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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

Paolo Esposito, Managing Director, “Gabriele d’Annunzio” University of Chieti-Pescara

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

Pierluigi Sacco, Full Professor of Biobehavioral Economics and Rectoral Delegate to International Affairs,

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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 & **Jing Shang**, Co-Editor in Chief IJEM

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 the NBCR unit and labs of the Lombardy Region - National Fire and Rescue Service

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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