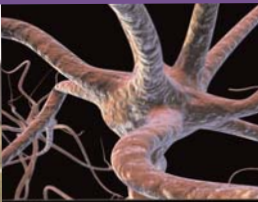


Renaissance Neurosurgery

2009 Society of University Neurosurgeons Annual Meeting
 June 11-14, 2009 Naples and Capri, Italy



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 1501 Kings Highway
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Hotel and Travel Information



Napoli (Naples)
 Right on the sea front, opposite the picturesque Santa Lucia Harbor, Naples' Grand Hotel Vesuvio is one of Italy's finest luxury hotels. The hotel first opened to a selected and discerning international clientele in 1882. For many decades this hotel was the most sought after venue in the city to host glamorous social gatherings and important cultural events.



The city of Naples and the Grand Hotel Vesuvio was almost completely destroyed in heavy bombing raids during WWII. The hotel was rebuilt and two additional floors were added before the Grand Hotel Vesuvius' grand reopening in 1950.

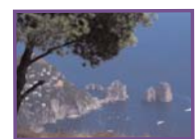


The hotel has 163 rooms and 17 suites, all beautifully furnished and equipped with every modern comfort including charming balconies, treating guests to spectacular views of the Bay of Naples, Mount Vesuvius, and the island of Capri. The hotel is located at Via Partenope, 45 - 80121, Napoli. Call +39 081 7640044 or email info@vesuvio.it. Visit the website at www.vesuvio.it.



Island of Capri (Capri)
 There are several hotel options in Capri. The Hotel La Palma, the Grand Hotel Quisisana, La Scalinatella, the JW Marriott Capri Tiberio Palace and Spa, among others.

In Capri, treasures such as historic churches, The Blue Grotto, the Faraglioni Rocks, and the La Piazzetta are a must see for all visitors. Enjoy the typically Caprian recipes including Ravioli Capresi, Totani e patate, and Pezzogna all'acqua pazza.



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*“You may have the universe
if I may have Italy.”*

~ Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Naples, a historic city in southern Italy, is noted for its rich history, art, culture and gastronomy, playing an important role throughout much of its existence. The city is more than 2,500 years old.

Rising abruptly out of the azure gulf, 20 miles from Naples, is the island of Capri. Capri's natural and man made attractions are indisputable. The island abounds in hills, cliffs, olive groves, vineyards, and garden terraces overlooking the Mediterranean. Paths offer countless opportunities to explore on foot, while churches, historic villas, and ruins offer sightseeing adventures.

Visit www.societyofuniversityneurosurgeons.com
for more details as they become available.

President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to Naples, Italy for the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Society of University Neurosurgeons. Paolo Cappabianca and his colleagues at the Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II have organized an outstanding meeting which will showcase their institution and its pioneering work in minimally invasive skull base surgery.



Neapolitans have devoted more than 2,500 years to perfecting the art of gracious living and their historic city provides the ideal setting for inspired scientific presentations and academic discussion. The regional cuisine and culture of the Campania region should be ample enticement for you to invite family and guests. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Bruce, M.D.
Edgar M. Houspian Professor
Department of Neurological Surgery
Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons

Local Host Message

It is a great privilege for me to be the local host of the Annual Meeting of the Society of University Neurosurgeons (SUN) in Napoli in 2009.



I am very happy to have the opportunity to present our city, Napoli, a cultural center. The Neapolitan neurosurgical school dates back to the origins of the city, tying its history and culture to our scientific heritage.

Naples is where color, sounds, and flavors coexist wonderfully with its ideas and scientific legacy.

Yours truly,

Paolo Cappabianca, M.D.
Professor and Chairman, Department of Neurological Sciences
Università degli Studi di Napoli

Secretary's Message

*“The Creator made Italy from
designs by Michaelangelo”*

~ Mark Twain (1835-1910)



We are delighted to announce the Society of University Neurosurgeons 2009 Annual Meeting. It will be held in Naples, Italy with Professor Paolo Cappabianca as host and Dr. Jeffrey

Bruce serving as President. This promises to be a time for 'Renaissance Neurosurgery' with several European colleagues joining us as well as international friends in the true and hospitable tradition of the SUN.

Francesco De Angelis, the winning skipper of the Louis Vuitton Cup of the Americas Cup, will speak as well as Maurizio Marinella, one of the world's foremost tie makers. A cornucopia of renaissance delights including history, food delicacies, and the arts will be presented with the Pompei Volcano as the backdrop. This promises "la dolce vita," and we hope you can all join us.

Ciao,

Anil Nanda, M.D.
Professor and Chairman, Department of Neurosurgery
LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport, Louisiana

University Lecturer & Special Guests

Sarah Dunant, University Lecturer

Dunant is the author of eight novels including the highly acclaimed bestseller *"The Birth of Venus"* and *"In the Company of a Courtesan."* An insightful and knowledgeable writer, she brings vibrancy and life to history. Stressing that "what has gone before, will come again," she also explores how history cycles through life with events, issues, and influences of past eras maintain relevance to today.

She is the creator of private investigator Hannah Wolfe, featured in *"Birth Marks," "Fatlands,"* winner of a Crime Writers' Association Macallan Silver Dagger for Fiction, and *"Under My Skin."* She is a patron of the Orange Prize for Fiction and reviews for various newspapers and magazines including *The Times* and *The Observer*, and is a regular presenter of BBC Radio 3's *'Night Waves'*. A former presenter of both Radio 4's *'Woman's Hour'* and BBC Television's *The Late Show*, she worked as an actress before her work as a producer for BBC Radio.



Maurizio Marinella

Now known as the "king of ties," Marinella has dedicated himself to the boutique founded by his grandfather. He is the most famous producer of ties around the world.



Marinella started the "Marinella Era" of tie making. The brand has become famous internationally and the little Neapolitan business is now an established global company.

Francesco De Angelis

De Angelis was the first Italian skipper to win the Louis Vuitton Cup. He competed in the 2000 America's Cup for the Punta Ala Yacht Club.



He was chosen to represent the Italian Yacht Club in 2007's race. His boat qualified for the Louis Vuitton Cup final and won. He is a five time World Champion in different classes and won the Admiral's Cup in 1995.