COVID-19 Protocols and Vaccination Requirements at Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco

- Proof of vaccination is required of all GRC chairs, conferees, speakers, discussion leaders, and guests.
- Masks are required in all conference spaces, except when eating or drinking. Invited speakers may choose not to wear a mask while speaking in cases where the presentation stage is at an appropriate distance from the audience to maintain social distancing. GRC will provide masks to attendees and guests upon check-in.
- Poster sessions will be spaced out as much as possible to accommodate social distancing. There will be rotating viewing times for posters based on the number of participants and the number of posters presented.
- Dining options will be available to accommodate social distancing. Options include eating outside with heaters or take away options to allow attendees to take to their hotel room (cannot be taken around the hotel).

Additional Health and Safety Practices in Place at Renaissance Tuscany

- The Renaissance Tuscany has implemented several new cleaning practices including, utilizing hospital-grade disinfectants in guest rooms and public spaces.
- The Renaissance Tuscany will be providing hand sanitizer stations hotel entrances, front desks, elevators and in meeting spaces.
- The Renaissance Tuscany has rolled out enhanced technologies which include electrostatic sprayers to sanitize surfaces throughout the hotel.

Italy’s COVID-19 Information

- Italy has extended it’s state of emergency until December 21st.
- COVID-19 PCR Testing will be available on-site, and coordinated by the Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco. Testing appointments will be available on Thursdays during afternoon free time, and on Friday mornings. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please do so when you arrive at the conference venue and check in with hotel staff to guarantee a place on the schedule. Each PCR test will cost 15 euros and will need to be paid directly to the pharmacist on site that is administering by cash or credit card. PCR tests cannot be paid on your hotel room account, or through your MyGRC account. Coordination of testing appointments and payment for services rendered are handled directly with the local pharmacy who is administering.
- Italy’s Covid health certificate, the Green Pass is available to those who are vaccinated, recovered, or have tested negative, either with a PCR test or a rapid (antigenic) swab test. The Green Pass is required for most social activities (indoor seated dining at restaurants and bars, museums, gyms, concerts, fairs, etc.)
  - More information can be found here.
- In Italy masks are now required by law to be worn indoors and outdoors.
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ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Pisa Airport G. Galilei (PSA): Located 44 miles south of hotel
Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport (FLR): Located 65 miles south of hotel

GRC Chartered Bus: You can reserve a spot on the bus through your MyGRC account and find details about the bus here.

Rental Car: Click here for GRC’s discounted rates with Enterprise or National Rental Car. Enterprise has a Clean Car Pledge to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Taxi: Reservations can be made by contacting reception@renaiissancetuscany.com

Train: Barga-Gallicano station is approximately three miles from the hotel. Visit www.Trenitalia.com to make reservations.

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the hotel lobby.
- Visit the front desk if you arrive outside of standard check-in hours.
- GRS check-in is from 2:00pm—5:00pm on Saturday

The GRC office is located in the Congressi building in the L’Usignolo Suite.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL AMENITIES

Conferees stay in standard guest rooms with one king or two twin beds.
- Air-conditioned
- Non-smoking
- Private Bathrooms
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
- Coffee / tea in room, hairdryer and in-room safe
- Poster printing available – contact info@fotopastrengo.it for information

Il Ciocco’s Commitment to You
- Hospital-grade disinfectants utilized in all private and public spaces
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout the hotel
- Enhanced cleaning technologies like electrostatic sprayers for sanitization

Amenities:
- Pool
- Fitness center
- On-site parking
- Business Center
- Spa
- Mobility accessible

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Dress is Casual
Bring a relaxed wardrobe and comfortable shoes. Please check the weather forecast and plan to bring a raincoat and or light jacket for outside activities.

Activities
Once you arrive on-site, you can sign up for various afternoon activities. Cooking and fitness classes are available on property. Wine tastings, La Grotta del Vento tour and a trip to the walled city of Lucca are just a sampling of the off-site activities. Proof of vaccination is required for all activities.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Renaissance Tuscany is located within 15 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations
Cloth face coverings are required by law in public spaces, and highly recommended by health officials.

Information and updates from the Italian government can be found here.

MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in La Veranda Restaurant. Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

GRC Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in the Congressi building in Salon Pascoli.

GRS Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in L’Ora di Barga.
Poster board dimensions are 4 feet X 4 feet.

DEPARTURES

Breakfast is available on Friday morning from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. Hotel check-out is at 11:00 am.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG