The Master in Headache Medicine is aimed at developing excellence among experts in this field of clinical medicine. Its purpose is to promote and disseminate epidemiological, nosographic, genetic, pathophysiological, diagnostic, social-health, clinical and therapeutic knowledge of headache, a disease that has a considerable impact on the general population. This high-level post-graduate course will provide successful applicants with the instruments necessary to make a modern evaluation of headaches that will allow the correct management of affected patients. Course participants will be able to acquire multidisciplinary competencies that will enable them to relate to the problems of headache patients by means of the most wide-ranging, inter-cultural skills. The Master is included in the Global Campaign against Headache (GC), an initiative in formal collaboration with WHO, and is endorsed by Lifting The Burden and the European Headache Federation. The Master is also a product of EFIC-EHF-LTB Joint Campaign Against Headache.

Admission
The Master in Headache Medicine is a one-year course of training in permanent excellence divided into two terms. Applicants must already have a specialist degree on either one of the following disciplines: Medicine and Surgery, Odontology, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Technologies, Biotecnologies or Psychology. The Master in Headache Medicine is not compatible with any contemporary academic course, excluding the High Formation Courses. The official language is English.

Cost
The cost of the Master is € 3,500, which must be paid in a single instalment at the time of registration and not later than 26 February 2016. The application form for the Master must be accompanied by a registration fee of € 35.00 and a Stamp duty of € 16.00. In case of delayed payment there is an extra cost of € 63.00 within 60 days after due date amount of € 126.00 for payment after the 60th day. A fee of € 70.00 is foreseen for final examination. The payment on the whole can be performed online at the website http://www.uniroma1.it/studenti/affiliate/pagamenti.php. The Teaching-Nicademic Council may assign study grants, which may also be obtained from private or public companies, or other bodies. Scholarships for GC will be available.

Registration
One week after the deadline for the presentation of applications, the classification of the successful candidates will be displayed on the premises of the Master’s Scientific Secretariat and publicised on the website web.uniroma1.it/mast erheadache. 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.infostud.uniroma1.it.

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 headache and/or cranio-facial disorders.

The course is planned to start on 8 February 2016.

Training activities
The indispensable activities required cover the following disciplines:
- Molecular Biology, Epidemiology, Health Economics, Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology, Pharmacoeconomics, Medical Genetics, Public Health, Internal Medicine, Neuroanatomy, Neurology, Neuropediatrics, Neuroradiology, Neurotraumatology, Pain Medicine, Social Policies, Psychiatry, Psychology.

The course consists of two basic modules and one advanced module. The lessons will be divided into four terms. Distance learning is available at request. There will be an online test at the end of each term, and the final examination will precede thesis discussion.

Diploma
In order to be awarded the Diploma of Master, a student must have passed the tests relating to the individual modules, passed the final examination, and discussed the thesis.

Site
The teaching activities will take place on the teaching premises of the Department of Clinical and Molecular Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, as well as in the clinical structures referring to the Regional Referral Headache Centre at Sant’Andrea Hospital in Rome.

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