

2TH ANNIVERSARY



**EMPOWERING PATIENTS,
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WFIPP 20th Anniversary
Global Summit on Pelvic Health



Rome, 26 June 2026 – Casa dell'Aviatore

**PRELIMINARY
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

Programme 26th June, 2026

08:30 - 09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:00 - 09:20 Welcome and Introduction

Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret, President WFIPP

Francesco Diomede, Vice-President WFIPP

09:20 - 10:00 Opening speeches

Marcello Gemmato - Deputy Minister of the Italian Ministry of Health – Video

Michele Picaro – European Parliament

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

Marcella Marletta – Past General Director of the Italian Ministry of Health



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

Michael van Balken, 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
Pedro Blasco, President SINUG

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 11:50 Strategic projects (part 2)

Philip van Kerrebroeck, EAU Policy Office - An Urge to Act
Elena Plana, Policy Officer EAU

11:50 – 12:10 The Patient Voice (part 1)

Marcella Marletta, Pier Raffaele Spena

12:10 – 13.10 Industry Session

13:10 - 14:10 Anniversary Lunch and toast by President WFIPP

14:10 – 14.25 The patient Voice (part 2)

Lucy Brett

14:25 – 15.05 Strategic projects' session

Javier Jerez Roig (PROCON & Koku Bladder)
Marco Blanker (URinControl)

15.05 - 15:35 Coffee break

15.35-15.55 Shared decision-making in USA – Jannah Thompson



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15:55 – 17:10 Global Continence Health - Roundtable panel discussion

Eamonn Rogers (IR) - Moderator

Myra Robson (UK), Eva Wallace (IR), Tomasz Michalek (PL), Bill Gibson (CAN)
Janek Kapper (EST), Annet Naguudi (UGA), Helena Glasova (SK).

17:10 - 17:30 Q&A

17:30 Summary and conclusions

Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret

Francesco Diomede

Speakers & Moderators

Filippo Anelli, President of the Italian Order of Physicians (OMCeO)

Marco Blanker, Urologist

Pedro Blasco, President SINUG

Lucy Brett, Patient, Author and Public Engagement in Health

Francesco Diomede, Vice President WFIPP – President FINCOPP

Montserrat Espuna Pons, EUGA President

Bill Gibson, President Canadian Continence Foundation

Helena Glasova, Patient Advocate

Javier Jerez Roig, Associate Professor (Serra Húnter fellow) - PROCON

Janek Kapper, Patient Advocate

Marcella Marletta, Past General Director of the Italian Ministry of Health, Patient

Tomasz Michalek

Elena Plana, Policy Officer EAU

Francesco Prata, Urologist

Myra Robson, Clinical lead and pelvic health physiotherapist

Eamonn Rogers, Chair of EAU Patient Office

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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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