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ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES *and* EPIGENETICS: PROTECTING CHILDREN'S HEALTH



"Gabriele d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara
November 20th - 21st 2025

09.30 – **Registration**

10.00 – **Welcome and Introduction Round Table**

Angela Di Baldassare, *Delegate of the Rector, "Gabriele d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara*

Francesco Chiarelli, *Director of the Department of Women's and Children's Health,
"Gabriele d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara*

Diego Ferrara, *Mayor of Chieti*

Alessandro Miani, *President of the Italian Society of Environmental Medicine (SIMA)*

Prisco Piscitelli, *Secretary General of the European Medical Association (EMA)*

Robert Ainslie, *President of Laureate Science Alliance (LSA) - San Diego*

Benoit Miribel, *President of the International One Health for All Foundation (OSH) - Lion*

Luciano Di Tizio, *President of WWF Italy*

11.00 – **Stefan Tochev**, CEO MDPI

11.15 – **Plenary Lecture**

Tong Zhu, *Chinese Academy of Science, Peking University*

*Introduced by **Enrico Greco**, SIMA Officer and Associate Researcher, University of South Florida*

11.35 – **Giuseppe Novelli**, *Full Professor of Genetics, University of Rome Tor Vergata*

*Introduced by **Robert Ainslie**, LSA President*

11.50 – **Session I – Environmental Exposures and Food Chain**

Chair: Pasquale Avino, *MDPI Editor in Chief & **Angela Di Baldassare**, University "Gabriele d'Annunzio" of Chieti-Pescara*

Vasilis Vasiliou, *Director of the Department of Environmental Health, Yale University*

Marcello Iriti, *Associate Professor of Plant Pathology, University of Milan*

Antonia Trichopoulou, *Academy of Athens*

Moderator: Elena Meli, *Corriere della Sera*

12.30 – **Presentation of the Blue Bench Project**

Domenico Di Conza, *Spokesperson for United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)*

12.45 – **Lunch Buffet**

14.00 – **Plenary Lecture**

James A. Shapiro, *University of Chicago*

Andrew Haines, *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine*

Introduced by **Prisco Piscitelli**, *EMA Secretary General*

14.30 – **Session II – Environmental Exposures and Reproductive Health**

Chair: **Giulia Guerriero**, *MDPI Editor in Chief* & **Javier Arias**, *Dean of the Medical School, Complutense University - Madrid*

Ester Vitacolonna, *Full Professor of Food Nutrition Sciences, "Gabriele d'Annunzio" University of Chieti - Pescara*

Elena Codina, *Director of Environmental Health Center, Sant Joan de Déu Hospital - Barcelona*

Annamaria Colao, *Full Professor of Endocrinology, UNESCO Chair, University of Naples Federico II*

Moderator: **Elena Meli**, *Corriere della Sera*

15.30 – **Session III – Environmental Exposures and Children's Health**

Chair: **Alessandro Distante**, *ISBEM President* & **Juan Antonio Ortega Garcia**, *Murcia University*

Franco Chiarelli, *Full Professor of Pediatrics, "Gabriele d'Annunzio" University of Chieti-Pescara*

Vasilos Fanos, *Full Professor of Pediatrics, University of Cagliari*

Alessio Fasano, *Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School*

Moderator: **Elena Meli**, *Corriere della Sera*

16.30 – **Closing Lecture**

Immacolata De Vivo, *Full Professor of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

17.00 – **Transfer to Hotel**

20.00 – **Speakers Dinner**



09.00 – Celebration of the International Week for Children’s and Adolescents’ Rights

Liborio Stuppia, Rector of “Gabriele d’Annunzio” University of Chieti-Pescara

Roberto Bellotti, Rector of University of Bari “Aldo Moro”

Andrea Iacomini, Spokesperson UNICEF Italia

Don Antonio Panico, Vice Rector, LUMSA University - Taranto

Moderator: **Mimmo Mazza**, Editor-in-Chief of Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno and **Prisco Piscitelli**, EMA Secretary General

09.45 – Guest of Honer Speech – Presentation of the Volume “EARTH”

H.E. Abdullah Belhaif Al Nuaimi, Former Minister of the Environment, United Arab Emirates

10.00 – Session IV – Exposomics and Epigenetics

Chair: **Emiliano Giardina**, MDPI Editor in Chief & **Valentina Gatta**, University “Gabriele d’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara

Liborio Stuppia, Rector of “Gabriele d’Annunzio” University of Chieti-Pescara

Elena Colicino, Associate Professor of Environmental Medicine and Public Health, Icahn School of Medicine Mount Sinai - New York

Gianluigi De Gennaro, Associate Professor of Environmental Chemistry, University of Bari “Aldo Moro”

Moderator: **Elena Meli**, Corriere della Sera

10.40 – Forefront Lecture

Carlo Ventura, Full Professor of Molecular Biology, University of Bologna

11.00 – Presentation of the International Journal of Environmental Medicine (IJEM)

Carla Aloe, MDPI Officer

11.15 – Session V – New Frontiers of Public Health and Primary Prevention

Chair: **Amedeo Lonardo**, MDPI Editor in Chief & **Leonard Azanfirei**, Targu Mures University

Rita White, President of the Italian Academy of Biophilia (AIB)

Anmol Kapoor, Founder of Biongevity - Calgary

David Mariani, Director of the Healthy Habits Academy

Edoardo Cavalieri D’Oro, Director of Firefighters NBCR National Center - Milan

Moderator: **Elena Meli**, Corriere della Sera

12.10 – Conclusions

Liborio Stuppia, Rector of Gabriele d’Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara

Alessandro Miani, President of Italian Society of Environmental Medicine (SIMA)

Stefan Tochev, CEO MDPI

12.30 – Speakers Lunch

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