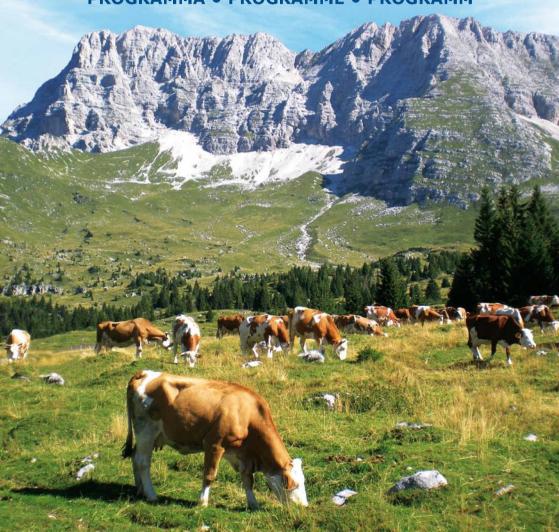


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# 29<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Simmental Federation 2011 – Udine

Dear colleagues and breeder friends,

once again the Italian Federation A.N.A.P.R.I. has been entrusted with the organisation of an international meeting of our Federation. We started in 1966 with the General Assembly in Padova, then came the World Federation Conference in 1980, the Congress of the European Federation in Grado in 1991, followed by Verona in 1995, and in 2011 we have the pleasure and honour of organising the 29<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Simmental Federation.

After our first meeting in Padova in 1966 the Simmental Fleckvieh – Pezzata Rossa breed has gone a long way...from a few thousand registered cows scattered across the historical breeding areas of Friuli and South Tyrol, the population has now grown to 60.000 heads – and the breed can be found all over Italy.

There are many reasons for the success of this cattle breed - and not only in Italy. First of all the selection objective which still translates into dual purpose breeding in the majority of the European countries.

During the past years this selection objective has become a distinct product specialization that encompasses several economic factors which in turn influence animal efficiency considerably: longevity, fertility, stress resistance, udder health, and last but not least meat production...these are all relevant features of modern Simmental cattle!

In the '70s we had 10.000 registered cows in Italy, by 2010 the number had grown to over 60.000. Milk production has more than doubled over the same period of time: from 3.000 kg to 6.500 kg of milk, while maintaining the same quality in terms of fat and protein.

The progress made in every country is paramount to the success of the Simmental cattle. It also proves the versatility and the great environmental compliance of this breed.





During the 29<sup>th</sup> Congress several scientific and technical papers will focus on new selection methodologies that will soon be available thanks to progress in molecular genetics.

The Congress programme foresees also technical tours to farms and cattle stations, including the cattle breeding farm "Azienda Agricola Marianis-Volpares", where approximately 700 Simmental-Pezzata Rossa animals are bred. The farm is managed by the Regional Agency for Rural Development, a public body founded by the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia. This farm is an important experimental livestock breeding center and, in general, a scientific research and development facility. Another important event will be the technical tour of the Artificial Insemination Center in Moruzzo, near Udine. The Center is managed by the Cattle Breeder's Association of Friuli Venezia Giulia. The latest outcomes of the Italian selection programme will be shown during the visit.

The Congress will end with the visit to the Livestock Show in Bolzano where we will have the opportunity to celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the local Association of Simmental-Pezzata Rossa Breeders with our South Tyrolian friends.

On behalf of the Italian Federation A.N.A.P.R.I. we have the pleasure and honour of inviting you to the 29<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Simmental Federation.

We hope for lively participation and look forward to meeting you in Udine next spring. Best wishes.

Franco Moras President

Dr. Tullio Luttmann





## **PROGRAMME**

### Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011

h 17.00 - 22.00 Arrival and registration of participants scheduled for Venice sightseeing tour (at both hotels: Best Western Hotel Là di Moret and Hotel Continental)

