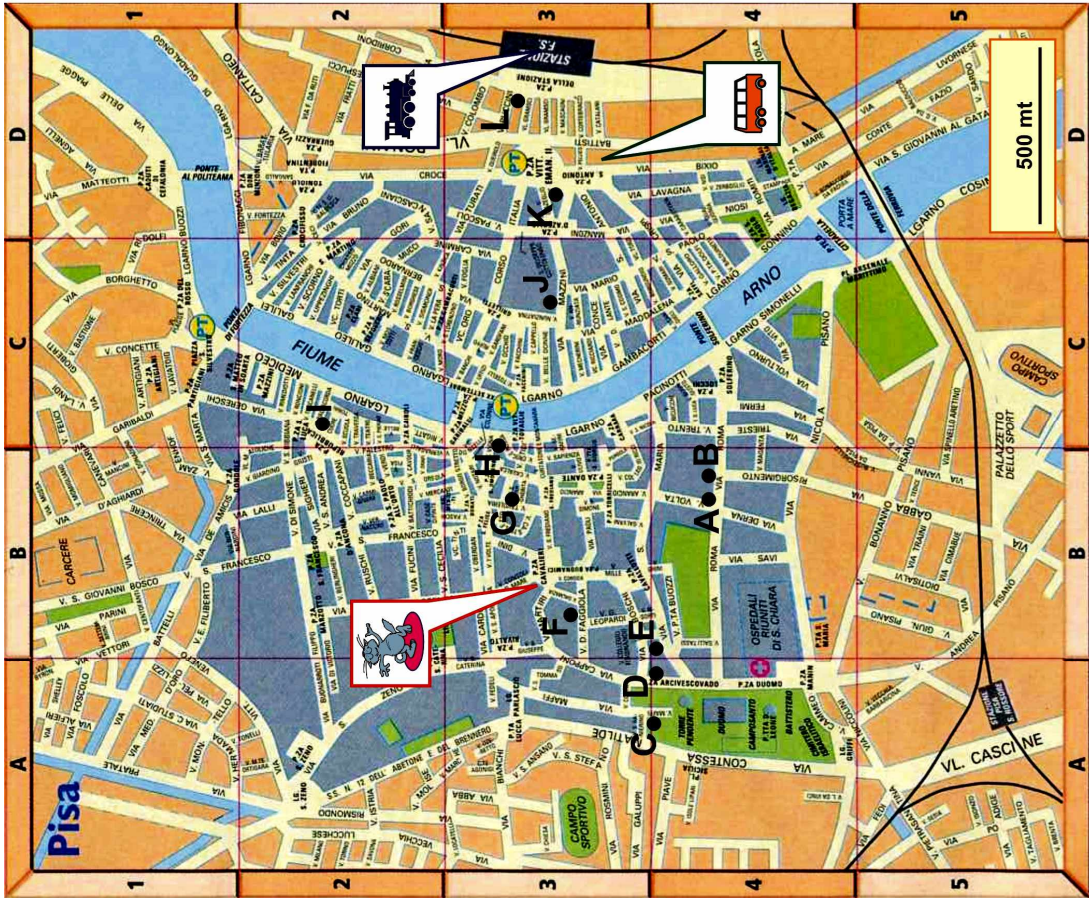
**Railway Station**  
**Pisa Centrale**



**Bus Station**

● **Accommodations**

- A - Hotel Cecile \*\*
- B - Hotel Amalfitana \*\*
- C - Hotel Ariston \*\*\*
- D - Hotel Villa Kinzica \*\*\*
- E - Grand Hotel Duomo \*\*\*\*
- F - Hotel Relais dell'Orologio \*\*\*\*\*
- G - Hotel Leonardo \*\*\*
- H - Royal Victoria Hotel \*\*\*
- I - Hotel Verdi \*\*\*\*
- J - Hotel Bologna \*\*\*
- K - Hotel d'Azeglio \*\*\*\*\*
- L - Jolly Hotel Cavalieri \*\*\*\*



