

20TH ANNIVERSARY



EMPOWERING PATIENTS, ADVANCING SCIENCE

WFIPP 20th Anniversary
Global Summit on Pelvic Health

Rome, 26th 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 26th June, 2026

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:20 Welcome and Introduction

Mary Lynne Van Poelgeest-Pomfret, President WFIPP

Francesco Diomedea, 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 (Video)

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
Elena Plana, Policy Officer EAU

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)

Jane Kapper (EST), Annet Naguudi (UGA), Helena Glasova (SK)

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 Diomedé



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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
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
Elena Plana, Policy Officer EAU – Belgium
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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