The AUROit

The Associazione degli Urologi Italiani, formerly called Associazione Urologi Ospedalieri, was founded in 1993 by a group of urologists who were not satisfied with the management of the Società Italiana di Urologia, the oldest urological association in Italy. In few years more than 1,000 urologists (now approximately 1,400) have registered as members and participated in the numerous initiatives of the association.

Every year AUROit organizes its main meeting (with more than 500 participants), an educational meeting called 'Educational Days' with 3–5 simultaneous courses and several regional meetings with an attendance of 50–150 urologists.

A newspaper called 'AUROnews' is published bi-monthly with all the information about the life of the association and several informative articles. It is mailed to 3,000 urologists. Guidelines on stones and prostate cancer have been published yearly since 1996 and represent the first example of urological guidelines in Italy. Presently a vast program of patient information (AUROlink) is being carried out with the cooperation of a working group of more than 50 urologists. The AURO website (www.auro.it) is the most visited urological site in the Italian language.

The venue of AUROit is in Pietra Ligure, in a nice manor in front of the sea, and hosts the employees of the association: a computer expert, two managerial secretaries, a congress organizer and a business manager.

The mission of AUROit has always been the amelioration of the standard of urological care in Italy and the promotion of urological research and education. It will strive more and more for the enhancement of the professional profile of the Italian urologists and for their full integration in the frame of European urological healthcare.

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