## Tuesday, 3rd May 2011



h 07.15 Bus departure
from the hotels to Venice.
Guided tour and full day
sightseeing in Venice:
boat trip to the islands
of Murano, Burano and
Torcello, visit of a glass
factory, lunch, walking
tour of Venice

h 18.00 Return to Udine by bus

h 17.00 - 20.00 Arrival and registration of other participants at both hotels

h 20.00 All partecipants Dinner

## Wednesday, 4th May 2011

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PROGRAMME** 

(Best Western Hotel Là di Moret)

h 08.00 - 12.00 European Federation Council Meeting

h 12.00 Lunch

h 15.00 - 20.00 World Federation Council Meeting





## Wednesday, 4th May 2011

# PROGRAMME FOR OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS



- h 08.00 Departure by bus to Miramare Castle (Trieste) and guided tour
- h 11.15 Departure by bus to Karst area for lunch
- h 14.00 Departure by bus to Trieste. Leisure time to visit the city

h 17.30 Return to Udine by bus

h 17.00 - 20.00 Arrival and registration of other participants at both hotels

h 20.00 All partecipants Dinner

## Thursday, 5th May 2011

PROGRAMME FOR PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

h 08.00 Departure by bus for the 29th General Assembly of the European Simmental Federation. Venue: Auditorium "Palazzo della Regione FVG", Udine

h 08.00 - 09.45 Arrival and on-site registration for new participants.

Auditorium "Palazzo della Regione FVG", Udine







### 29<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN SIMMENTAL FEDERATION



#### **GENERAL SESSION:**

h 08.30 Opening address by Josef Kučera
President of the European Simmental Federation

h 08.45 29th General Assembly of the European Simmental Federation

### **TECHNICAL SESSION:**

h 10.00 Welcome and opening speeches Official Representatives

### Claudio Violino

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS, AUTONOMOUS REGION OF FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

#### Franco Moras

PRESIDENT ITALIAN SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Ministry for Agriculture and Forests

### Josef Kučera

PRESIDENT EUROPEAN SIMMENTAL FEDERATION

#### **Bruce Holmquist**

PRESIDENT WORLD SIMMENTAL FEDERATION

h 10.30 SIMMENTAL CATTLE IN ITALY
Ministry for Agriculture and Forests - ANAPRI

h 11.00 Coffee break





h 11.20 GENOMIC SELECTION. EXPERIENCE
WITH ITALIAN SIMMENTAL CATTLE:
STATE OF THE ART AND FUTURE OUTLOOK
Nicolò P. P. Macciotta UNIVERSITY OF SASSARI

h 11.50 GENOMIC SELECTION. EXPERIENCES IN OTHER COUNTRIES Presentations by single countries

h 12.15 CONFORMATION ASSESSMENT:
STEPS FORWARD TO HARMONIZATION
IN EUROPE
Bernhard Luntz

EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP ON MORPHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

h 12.30 MAIN FEATURES OF ITALIAN SIMMENTAL MEAT Edi Piasentier UNIVERSITY OF UDINE

h 13.00 Discussion and closing of the Congress



h 13.30 Buffet lunch at the Auditorium

h 15.00 Departure by bus to downtown Udine.
Leisure time to visit the city

h 18.00 Return to hotel by bus

h 19.30 Departure by bus for gala dinner





### Friday, 6th May 2011

### PROGRAMME FOR PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

- h 07.30 Departure by bus to Talmassons, near Udine. Technical farm tour Azienda Agricola Bianchini F.Ili
- h 10.00 Departure by bus to Palazzolo dello Stella. Technical farm tour Azienda Agricola Marianis-Volpares
- h 15.00 Departure by bus to Moruzzo. Technical tour of the Regional Center for Artificial Insemination
- h 19.30 Departure by bus to Udine. Evening free

## Saturday, 7th May 2011

### PROGRAMME FOR PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

h 06.15 Departure by bus to Bolzano

h 11.00 Arrival in Bolzano, visit of the livestock show organized for the 45th anniversary of the Bolzano Simmental Breeder's Association. Lunch

h 15.30 Closing of the event and departure by bus to Udine



Participants interested in a **Pre- or Post-Congress** tour to visit Florence, Rome, Verona or other Italian sights should contact ANAPRI by e-mail info.esf2011@anapri.eu. We will be happy to assist you in planning your individual travels.





# **TECHNICAL FARM TOURS**

# BIANCHINI BROS.

The Bianchini Brothers farm is located in the small hamlet of Flumignano which is part of the municipality of Talmassons (population: 3000). The farm lies in the very center of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region and is surrounded by the Friulian plains. The city of Udine is close by. The property is completely irrigated and has medium textured soil.

**MANAGED BY** the **Bianchini Family**, 2 brothers (Fabrizio and Gabriele) + parents (Lisetta and Marcello) + 1 uncle (Enzo).

