

# 2<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



## EMPOWERING PATIENTS, ADVANCING SCIENCE

WFIPP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Global Summit on Pelvic Health

Rome, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Casa dell'Aviatore



# FINAL PROGRAMME



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## Welcome Message

This June, the World Federation of Incontinence and Pelvic Problems (WFIPP) marks a landmark milestone — **20 years** of championing patients, driving policy, and advancing science on the world stage. To mark the occasion, the Federation is convening its Global Summit on Pelvic Health in Rome.

The summit will bring together patient advocates, leading clinicians, policymakers, and industry partners from across the globe — united by a shared commitment to transforming the lives of people living with incontinence and pelvic floor conditions.

Held at the **Casa dell'Aviatore**, the programme spans high-level keynote addresses, strategic project showcases, an international roundtable on continence health, and dedicated industry sessions — all building toward a collective vision for the decade ahead.

Voices from the **European Parliament**, the **World Health Organization**, the **European Commission**, and leading international urology and gynaecology societies are invited to the podium alongside WFIPP's own global network of patient organisations. Together, they will address the persistent gaps in awareness, access, and care that continue to affect hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

The day will also serve as an opportunity to celebrate the progress made over the past two decades — and to recommit, with renewed energy, to the work still ahead.

*Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret, President WFIPP*



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### Programme 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

**08:30 - 09:00** Registration

**09:00 - 09:20** Welcome and Introduction

Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret, President WFIPP

Francesco Diomede, Vice-President WFIPP

**Moderators** Vito Mancini, Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret

**09:20 - 10:00** Opening speeches

Marcello Gemmato - Under-Secretary of State for Health – Video

Michele Picaro – European Parliament – Video

Filippo Anelli – President of the Italian Order of Physicians (OMCeO) – Video

Marcella Marletta – Former General Director of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices at the Italian Ministry of Health

**10:00 – 10:20** Strategic projects (part 1)

Eamonn Rogers, Chair of EAU Patient Office - Shared Decision-Making

Francesco Prata, Work Package Lead - REVEAL Project

**10:20 – 11:00** Keynote speeches

Eamonn Rogers, Chair of EAU Patient Office

Tufan Tarcan, ICS General Secretary

Montserrat Espuna Pons, EUGA President (Video)

Pedro Blasco, President SINUG

Mauro Cervigni, President ESSIC

**11:00 – 11:30** Coffee Break

**11.30-11.35** VIDEO NAFC (National Association For Continence - US)

**11:35 – 12:00** Strategic projects (part 2)

11.35 - Philip van Kerrebroeck, EAU Policy Office - An Urge to Act

11.50 - Q&A

**12:00 – 12:20** The Patient Voice (part 1)

12:00 - Marcella Marletta

12:10 - Patrizia Nazzaro

**12:20 – 13:20** Industry Session

**12.20 – 12.35** | Medtronic Spotlight Session

12.20 – Introduction - Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret

12.22 - Real life experience: the Patient Voice – Italian Patient

12.25 - HCP & Patient relationship:

Shared decision-making and Implantation – Simone Pletto

12.29 - Cross-collaboration: International Scientific community, patient selection, cross collaboration & role of industry and governments – Vito Mancini

12.33 – Conclusion - Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret



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## 12.35-12.50 | Coloplast Spotlight Session

12.35 - The hidden burden of bladder emptying in pelvic health - Ida Züricho

## 12.50– 13.05 | Becton Dickinson & Company (BD) Spotlight Session

12.50 - Innovations in Urinary Continence Management – Sarah Wills-Lee

## 13.05-13.20 | Pierre Fabre Spotlight Session

13.05 - Laboratoires Pierre Fabre : Patient Engagement - Cécile Fournier

**13:20 - 14:10**    **Anniversary Lunch**

**14:10 -14.20**    **Call to Action: WFIPP Rome Declaration**

Vito Mancini, Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret

**14.20 – 15:20**    **Global Continence Health - Roundtable panel discussion**

Eamonn Rogers (IR), Vito Mancini (IT) - Moderators

Loredana Nasta (IT), Eva Wallace (IR), Tomasz Michalek (PL), Bill Gibson (CAN)  
Janek Kapper (EST), Helena Glasova (SK), Carmen González Enguita (ES)