## General Information

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| <b>Visas</b>        | Citizens of certain countries need a visa to enter Italy; please check the web-site of the Italian Embassy of your country of residence. Please let the Local Organizing Committee know if you need a Letter of Invitation, or any other document.   |
| <b>Airport</b>      | If you arrive at <a href="#">Pisa International Airport</a> , you can take a taxi to your hotel (approximately Euro 10.00-15.00), or a train ( <a href="http://www.fs-on-line.com">www.fs-on-line.com</a> ) or a bus ( <a href="http://www.cpt.pisa.it">www.cpt.pisa.it</a> ) to “Pisa Centrale” railway station. Bus number 3 to the railway station runs every 15 minutes from 06:00 am to 09:00 pm. |
| <b>Train</b>        | If you arrive in Pisa by train (from Florence or Pisa airports), taxis or buses can be taken to your hotel. Buses to all directions leave “Pisa Centrale” railway station every 10-15 minutes.   |
| <b>Road</b>         | If you are traveling to Pisa by car, please note that few hotels have car parking spaces.  |
| <b>Taxis</b>        | Please note that taxis cannot be ordered in advance in Pisa. They can be called when required. The phone number is 050 541600 (Radiotaxi).   |
| <b>Hotels</b>       | Most hotels are close to “Pisa Centrale” railway station and the conference venue, and bus transportation covers all city center.<br>Participants should book the hotel by their own and mention the IFFRS to receive the reduced rate.  |
| <b>Banks</b>        | Many banks and ATM machines are located in city center. Opening hours, Monday to Friday only, are 08:20 am-01:20 pm and 02:40 pm - 03:40 pm.   |
| <b>Credit cards</b> | All major credit cards are accepted in Pisa and all shops and restaurants accept credit cards, but it is better to check beforehand.   |
| <b>Currency</b>     | The Euro.  |
| <b>Electricity</b>  | The voltage in Pisa is 220 volts.  |

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| <b>Health care</b>         | Italy has reciprocal arrangement with all other EU countries and Switzerland. Residents of these countries, should bring the form E111 with them. Residents of all other countries should arrange private health insurance before departure from their country.  |
| <b>Telephone</b>           | <p>To call Pisa from outside the country, dial your international dialing code, followed by 39 (Italy), then the area code, including the zero, and the local number.</p> <p>To make a call within Italy from a phone box always include the zero with the area code; no zero is needed when calling to a cell phone.</p> <p>In case of emergencies dial 113 police, 115 fire brigade and 118 ambulance.</p> |
| <b>Time zone</b>           | Pisa is on Western European time (GMT + 1.00 hr)   |
| <b>Tipping</b>             | VAT (value added tax) and service charges are included in hotels, restaurants, stores and taxi fares. Tips of extra service are always appreciated but not necessary. It is customary to give taxi drivers and waiters a tip of about 5-10%.   |
| <b>Weather</b>             | The weather in Pisa in September is normally around 20-25°C and it is usually dry. A jacket and umbrella, however, not only bring good luck but also give protection in bad weather!   |
| <b>Insurance/Liability</b> | Registration fees do not cover any insurance and the Local Organizing Committee accepts no responsibility for accidents, illness, loss of life or property, incurred to participants or partners whilst in transit to and from, or during the Conference in Pisa. We therefore recommend you to take out personal insurance cover for your trip.   |

## **Important Dates**

**Hotel Reservation at Discounted Rates:** April 30, 2004

**Early Bird Registration Deadline:** June 14, 2004

**Latest electronic registration:** July 16, 2004

**Abstracts Deadline:** June 14, 2004

**Final Programme Available ([IFRRG](#), [Virology Section](#)):** August 24, 2004

## **Questions**

If you have any questions about the conference, or any special requirements, please contact [Francesca Bonci](#) or [Mauro Pistello](#).