UAA (Utilised Agricultural Area) 70 ha; 40 ha of which are leased. They are divided as follows: 40 maize (13 silage, 7 maize mash and 20 maize grain), 15 alfalfa, 10 barley

(soybeans as intercrop), 5 poplar.

### **ANIMAL HOUSING**

Free-stall system. Cow cubicles with cow mattress and grid floor. Rubber coverage in 80% of the dairy cattle area. 50° herringbone milking parlour with 14 stalls, rear milking.

**LIVESTOCK POPULATION** 160 head of cattle, 76 of which are lactating cows.

**INSEMINATION 100% AL** 

MILK SALES 80% to a nearby cheesemaking facility that produces a typical local cheese, as well as Stracchino and Mozzarella; 20% (yearly average) to artisan icecream producers in the province of Udine.

2009 PRODUCTION DATA (from the AIA Bulletin) 87 controlled cows; 7219 kg milk, 3,90 % fat, 3,47 % protein, 116 days service-period ("days open"), 205.000 somatic cells.

FEEDING COMPOSITION FOR DAIRY COWS (Unifeed for 27 kg milk daily) Maize silage: 23,0 kg; alfalfa hay: 4,5 kg; maize mash: 5,0 kg; protein concentrate feed: 2,2 kg; cottonseed: 2,0 kg; concentrated feed: 0,5 kg; yeast 30 g; bicarbonate and mineral salts as needed.









EXPERIMENTAL FARM

## **Marianis-Volpares**

Experimental Farm Marianis-Volpares
Piancada, via Casali Marianis
Palazzolo dello Stella - UD
Tel. 0431 58034 - Fax 0431 589188 - ersagricola@tin.it

### Agricultural activity

The mixed farm (livestock and crops) is located in the *Friulian Plains*, close to the Marano Lagoon and the natural park of the Stella river.

Total surface 610 ha
Cereal crops 365 ha
Forage 110 ha
Poplar 20 ha
Meadows and forests 25 ha
Other 90 ha
Simmental 730 cattle heads

The farm cooperates and supports the activity of:
Regional Agency for Rural Development ERSA National Simmental Breeder's Association ANAPRI
Breeder's Association of Friuli Venezia Giulia
AAFVG - University of Udine, Faculty of Agriculture
and Veterinary Medicine - Agricultural Schools
Educational bodies - Cefap - Veterinarians
Regional Fishing Office - Regional Forest Rangers
Unalat - Local Bodies - Health Institutions - IZS
delle Venezie - Cooperatives - Schools - Cultural
Associations - Private Sector.













### **Education and Training**

"...recurrent education is a right and a duty. It has to act as an interface and as a stimulus for research, the world of work, for learning purposes and for our social commitment..."

We support and organize courses and training classes for farmers, breeders, technical experts and veterinarians.

We offer internships for high school and university students, Farm to School programs and educational projects, conferences and workshops, postgraduate master's program.

# Research and experimental activity

"...to favor and support research, experimental activity and the dissemination of results in order to achieve system innovation... All activities refer to agronomics, land management, animal breeding, food production, environment and their interaction with producers, consumers, research and public bodies..."

We support ERSA FVG, the universities and other institutions involved in experimental activity and research in agronomics, land management, crops and breeding.

### Land management

"...developing a new form of rurality with innovative content that is environmentally and financially sustainable. The goal is to obtain an added value for the territory, the environment and the landscape. A place like this would attract and launch innovative complementary activities in particular those connected with tourism, education, research and social involvement..."

(Andreas Kipar)

Agricultural and environmental requalification, also for tourism; social farm; social and cultural initiatives are supported.

















### BREEDER'S ASSOCIATION OF FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA





#### ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION CENTER IN MORUZZO

The Regional Center for Artificial Insemination (Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia) is located in the small village of Pradis near Moruzzo. We are in the vicinity of the city of Udine, surrounded by the morainal hills of Friuli which form a natural health barrier. The Center has almost 40 years experience in animal reproduction.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Center has an agricultural surface of 19.38 ha, 50% of which are fenced-in. The buildings comprise 4 dwellings for the staff of the Center, 100 boxes in two stables for the bulls in semen production and awaiting progeny testing, 60 boxes for swine reproduction and 26 boxes for horses.