**15.20 - 15.30**    **Tina Davies OBE, OOR – Founder & President Cancer UK Salone – Video**

**15.30 - 15:50**    **Coffee break**

**15:50 – 16:05**    **The patient Voice (part 2)**

Lucy Brett

**16:05 – 16.50**    **Strategic projects' session**

16:05 - PROCON & Koku Bladder - Javier Jerez Roig

16:20 - (URinControl – Marco Blanker (Video)

16:35 - The OPTIMA Experience: How Real-World Evidence Can Transform  
Continence and Pelvic Health Care - Imran Omar

**16.50-17.05**    **Shared decision-making in USA – Jannah Thompson – Video**

**17:05**                **Summary and conclusions**

Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret

Francesco Diomedè



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## Speakers & Moderators

Filippo Anelli, President of the Italian Order of Physicians (OMCeO) - Italy  
Marco Blanker, Professor of General Medicine – The Netherlands  
Pedro Blasco, President SINUG - Spain  
Lucy Brett, Patient, Author and Public Engagement in Health - UK  
Mauro Cervigni, President ESSIC - Italy  
Tina Davies OBE, OOR, Founder & President Cancer UK Salone – Sierra Leone  
Francesco Diomede, Vice President WFIPP – President FINCOPP - Italy  
Montserrat Espuna Pons, EUGA President - Spain  
Cécile Fournier, Corporate patient affairs manager, Laboratoires Pierre Fabre - France  
Marcello Gemmato, Under-Secretary of State for Health - Italy  
Bill Gibson, President Canadian Continence Foundation - Canada  
Helena Glasova, Patient Advocate - Slovakia  
Carmen González Enguita, President AEU - Spain  
Javier Jerez Roig, Associate Professor (Serra Hünter fellow) – PROCON - Spain  
Janek Kapper, Patient Advocate - Estonia  
Vito Mancini, Urologist , WFIPP 20th Anniversary Meeting Scientific Coordinator - Italy  
Marcella Marletta, President AISTom, Former General Director of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices at the Italian Ministry of Health - Italy  
Tomasz Michalek, Treasurer WFIPP - Poland  
Annet Naguudi, Executive Director Uganda Alliance of Patients Organization – Uganda  
Loredana Nasta, President AICI, International Patient Advocate IC – Italy  
Patrizia Nazzaro, FAIS ODV delegate – Italy  
Imran Omar, Vice-Chair Methods Committee, EAU - UK  
Michele Picaro – European Parliament – Video – Italy  
Simone Pletto, Urologist – Italy  
Francesco Prata, Urologist - Italy  
Eamonn Rogers, Chair of EAU Patient Office – Ireland  
Tufan Tarcan, ICS General Secretary - Turkey  
Jannah Thompson, Urologist – USA  
Philip van Kerrebroeck, EAU Policy Office - An Urge to Act – Belgium  
Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret, President WFIPP – The Netherlands  
Eva Wallace, Nurse – Ireland  
Sarah Wills-Lee, Becton & Dickinson – UK  
Ida Züricho, Senior Global Public Affairs Manager, Coloplast - Denmark



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## General Information

### Conference Venue

Casa dell'Aviatore - Viale dell'Università, 20, 00185 Roma

*Casa dell'Aviatore* is centrally located and easily accessible.

Getting to the venue is quick and straightforward, with excellent public transport connections and minimal travel time required. Whether you are arriving by car, train, or plane, please refer to the conference website (<https://www.defoe.it/wfipp-2026>) for further details and practical information.

### Registration

Please register online at <https://www.defoe.it/wfipp-2026>

Attendance is free of charge however participation will be deemed formally confirmed only upon receipt of the official confirmation letter from the organising secretariat.



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