

Definition: S.I.M.I.T. (*Società Italiana di Malattie Infettive e Tropicali*) is the Italian Society for Infectious and Tropical Diseases, funded in 2001 by the merging of the two pre-existing Scientific Societies: A.M.I.T. (*Associazione Medici Ospedalieri Infettivologi*) and S.I.S.M.I.P. (*Società Italiana per lo Studio delle Malattie Infettive e Parassitarie*).

Mission: as defined in S.I.M.I.T. Statute:

- Studing Infectious and Tropical Diseases
- Organising Courses and Scientific activities
- Cooperating with other Medical Societies
- Publishing guidelines and official documents
- Promoting studies in Infectious Disease

Headquarters: S.I.M.I.T. headquarter is in Firenze, Via della Mattonaia, 17 – zip code 50121 (Italy); the Society is officially registered as n. 413 in the Italian Public Registry.

Website (in italian): www.simit.org

Official Journal: S.I.M.I.T.'s official journal is "*Infection – A Journal of Infectious Disease*", bimonthly published by Springer in Munich (Germany) and indexed in Journal Citation Reports (Thomson Reuter); 2009 Impact Factor = 1,831.

Board: S.I.M.I.T. is ruled by an elected 19 Members Advisory Board, coordinated by a President, a Vice-President (President-elect), and a Secretary (Presidency Board). President's term is 2-year, rotating between the University and the Hospital membership. The Presidency Board for the term 2010-2012 is as follows:

President: Prof. Evangelista Sagnelli (Naples)

Vice-President and President Elect: Dr. Orlando Armignacco (Viterbo)

Secretary: Prof. Rosario Russo (Catania)

General Assembly: S.I.M.I.T.'s General Assembly meets once a year, usually during the National SIMIT Conference.

Membership: S.I.M.I.T. is the reference scientific Society for the Italian medical community dealing with communicable and imported diseases in the over 100 units for Infectious and Tropical Diseases in Italy. At 31 December 2009, S.I.M.I.T. counted 937 members. Membership applications are approved during the Advisory Board meetings.

Affiliations: S.I.M.I.T. it is affiliated to the following Italian and international bodies:

- a. ESCMID (European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases)
- b. FISM (Italian Federation of Italian Medical Societies)
- c. UMES (Union Européenne des Médecins spécialistes - European Union of Medical Specialists)

Congresses: S.I.M.I.T. organizes the following scientific Congresses on a yearly basis:

- a. Italian National SIMIT Conference
next: Rome, 24-27 November 2010
www.simit2010.it

Scientific activity: S.I.M.I.T. co-ordinates networking studies carries out by members. At present, the following studies are on-going:

- a. Atazanavir - principal investigator: Dr. Francesco Mazzotta (Florence)
- b. HBV - principal investigator: Dr. Francesco Mazzotta (Florence)
- c. TDM Elisa - principal investigator: Prof. Roberto Luzzati (Trieste)

Study Groups: Within S.I.M.I.T. , the following study groups have been established in order to address specific issues, draft guide-lines and propose specific activities:

- a. Infectious Disease and Jail (co-ordinator: Prof. Evangelista Sagnelli - Naples)
- b. Pandemic Infection (co-ordinator: Prof. Evangelista Sagnelli - Naples)
- c. Antiviral: HIV and Hepatitis (co-ordinator: Prof. Evangelista Sagnelli - Naples)
- d. Hospital infection and antibiotic resistance (Dr.ssa Evelina Tacconelli – Rome)
- e. Travel's Medicine (Prof. Francesco Castelli – Brescia)
- f....Bone and joint infections (co-ordinator: Prof. Silvano Esposito – Naples)

Training activities: S.I.M.I.T. has a strong commitment towards training and education, with particular regards to young physicians. S.I.M.I.T. is officially recognized by the Italian Ministry of Health as a CME training provider (n. 2338). The following training activities are scheduled in 2010:

- a. Training Courses for young members (< 40 years):
 - Course I - *Therapy of chronic B hepatitis*, Florence 13-14 July 2010 (organizer: SIMIT, with professional collaboration of Promo Leader Service Congressi)
 - Course II - Naples, 19-20 October 2010 (organizer: SIMIT, with professional collaboration of Promo Leader Service Congressi)
- b. Grants for young people studying abroad (announcement in www.simit.org)

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