Other buildings house the offices, three labs (bulls-swine-horses), storage facilities, barns and other stables. The lab equipment has been purchased recently and uses state of the art software that allows for very accurate and comprehensive donor assessment (CASA - Sperm Vision). The filling of the paillettes is done by a 4 needle device (MPP Quattro) and a new German made MT semen freezer is used. At present the Center has 10 employees with different tasks: a coordinator, lab personnel, health supervisors, general and temporary workforce.

**SPECIES AND BREEDS AT THE CENTER: Cattle:** Italian Simmental, Italian Brown, Italian Holstein, Belgian Blue, Charolais, Limousin. **Equines:** Norico, Rapid Heavy Draft, Haflinger, Trotters, Sport Ponies, Donkey.

**CURRENT OBJECTIVES:** Production of semen material with elevated biological and sanitary standards. Certification of the complete semen production process. Experimental activity and competitive presence on the Al-market.

### PRODUCTION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR SEMEN:

Approximately 300.000 doses of bovine semen are produced yearly, 50%





of which belong to Italian Simmental. Quality control of the semen is done by a third party that checks the correct self-certification and identification of the bull by comparing bull DNA obtained from the blood with that of the semen. The self-certification includes the following data: animal registration number, semen batch, total concentration, progressive motility, progressively motile sperm count.

### THE CENTER'S ROLE IN THE SELECTION OF THE ITALIAN

**SIMMENTAL:** Production of semen doses for artificial insemination obtained from all the bulls that passed the performance-test at the ANAPRI Genetics Center in Fiume Veneto. Distribution of the semen doses as indicated in the selection scheme "Young Bulls" (2000 doses per bull) for about 30 bulls per year. Storage of the semen doses until progeny testing is completed (2000 bull doses). Semen delivery to the Breeder's Association Office in Codroipo near Udine to be sold all over Italy. Distribution of positive domestic and foreign bull semen doses to be used for guided matings in Italian breeding farms.

Production and exportation of bull semen doses for international exchanges.







# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

Being located at the North-Eastern corner of Italy the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region has been influenced by the different peoples and cultures that once dominated this area. The region is divided into 4 provinces: Trieste, Udine, Pordenone and Gorizia. Important historical remnants and traces of the Romans, Celts, and Longobards are to be found all over the region. By tradition it is an agricultural area, though important industrial developments took place in the second half of the 20th century (steel factories, shipyards, timber and wood). Today, family and artisan businesses, small and medium enterprises and a thriving service industry are the backbone of the region's economy. Although the number of people employed in agriculture has shrunk noticeably, it still plays a vital role not only for economical reasons, but also with regard to land conservation and management. The agriculture and food industry sectors make intelligent use of technological innovation but consider product quality always a top priority. From this region come internationally renowned products such as the San Daniele ham. Montasio cheese, and famous wines - just to name a few.







#### CLIMATE

Mild and warm in spring, occasionally hot during the day with cool nights.

### **CURRENCY**

The EURO is the official currency.

### **ELECTRIC POWER**

220-230 Volt. 50 Hz, plugs C - F - L.

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

Udine can be reached by car taking the **A23 toll highway Palmanova-Tarvisio** (exit "Udine Nord" or "Udine Sud"). The city is served by two international airports:

 TRIESTE (TRS) Aeroporto FVG Friuli Venezia Giulia

Via Aquileia, 46 RONCHI DEI LEGIONARI (GO)

Distance from Udine: 40 Km Flight information:

tel. +39.0481.773224 www.aeroporto.fvg.it VENICE (VCE)

**Aeroporto Marco Polo** 

Viale Galileo Galilei, 30/1 TESSERA - MESTRE (VE)

Distance from Udine: 120 Km

Flight information:

tel. +39.041.2609260

www.veniceairport.it

Train: www.ferroviedellostato.it

A.N.A.P.R.I. will provide a shuttle service to/from the airports of Trieste and Venice as well as to/from the train station in Udine in connection with arrivals and departures indicated in the registration form.

### **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

The official languages of the  $29^{th}$  Congress of the European Simmental Federation are: Italian - English - German.





# **HOTEL RESERVATION**



Hotel reservations are made by ANAPRI.

