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EDITORIAL

During the 9th European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology chaired by Pr T. Di Perri in Siena, a symposium entitled "**Haemorheology and microangiopathy in diabetic disease**" was organized by the Dr C. Le Devehat (Nevers, France).

The orators were from USA (D.E. Mc Milan), Japan (Y. Isogai), England (J.E. Tooke), Italy (G. Caimi), France (C. Le Devehat, J-L. Wautier) and covered the different aspects of hemorheology and microcirculation in diabetes mellitus.

The information presented was original and of a high scientific quality. The programme included the hemodynamic of the vessel, the exploration of the microcirculation, the definition of a hemorheological profile of the diabetics, the molecular basis of the increased adherence of diabetic erythrocyte to endothelium, the red cell membrane properties and calcium flux and the rheological clinical investigation in diabetic patients.

The whole congress of Clinical hemorheology was very interesting and was held in the charming, warm italian atmosphere of Siena. This marvellous middle age city was chosen for the second time for the European Congress for its long tradition of hemorheology.

The symposium on "haemorheology and microangiopathy in diabetes" was one of the peak of the conference and its international contribution showed that despite rumors, the small world of hemorheology can work together in a productive collaboration, with the only goal of trying to increase the knowledge available and exchanging information for the benefit of patients.