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The 17th International Workshop returned to Italy in 2002 to the beautiful island of Sardinia. Giulio Bevilacqua was again the President but could not be held responsible for the problems encountered by delegates travelling through Rome airport. As Dafydd Walters, the 5th Nils W Svenningsen Memorial Lecturer, was delayed with many other delegates the start of the meeting had to be postponed for 24 hours. The title of Dafydd Walters lecture was "Lung lining liquid - the hidden depths". The topics for the other invited speakers included "Molecular actions in pulmonary surfactant films", "Continuous positive airway pressure and surfactant", "Surfactant in acute lung injury", "Role of high frequency oscillatory ventilation in very preterm infant" and "Surfactant in severe bronchiolitis". Our guest lecturers included Jesus Perez-Gil, Merran Thomson, Roger Spragg, Sandy Calvert and Guiseppe Marraro. There were 27 free oral communications and about 20 poster presentations on topics ranging from surfactant inactivation, lung development and resuscitation to fetal lung inflammation and chorioamnionitis. The invited lectures and abstracts were published in a supplement of *Biology of the Neonate* [17].

The meeting was held at a holiday camp on a holiday island which provided distractions for some delegates who spent some time swimming and karting. The Gala Dinner was held in the hotel after a reception by the poolside. Need to include other details of social events here.



BO SUN AND MIKKO HALLMAN RELAX AFTER A DAY AT THE SYMPOSIUM (ABOVE) NEIL MARLOW



DAVID SWEET (WITH AN INJURED NOSE FROM DIVING IN THE POOL) ENJOY THE RECEPTION BEFORE THE GALA DINNER