The council meetings of the European Simmental Federation and the World Simmental Federation will take place at the Best Western Hotel Là di Moret. **Prices are per room, per night, breakfast is included.** 





# **REGISTRATION**

Congress organizer: A.N.A.P.R.I. (Associazione Nazionale Allevatori

bovini di razza Pezzata Rossa Italiana) Via Ippolito Nievo, 19 - 33100 UDINE

Tel: +39 0432 224111 - Fax: +39 0432 224137 info.esf2011@anapri.eu - www.esf2011.anapri.eu

Registration: Complete the attached form or register online at

info.esf2011@anapri.eu

REGISTRATION FEE	BEFORE 28.02.2011	AFTER 01.03.2011
PARTICIPANT	€ 520,00	€ 590,00
ACCOMPANYING PERSON	€ 470,00	€ 540,00

The registration fee includes:

	PARTICIPANT	ACCOMP. PERSON
<b>03.05</b> Dinner	YES	YES
04.05 Council Meetings and Lunch (Members only)	YES	-
04.05 Trieste City Tour and Lunch	YES	YES
<b>04.05</b> Dinner	YES	YES
05.05 Congress Proceedings	YES	NO
<b>05.05</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Lunch and Transfer to Udine City	YES	YES
05.05 Gala Dinner	YES	YES
06.05 Farm Tours and Lunch	YES	YES
<b>06.05</b> Dinner	NO	NO
<b>07.05</b> Livestock show in Bolzano and Lunch	YES	YES

<b>03.05 VENICE SIGHTSEEING TOUR</b> (included in the price: bus transfer from Udine to Venice - boat	€ 130,00
trip to the islands near Venice - visit of a glass factory -	per person





## **PAYMENT**

### Bank transfer in Euro made out to:

ANAPRI - Via Ippolito Nievo 19 - 33100 UDINE BANK: CREDIFRIULI Viale Duodo, 5 - 33100 UDINE - ITALY

IBAN: IT 95 R 07085 12301 034210012778 BIC: CCRTIT2TK00

Bank fees are to be paid by the participant.

COPY OF PAYMENT

HAS TO BE SENT IN WITH THE REGISTRATION FORM.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

A refund (bank fees paid by the participant) is guaranteed only for cancellations received by email (info.esf2011anapri.eu) or fax (+39 0432 224137):

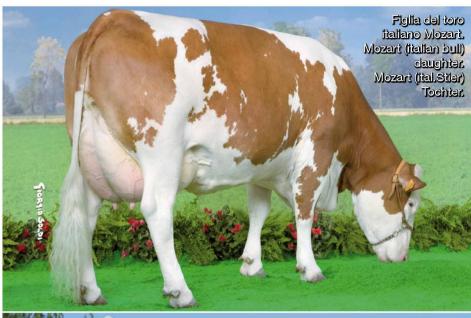
before 25.03.2011 full refund from 26.03.2011 - 15.04.2011 50% refund after 15.04.2011 no refund

Name changes incur a 30,00 € penalty fee.

IMPORTANT All participants should ensure they have the necessary travel documents, health insurance and other types of coverage as far as they are not specifically mentioned in the program.













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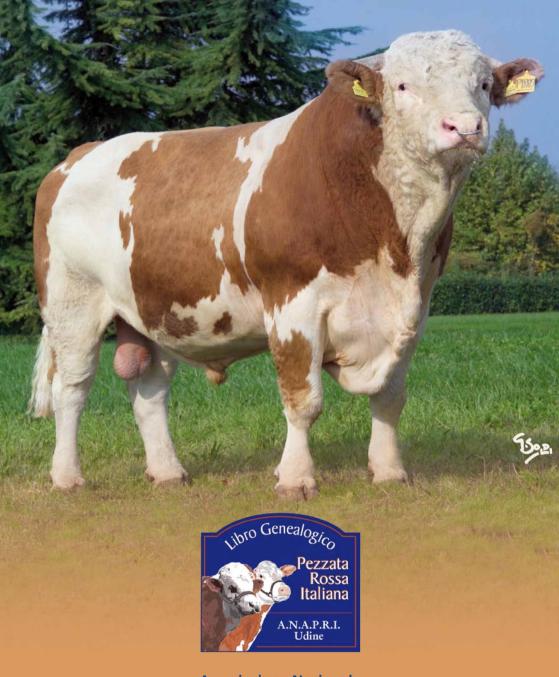




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