Saturday, February 26th

08.30-08.45 Registration of Participants

08.45-08.50 Course Presentation
M. Fraquelli & G. Missale

Session I
DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES
Chairperson: C. Balsano, Rome

08.50-09.10 Molecular tools for the NUCs non-response in chronic HBV infection
T. Pollicino, Messina

09.10-09.30 Genetic and virological approaches for the treatment of HCV positive patients
E. Villa, Modena

09.30-09.50 Pathological diagnosis of dysplasia and early HCC
M. Guido, Padua

09.50-10.10 Assessment of response after non surgical treatment of HCC
L. Bolondi, Bologna

10.10-10.40 Discussion

10.40-11.10 Break

Session II
NON INVASIVE DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS FOR STAGING LIVER DISEASE
Chairperson: M.R. Brunetto, Pisa

11.10-11.30 Methodological approach: Study design and predictive models
A. Colli, Lecco

11.30-11.50 Serological markers
F. Marra, Florence

11.50-12.10 Transient elastography in chronic viral liver diseases
C. Rigamonti, Milan

12.10-12.30 Transient elastography in chronic liver diseases of other etiologies
V. Calvaruso, Palermo

12.30-12.50 Novel technologies (ARFI, Magnetic resonance)
F. Piscaglia, Bologna

12.50-13.20 Discussion

13.20 Closure of the Course