



EUROPEAN VISION SUMMIT 2008 EXPLORATORY WORKSHOP

,Towards the Future of European Vision Research'

Date: JUNE 16th - JUNE 17th, 2008

Location: VENICE, Italy

Meeting: Sala della Musica, Casino di Commercio, Piazza San Marco



Agenda (version 02/06/2008)

MONDAY JUNE 16th, 2008

- 11:00 Registration and welcome buffet
- 12:20 Welcome (Prof. Eberhart Zrenner, Chairman European Vision Institute)
- 12:25 **The European Vision Institute and its role to develop a Roadmap for Vision Research within Europe**
Prof. Eberhart Zrenner, Chairman European Vision Institute [EVI], Brussels, Belgium
- 12:50 Discussion
- 13:00 **The role of the National Eye Institute by developing a roadmap for Vision Research in the United States of America**
Dr. Richard S. Fisher, National Eye Institute [NEI], USA
- 13:20 Discussion
- 13:30 **Structuring effects of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology [ARVO] to strengthen Vision Research worldwide**
Martine J. Jager, President ARVO
- 13:50 Discussion



- 14:00 **Vision Research in Germany 2008: First results of an exploratory national survey**
Norbert Pfeiffer, Director University Eye Hospital Mainz, Germany
- 14:20 Discussion
- 14:30 **European Research efforts by the European Association for Vision and Eye Research [EVER]**
Bahram Bodaghi, Secretary General EVER
- 14:50 Discussion
- 15:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 15:15 Panel discussion with all speakers
- 16:00 **SESSION I: How to increase the visibility of European Vision research?**
- 16:45 **SESSION II: How to foster the cooperation between national and European societies?**
- 17:30 **SESSION III: How to lobby for Vision Research efforts on the national and European level?**
- 18:15 **SESSION IV: How to convince national and European funding organisations to increase their funding?**
- 19:00 End of sessions
- 20:00 DINNER AND SOCIAL EVENT

TUESDAY JUNE 17th, 2008

- 08:30 **SESSION V: How to attract the best young people to the field?**
- 09:15 **SESSION VI: How to bridge the gap between basic-oriented and clinical-oriented research?**
- 10:00 **SESSION VII: How to increase industrial participation in our research projects?**
- 10:45 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:00 **SESSION VIII: How to define major research topics for a 'Roadmap for Vision Research'?**
- 11:45 **European Vision Research – An independent point of view**
Carlos von Bonhorst, Consultant, Brussels, Belgium
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:25 General Discussion
- 12:55 Concluding Remarks
- 13:00 LUNCH & FAREWELL



How To Get There?

By plane:

Following is a list of public and private (water taxi) connections between the local Marco Polo Airport in Tessera and the city of Venice:

Public transport:

1) ALILAGUNA motorboats connect the airport to St. Mark's Square. Boats depart every 60 minutes, the average journey is also 60 minutes. (golden line: Airport – St. Mark / Royal Gardens). Tickets are available at the airport.

2) ACTV bus No. 5 departs every 30 minutes to Venice (Piazzale Roma car terminal). Buses leave from the platforms right outside the airport terminal.

By car:

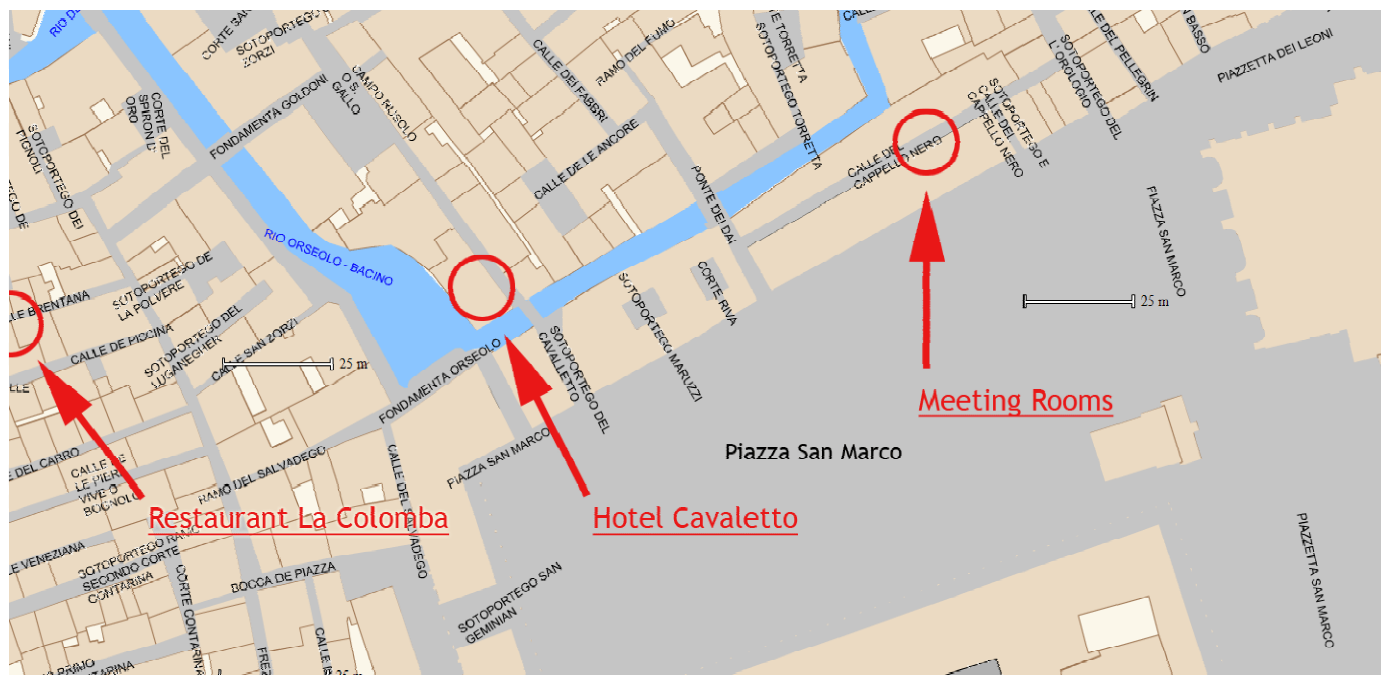
Leave the motorway and follow the Venezia – Piazzale Roma (car terminal) sign. You can leave your car at one of the parking facilities in Piazzale Roma. Take a water taxi or a vaporetto boat to the hotel. Take either line 2 (seasonal) or line 1 towards Lido, and get down in VALLARESSO (St. Mark). Boats to St. Mark's Square depart every 10 min, the average journey is 40 min along the Grand Canal; boats depart every 20 mins after 9 pm. The N (Night) line is available after 12.

