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Dear Fellows and Emeritus Fellows,

1. Ramazzini Days 2017: General Information for All Members

- Wishing safe travels to the 76 conference participants and 17 spouses/guests who will be making their way to Carpi for Ramazzini Days 2017. Please consult the attached "Look who's coming" list to verify that we know you are attending.

- Fellows unable to attend the meeting are reminded that regrets were due to the General Secretariat c/o Conference Manager Federica Scagliarini on 17 September. The list of regrets received to date is attached.

- The final scientific program may be consulted online. The program features 25 oral presentations and 11 attended poster presentations. Full abstracts of all scientific presentations will be published in the conference program and will be available for download following the conference.

- Karel Van Damme is the recipient of the 2017 Ramazzini Award. Dr. Van Damme is being recognized for his efforts to improve the ethical basis for screening and monitoring practices in occupational medicine and for his advocacy and efforts to improve occupational safety and health protections in Belgium and internationally. He will deliver the 2017 Ramazzini Lecture entitled "Every worker is irreplaceable. A human rights approach to occupational health."

2. Ramazzini Days 2017: Reminders for Conference Participants

- Please bring and wear your silver Ramazzini medal to the Council of Fellows session on Saturday 28 October. As per Collegium Ramazzini tradition, first-time attendees will be inducted into the Collegium at the beginning of the meeting.

- Do you have a success story or announcement to share during the Council of Fellows? Please send an email to Kathryn Knowles by Monday 16 October to be added to the agenda.

- On Friday 27 October HRH Princess Dina Mired of Jordan will deliver a keynote address during scientific session III in her role as President-elect of the Union for International Cancer Control. Many Fellows have inquired about how to address our guest in person. Her preference is to be called "Princess Dina".

- A special tour has been arranged for spouses and guests on Friday 27 October. The group will visit the Palazzo Ducale di Sassuolo, one of the most important Baroque residences in Northern Italy. The guided tour will be followed by lunch at Ristorante il Calcagnino, located in the Castello di Formigine. Pick-up and drop off at the Hotel Touring. All guests have been pre-registered for this event. Please confirm participation upon conference check-in.

- All participants will receive a final conference confirmation with details regarding inbound ground transportation the week prior to the conference. Outbound ground transportation will be communicated during the conference.

3. Annual Dues September 2017-August 2018

- Fellows are reminded that Annual Dues in the amount of Personal Matters / Ex. 6 may be paid at any time online by visiting the Fees and Donations page. Dues are valid from September 2017-August 2018.

4. Election of Officers 2017

- The ballot for the 2017 election for Treasurer and 3 Councillors was circulated on 3 October from the "Election Buddy" system. 71 ballots have been submitted to date. Please remember to cast your vote by 20 October. If you did not see the email, please first check your spam folder, then send a note to Kathryn Knowles.

5. Membership Nominations 2017

- Attached for review is the list of nominations under consideration in 2017. The nomination for Halszka Graczyk was mistakenly omitted from the September version of this document and has been corrected. The supporting documentation for all nominations is available for consultation in the Collegium Ramazzini Documents Dropbox. This information is to be considered confidential. Please do not share this link outside of the organization.

6. Updates from the Ramazzini Institute

- The Ramazzini Institute (RI) is celebrating 30 years of activity. A ceremony is planned in Bologna the afternoon of Thursday 26 October 2017. See attached invitation. Fellows scheduled to arrive in Bologna prior to 17:00 who would like to attend the event are invited to inform Conference Manager Federica Scagliarini. A late bus will be organized to Carpi following the ceremony (scheduled to end at 19:15) and a second dinner seating will be arranged at the Hotel Touring upon arrival.

- The RI, with the support of other independent institutes and Universities in Europe and United States, is launching the most comprehensive study ever on glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides. Aiming to produce independent and solid scientific evidence, the RI has decided not to accept any funding for the study from the industry that produces glyphosate-based herbicides or from the organic farming or food industry Over 27,000 members of the public in Italy have already donated Personal Matters / Ex. 6 for the preliminary phase of the glyphosate study, which will be published in 2017. Fellows of the Collegium are invited and encouraged to participate in the crowd-funding initiative. Any amount is welcome – the goal is 100% participation from Ramazzini Fellows!

Kind regards from Bologna,
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