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This meeting was held during an international symposium entitled "Prevention and Treatment of Neonatal Respiratory Distress Syndrome" organised by Ermelando Cosmi. The host for the surfactant workshop was Giulio Bevilacqua and the meeting was entitled "Workshop internazionale ricerca multicentrica sull'impiego di surfattante suppletivo". The half day meeting comprised presentations from the research teams from – Belfast, Amsterdam, Groningen, Paris, Oslo, Lund, Stockholm, Perugia, Parma, Mantova and Gottingen. At the end Bengt Robertson gave a statistical analysis of the combined data. We met in a curious L-shaped room where it was impossible to see every member. The meeting was notable as it marked the first appearance of Christian Speer in the group; he had driven many kilometres by car to get to Mantova from Gottingen.

Mantova is a very beautiful northern Italian town with a rich history of art and culture.

The social events included a typical Italian lunch with Emile Scarpelli where countless courses were served all with fine wines until very late in the afternoon. The Gala Dinner was also notable for both its palatial surroundings and the 9 or so courses that were served in the good company of neonatologists from the island of Sicily.



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