“La Sapienza” University of Rome
II School of Medicine and Surgery

Academic Year 2004-2005

LEVEL II MASTER’S DEGREE IN HEADACHE MEDICINE

The level II Master in Headache Medicine is based on the clinical and scientific experience acquired by the II School of Medicine and Surgery of Rome “La Sapienza” University, and is aimed at developing excellence among experts in this field of clinical medicine. Its purpose is to promote and disseminate epidemiological, nosographic, genetic, physiopathological, diagnostic, social health, clinical and therapeutic knowledge of the different forms of headaches, a disease that has a considerable impact on the general population. This high-level postgraduate course will provide successful applicants with the instruments necessary to make a modern evaluation of headaches that will allow the correct clinical-therapeutic management of affected patients. Course participants will be able to acquire multidisciplinary competences that will enable them to relate to the problems of headache patients by means of the most wide-ranging, inter-cultural skills.

Admission
The Master in Headache Medicine is a one-year course of training in permanent excellence divided into two terms. The maximum number of participants is 15, but the course cannot be activated if the number of registered students is fewer than five. Applicants must already have a specialist degree, or be holders of a degree awarded on the basis of the previous system, in one of the following disciplines: Medicine and Surgery, Odontoiatry, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Technologies, Biotechnologies, Health Economics, Psychology, or Sociology. The Master in Headache Medicine is not compatible with any contemporary academic course, excluding the High Formation Courses.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, a Commission of teachers of the Master’s course nominated by the Teaching-Scientific Council will draw up a comparative classification of the qualifications presented, which will be published in the active publication announcement. If the number of applications is less than the maximum number of places, no selection will be made.

Cost
The cost of the Master is €1,300, which must be paid in a single installment at the time of registration. The Teaching-Scientific Committee awards grants, which may also be obtained from private or public companies, or other bodies.

Applications
Applications for admission must be sent to Prof. Paolo Martelletti, Regional Referral Headache Centre, II School of Medicine and Surgery, University “La Sapienza”, Via Vitorchiano 81, I-00189 Rome, Italy (Tel. +39-06 33274631, Fax +39-06 33274632, e-mail paolo.martelletti@uniroma1.it). The deadline is 5 December 2004.

The application, which must contain the personal details of the candidate (name, surname, date and place of birth, fiscal code) and bear his/her handwritten signature, must be accompanied by the following documents (in unsealed paper):

- a copy of a valid identity document;
- a degree certificate bearing the final mark, as well as a list of all of the examinations taken and the marks acquired, ordered by level and discipline;
- a curriculum vitae, outlining the title of the degree thesis, as well as those of any post-graduate Specialisation, Master or Doctorate courses, together with the date on which the degree was awarded and its mark, a list of any other qualifications and certificates, including any certifications regarding scientific, teaching and research activities that may be considered useful for the purposes of admission.

Registration
One week after the deadlines for the presentation of applications, the data of the successful candidates will be displayed on the website of the Master’s Course and published on the website www.master-medicina-cefalee.it. Successful candidates will be invited to attend a registration meeting to be held at the “La Sapienza” University of Rome (webmail: www.master-medicina-cefalee.it). The registration must be completed by the successful candidates in accordance with the instructions that can be found on the website of the University: www.referral.assovetanti.it.

The number of credits necessary to obtain the Master may be reduced in the case of physicians who already possess a post-graduate Specialisation Diploma or another Master’s degree. The entity of this reduction will be decided by the Teaching-Scientific Council on the basis of the curriculum of such individual candidates. The maximum reduction is 12 credits (28% of the total).

Duration and objectives
During the one-year course, the participants will be expected to acquire:

- a profound scientific and cultural understanding of headache medicine ranging from a detailed knowledge of the disability caused by the disease and its socio-economic impact, to its pathogenetic mechanisms, clinical aspects, diagnosis and treatment;

- a good knowledge of the instrumental investigations supporting diagnosis;

- the skills necessary to allow complete autonomy in terms of patient management, and the design and performance of research protocols involving patients affected by headaches and/or cranio-facial disorders.

It is planned to start the course on 14 January 2005.

Training activities
The indispensable activities required in order to obtain the 60 credits necessary to cover the following disciplines:

- Anatomy, Human Anatomy, Histopathology, Radiotherapy; Molecular Biology, Molecular Microbiology, Diagnostic Imaging Techniques; Health Economics, Epidemiology, Pharmacology, Pharmaco-economics, Pharmacology, Medical Genetics, Hygiene, Internal Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Neurology, Neuroimmunology, Child Neuropsychiatry, Neurolaryngology, Orthodontistry, Otorhinolaryngology, Psychology, General Pathology, Social Policies;

The course consists of two basic modules and one advanced module, for a total of 60 credits (equal to a minimum of 300 direct teaching hours). The lessons will be divided into two terms and require a commitment of 12 hours a week. The programme for the first term consists of two basic modules, each of which is worth 15 credits (a total of 30 credits). The programme for the second term consists of one advanced module with 24 credits. There will be an end-test at the end of each module, and the final examination will consist of the preparation and discussion of a thesis (30 credits).

Diploma
In order to be awarded the Diploma of Master, a student must have acquired the 60 credits, passed the thesis relating to the individual modules, passed the final examination. In the case of serious failure to respect the attendance requirements, late progress or any other behaviour considered reprehensible on the part of the University Regulations, the Teaching-Scientific Council may declare the candidate non-eligible to participate in the course. In such cases, the thesis will not be returned.

Secretariat
For further details, please contact the Master’s Scientific Secretariat, II School of Medicine and Surgery, University “La Sapienza”, Via Vitorchiano 81, I-00189 Rome, Italy (Tel. +39-06 33274631, Fax +39-06 33274632, e-mail paolo.martelletti@uniroma1.it, or consult the website: www.master-medicina-cefalee.it.

Site
The teaching activities will take place on the teaching premises of the II School of Medicine and Surgery of “La Sapienza” University, as well as in the clinical structures referring to the Regional Referral Headache Centre Andrea Hospitai in Rome.

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