



## The Global Control of FMD

### Tools, Ideas and Ideals

Erice, Sicily

14-17 October 2008

#### EuFMD Open Session

Where the world's technical specialists on FMD get together

Please check our website at <http://www.fao.org/ag/eufmd.html> for further details.

Please note that in "upcoming events" tag you will find relevant information such as map of Erice, the Agenda and the Programme at a Glance

**ONLY 6 DAYS TO GO TO EUFMD-ERICE 2008!**

**THIS IS LAST NEWSLETTER!!! READ FOR ESSENTIAL TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Click [here](#) for the **Programme at a glance**

The **Provisional Agenda** is available at:

<http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/commissions/docs/Erice/agenda.pdf>

#### TRAVEL TIP NO. 1

#### UPDATE



Landscape of Erice

The first travel tip is: **HOW TO PRONOUNCE "ERICE"**  
**EH-RE-CHAY [RE as in "READ"]**

This newsletter gives an update on

- Sponsors
- Presenters: what you must do
- Tips
- Airport shuttle
- Giving Back to Erice
- Movie/video clip competition
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- Getting there on your own

#### SPONSORS



We are very grateful to **our sponsors** for their offers of support:

- Merial
- Intervet
- Smiths Detection
- Prionics
- Svanova
- IZS Brescia and Palermo
- EMPRES

#### PRESENTERS: WHAT YOU MUST DO

The EuFMD Secretariat Help-Desk will be located in the Conference Venue building (Palazzo Sales)

You will be required to:

- Place your poster on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, from one o'clock onwards (first viewing is at 17.00)
- Hand in your presentation the Day before presentation (i.e. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> for those presenting on 14<sup>th</sup>)





A cable car that connects Erice to Trapani. Learn more at <http://www.funiviaerice.it/index.php?lang=en>

## TRAVEL TIP NO. 2



View of Erice

## AIRPORT SHUTTLE



A typical sicilian horsedrawn carriage

## GIVING BACK TO ERICE



Secret Erice

## MOVIE/VIDEO clip COMPETITION

- Pick up your badge, conference bag and documentation
- Keynote speakers, Chairpersons, EuFMD research group: please be available in Palazzo Sales for a briefing meeting 17.00-17.30 Monday 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Check the Notice Board by the Help desk for changes to the Program, lists of Chairpersons etc.
- Short Oral Presentations: remember maximum 10 minutes!! We are very strict and allow NO overruns beyond 12 minutes. Make the 2<sup>nd</sup> slide your CONCLUSIONS and this will ensure attention to the rest of your talk.
- **Note that the computer used for the presentation does not recognize Mac applications**

## PREPARING YOUR LUGGAGE

Erice in October often has beautiful weather, but at 700 metres above the sea, we also experience fog and unstable weather. The daily temperature varies between 16 and 19 degrees so should be comfortable but we suggest you pack sufficient layers of clothes to cope with possible cool (and wet) weather. Bring comfortable shoes for walking around the town and surroundings, and a rain coat.

We also suggest you use a suitcase with wheels as no vehicles are allowed inside Erice: you may need to walk up to 750 metres to your Hotel/residence through the old cobbled streets!

For the latest information about the weather in Erice, click on <http://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=erice,+sicily>

A shuttle service has been organized from the Palermo and Trapani airport to Erice. Look for signs marked "EuFMD-Erice 2008"

### Note:

- On arrival at Erice you will need to walk to your Hotel.
- The frequency of shuttles should mean wait of less than 60 minutes.

BGEventi will contact you shortly about the timetable of departures. The journey from Palermo to Erice takes about an hour and a half.

Please remember to let BGE knows of your flight schedule and keep checking your email from [erice.eufmd@bgeventi.com](mailto:erice.eufmd@bgeventi.com)

Erice is full of secret places that only the locals know about. So we have asked them to assist with "Secret Erice tours" - small groups tours will be organized during the week. These tours will be upon request, day or night, and the proceeds will go to the town of Erice for our "Giving Back to Erice initiative."

Limited places - Sign up at the front desk!

**Over 1000€ in prize money** has been donated by sponsors. Keep the entries flowing! No deadlines but you may be too late for prizes! We want you to disclose and share your opinions - FMD matters to people, express it! **Do you care about your work on FMD? Show it!**

All you have to do is use your phone or a camcorder to record a short clip of 30 seconds to 2 minutes and post it on You Tube on the site <http://uk.youtube.com/> with the title "Eufmd-Erice2008 " plus the topic title.



Erice video movie competition is in the news!

*"...What is unusual is that they want input from all sorts of people. Not just the people in the field, working on mass vaccination campaigns or depopulation/disposal crews. They want input from animal owners, and other stakeholders too, and they want it in video form to post to YouTube. Hows that for thinking out of the box? If succesful, this could be a tremendous educational tool."*

Read more about it at: <http://www.jrigutto.com/Wordpress/index.php>

## SURVEY



*Pepoli Castel*

We NEED your opinion on priorities for new diagnostic kits! Results of the online survey will be given in one week –and debated on Thursday 16th at EUFMD-Erice 2008

EuFMD survey on Priorities for New Diagnostic Tests for Foot-and-mouth Disease (FMD) is available at:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2fZsWxvAk4Qku016OrslCgg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2fZsWxvAk4Qku016OrslCgg_3d_3d)

## GETTING THERE ON YOUR OWN



*Maria Grammatico working in her pastry shop*

### **TAXI SERVICE (PALERMO AIRPORT)**

The airport taxi service is in operation from 06.00 to 24.00

The taxi rank is outside the Arrivals Area.

Info: +39 091 225455

### **BUS CONNECTIONS**

Segesta bus line tel. 091 6167919

Ticket price: € 6.80

Public transport information: <http://www.interbus.it/interbushtm/>

### **PALERMO AIRTPORT / TRAPANI (PORT)**

11.01\* (arrive at 12.10)

15.01 (arrive at 16.10)

20.31 (arrive at 21.40)

### **TRAPANI (PORT) / PALERMO AIRPORT**

6.30\*- (arrive at 7.40)

13.30-(arrive at 14.40)

16.30-(arrive at 17.40)

### **BIRGI AIRPORT / TRAPANI**

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Runs every hour. Public transport information: <http://www.trapaniairport.it/>

<http://www.trapaniairport.it/trasporti.php?mod=bus> (italian language)

### **TRAPANI / ERICE**

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