By train:

Take a train to Venice Santa Lucia. Water taxis and vaporetto boat landings can be found along the canal right out of the train station.

Vaporetto boats: you can take either line 2 (seasonal) or line 1 towards Lido, and get down in VALLARESSO (St Mark). Boats depart to St. Mark's Square every 10 min, the average journey is 40 min through along the Grand Canal; boats depart every 20 mins after 9 pm. The N (Night) line is available after 12.

Water taxis can be found at all the main gateways into the city and in all major touristy spots. Licensed taxis must have a yellow stripe displaying the license number horizontally across the cabin.



The meeting room - Casino Di Commercio

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When in St. Mark's Square facing the Basilica, move to your left towards the Procuratie Vecchie. Follow the portico and take the Sotoportego dei Dai. Turn right into the Calle del Cappello Nero alley before the bridge, the entrance is about halfway through the alley to your left, house no. 180/c.



Accommodation

Best Western Hotel Cavalletto - Albergo Cavalletto e Doge Orseolo

Albergo Cavalletto e Doge Orseolo**** (4 Stars)

Double room for **one** person (weekdays): Euro 250,00 with american buffet breakfast
Double room for **two** persons (weekdays): Euro 270,00 with american buffet breakfast

*Piazza San Marco, Ponte del Cavalletto, 1107
Venezia – Italy*

Ambassador Tre Rose

Hotel Ambassador *** (3 Stars)

Double room for **one** person (weekdays): Euro 220,00 with american buffet breakfast
Double room for **two** persons (weekdays): Euro 240,00 with american buffet breakfast

*San Marco - Calle dei Fabbri, 905
Venezia – Italy*

Best Western Albergo San Marco

Albergo San Marco *** (3 Stars)

Double room for **one** person (weekdays): Euro 220,00 with american buffet breakfast
Double room for **two** persons (weekdays): Euro 240,00 with american buffet breakfast

*Piazza San Marco - Ponte dei Dai, 877
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If you have any further questions regarding these hotels or an alternative, please contact Miss Stefania Canever in Venice:

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Please note:

Due to the tourist high season (June) it is recommendable to reserve your hotel room as soon as possible.



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The European Vision Institute European Economic Interest Grouping (hereafter referred to as 'EVI EEIG') was legally constituted under European law (Council Regulation (EEC) No 2137/85) in the late year 2003. The major objectives of EVI EEIG are to encourage cross-border cooperation in Vision Research with special emphasis on supporting research, training, health information, dissemination and other programs in the areas of blinding eye diseases, visual disorders, mechanisms of visual function, preservation of sight as well as the special health problems and requirements of the blind and visually disabled.

The members of EVI EEIG are vision scientists, research institutes / institutions, universities, private companies and patient organisations. EVI consists of 82 members (2007) from 17 different European countries. At present, the chairman is Prof. E. Zrenner, Germany, who is supported by the Steering Committee, consisting of Profs. J. Cunha-Vaz, Portugal, A. Sillito, UK, J. Sahel, France, U. Stenevi, Sweden and N. Pfeiffer, Germany. The Board of Trustees is formed by the Profs. C. Reme, Switzerland, T. van Veen, Sweden and E. Luetjen-Drecoll from Germany.

EVI EEIG was not formed for the purpose of making profits for itself. Its function is to carry out activities ancillary to those of its members, including but not restricted to research, technological development, organisation, management, fundraising and publicity pertinent to the defined aims to safeguard the procedures for high-quality Vision Research throughout Europe and worldwide.

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