Dear All,

I am very glad to inform that the Jury of the International Prize “Premio Benessere Stresa for Research and Innovation Related to Wellbeing” met at the end of October in Milan to evaluate all the papers submitted for the 2007 edition on the topic “Women’s Wellbeing and Health in Midlife: Prevention and Care”.

In my capacity of President of the Jury and on behalf of Dr. Elisabetta Grassi, promoter of the Premio Benessere Stresa and Director of the Centro Benessere Stresa (SPA of the Grand Hotel des Iles Borromées), we are pleased to announce that Dr. JoAnn E. Manson, Chief, Division of Preventive Medicine Brigham and Women's Hospital, Professor of Medicine and the Elizabeth F. Brigham Professor of Women's Health Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, was selected to win the 2007 International Prize “Premio Benessere Stresa” for her paper entitled “ESTROGEN THERAPY AND CORONARY-ARTERY CALCIFICATION” (MANSON JE, ALLISON MA, ROSSOUW JE, ET AL., ESTROGEN THERAPY AND CORONARY-ARTERY CALCIFICATION. N Engl J Med 2007; 356:2591-2602).

In addition, the following scientists will receive an honourable mention for their excellent work:

- Walter A. Rocca, Professor of Epidemiology and Neurology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, Minnesota, USA, for the article entitled: “INCREASED RISK OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT OR DEMENTIA IN WOMEN WHO UNDERWENT OOPHORECTOMY BEFORE MENOPAUSE” (W.A. Rocca, MD, MPH, J.H. Bower, MD, D.M. Maraganore, MD, J.E. Ahlskog, PhD, MD, B.R. Grossardt, MS, M. de Andrade, PhD, L.J. Melton III, MD, MPH, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, Minnesota, USA, Neurology, 2007, 69:1074-1083)

- Elisabetta Vegeto, Department of Pharmacological Sciences, University of Milan, Italy, for the article entitled “ESTROGEN RECEPTOR-A MEDIATES THE BRAIN ANTIINFLAMMATORY ACTIVITY OF ESTRADIOL” (Elisabetta Vegeto*, Silvia Belcredito*, Sabrina Etteri*, Serena Ghiisletti*, Alessia Brusadelli*, Clara Meda*, Andrée Krust†, Sonia Dupont†, Paolo Ciana*, Pierre Chambon†, and Adriana Maggi**†

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Fifty-six scientific articles were submitted from all over the world in competition for the International Prize “Premio Benessere Stresa”. North American scientists, with 18 papers, represented one third of the candidates; 25 submissions were from Europe, among which 9 were from Italy and 12 from countries such as Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, and Egypt. Furthermore, a majority of the candidates were women (33 of 56). All submitted papers are characterized by a very highly qualified scientific level.
I am also pleased to inform you that, due to organizational reasons, the ceremony of the award is moved to Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the Grand Hotel des Îles Borromées, in Stresa, Italy, and it will be open to the members of the Jury, local authorities, journalists, physicians, and the public, as well as to all those scientists who had submitted entries for the Prize.

We thank all the scientists very much for their large participation in the 2007 edition of the International Prize “Premio Benessere Stresa” and we hope you will be taking part again in our future scientific activities.

With my best regards,

Prof. Rodolfo Paoletti
President of Jury
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