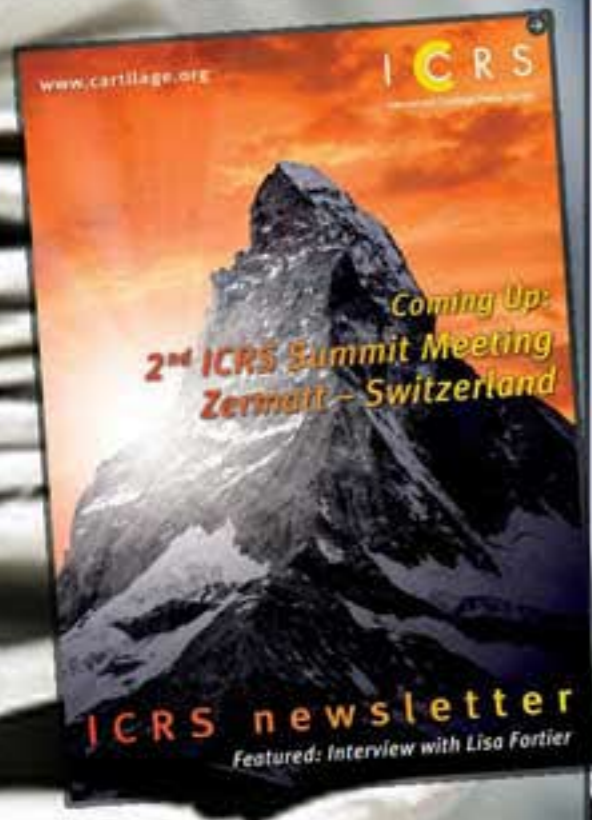




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On June 28, 2014, Italian ICRS Members M. Berruto, E. Kon, M. Delcogliano and M. Ronga, part of the SIGASCOT Cartilage Committee, offered an opportunity for 32 resident/trainee surgeons to learn about the management of cartilage lesions. This free course, held at the ICLO Teaching and Research Center (St. Francis de Sales, Arezzo), focused on hya-

luronic acid and platelet rich plasma therapies, as well as regenerative and reparative techniques for articular cartilage. Delegates were able to gain practical experience, in most cases for the first time, on real cartilage tissue. Under the guidance of some of the leading cartilage repair experts in Italy, the students were guided in the use of micro-fracture, nano-fracture, OATS technique, and a variety of scaffold implantations. Autologous matrix assisted chondrogenesis (AMIC), as well as meniscal and osteochondral scaffolds, were tested on fresh frozen knee specimens, providing an important opportunity for young surgeons to gain hands on experience. The great demand for enrollment and enthusiasm of the participants demonstrated how this simple approach successfully engaged future generations of surgeons with a topic that is so important, and often overlooked in training.

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