

# INTRODUCTION TO THE ITALIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGISTS

ITALIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGISTS, shortly defined AME (Associazione Medici Endocrinologi), was founded by a few distinguished Endocrinologists on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1999 (Fig. 1) in the marvelous scenario of Rosazzo Abbey (Fig. 2)


	<p>VERBALE DELL'ASSEMBLEA DEGLI ASSOCIATI DELLA "G.E.P.O. -</p>	
	<p>GRUPPO ENDOCRINOLOGIA PRIMARI OSPEDALIERI - COLLEGIO DEI</p>	
	<p>PRIMARI DI ENDOCRINOLOGIA" CON SEDE IN MILANO PRESSO</p>	
	<p>L'OSPEDALE MAGGIORE "NIGUARDA CA' GRANDA" DIVISIONE DI</p>	
	<p>ENDOCRINOLOGIA CARATI</p>	
	<p>del 10 dicembre 1999</p>	
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	<p>dicembre, alle ore 10</p>	
	<p>presso <i>Cattedra Guyem</i></p>	
	<p>in <i>Ferrara</i></p>	
	<p>su convocazione del Consiglio Direttivo si è riunita l'as-</p>	
	<p>semblea straordinaria degli associati per discutere e deli-</p>	
	<p>berare sui seguenti punti posti all'ordine del giorno:</p>	
	<p>1) Modifica della denominazione sociale in "A.M.E. - ASSO-</p>	
	<p>CIAZIONE MEDICI ENDOCRINOLOGI";</p>	
	<p>2) Allargamento dell'associazione a tutti gli endocrinologi</p>	
	<p>che abbiano rapporto con il Servizio Sanitari Nazionale e</p>	
	<p>conseguente modifica dell'art. 3 dello Statuto;</p>	
	<p>3) Approvazione del nuovo Statuto;</p>	
	<p>4) Varie ed eventuali.</p>	
	<p>Assume la presidenza dell'assemblea il dott. Fabio Bertolissi.</p>	
	<p>Viene chiamato a fungere da segretario il dott. <i>Volcovi</i></p>	
	<p>Il Presidente constata e fa constare che sono presenti oltre a</p>	

Fig. (1). – The deed.



**Fig. (2).** –Rosazzo Abbey (North East of Italy)

The ambitious intention of the Society is to aggregate all endocrinologists dealing every day with clinical issues.

AME has been growing fast, respecting the motto “ for the quality in Clinical Endocrinology” and trying to develop a task force for the improvement of the Clinical Endocrinology not only in the reference Centers, located in the major Italian Hospitals, but also in the small peripheral realities and for endocrinologists working in private practice too.

The number of members has grown exponentially: in 2005 AME counted no more than 600 and in 2010 they were almost 1500, becoming more than 2000 at present.

Since 2002 AME has activated its international cooperation, organizing the first Joint meeting with American Association of Clinical Endocrinologist (AACE) and in 2014 an Italian AACE Chapter was founded.

In light of the paramount importance of training young endocrinologists as well as to keep high the level of endocrine skills among Italian specialists, AME aims to offer a complete knowledge in all fields of Endocrinology, Diabetes, Andrology and Metabolism, through the organization of focused residential and on line educational courses.

These goals have been accomplished thanks to the hard work of several AME members who have served the Society as Presidents (see Table 1) or members of the Steering Committee:

**Table 1.** AME Presidents line-up.

<b>1999-2003</b>	Fabio Bertolissi
<b>2003-2005</b>	Roberto Valcavi
<b>2005-2008</b>	Enrico Papini
<b>2008-2010</b>	Piernicola Garofalo
<b>2010-2012</b>	Giorgio Borretta
<b>2012-2014</b>	Roberto Castello
<b>2014-2016</b>	Rinaldo Guglielmi
<b>2016-2018</b>	Vincenzo Toscano

The current Steering Committee (Table 2), chaired by Prof. Edoardo Guastamacchia, is working tenaciously to tackle the new challenge of an official journal.

**Table 2. The current Steering Committee.**

<i>President</i>	Edoardo Guastamacchia
<i>President Elect</i>	Franco Grimaldi
<i>Past President</i>	Vincenzo Toscano
<i>Counselors</i>	Marco Caputo, Lorenza Gagliardi, Vincenzo Novizio, Anna Pia, Achirpita Pucci
<i>Secretary</i>	Vincenzo Triggiani
<i>Treasurer</i>	Piernicola Garofalo

The Editorial Board (Table 3) will take care of this upcoming effort of the Society, which adds up to the editorial products provided weekly to the AME members.

**Table 3. Editorial Board.**

<i>Editor in Chief</i>	Vincenzo Toscano
<i>Senior Editors</i>	Renato Cozzi, Marco Caputo
<i>Editorial Secretary</i>	Vincenzo Di Donna, Cecilia Motta
<i>Supportive Editorial Staff</i>	Roberto Attanasio, Piero Baglioni
<i>Editorial Board Members</i>	Elena Castellano, Carmela Coccaro, Vincenzo Di Donna, Pina Lardo, Cecilia Motta, Barbara Pirali, Alessandro Prete, Soraya Puglisi, Laura Rizza, Chiara Sabbadin, Benedetta Zampetti