



OPI PALERMO



2ND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

THE CHALLENGE OF SUSTAINABILITY FOR A FAIR AND UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

APRIL 8-9, 2025 | POLITEAMA THEATRE, PALERMO



This international congress, promoted by OPI Palermo, Professione Salute Association and iEditore, will feature the participation of professionals from around the world, as well as the Sicilian Orders of Health Professions. The expertise of the speakers will provide updates in the field of healthcare professions and offer valuable insights for the advancement of the healthcare sector. The event includes plenary sessions with national and international speakers and will address current issues, such as emerging health problems within the population, proposing new models and care responses, especially in territorial settings and specialized clinical practice. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to attend the Daisy Award event, where particularly deserving nurses from OPI Palermo will be honored for their clinical care contributions. In addition to the scientific program, the congress will also provide networking opportunities, allowing participants to connect with colleagues and thought leaders in the field of healthcare.



Questo congresso internazionale, promosso dall'OPI di Palermo, dall'Associazione Professione Salute da iEditore, vedrà la partecipazione di professionisti provenienti da tutto il mondo, nonché degli Ordini delle Professioni Sanitarie siciliani. L'autorevolezza dei relatori garantirà aggiornamenti sulle professioni sanitarie e offrirà spunti preziosi per il progresso del settore. L'evento prevede sessioni congressuali in plenaria, con relatori nazionali e internazionali, e affronterà temi attuali, come le nuove problematiche emergenti nella popolazione, proponendo nuovi modelli e risposte assistenziali, soprattutto in ambito territoriale e nella pratica clinica specialistica. Inoltre, sarà possibile partecipare all'evento Daisy Award, durante il quale saranno premiati infermieri dell'OPI di Palermo particolarmente meritevoli nel campo dell'assistenza clinica. Oltre alla programmazione scientifica, il congresso offrirà anche l'opportunità di networking, consentendo ai partecipanti di connettersi con colleghi e leader di opinione nel campo della salute.

PROGRAM

APRIL 8

13:00 | Participant Registration

14:00 | Opening ceremony and institutional greetings

Dr. Salvatore Amato | *President of the Medical Association of Palermo, Italy*

Hon. Gaetano Galvagno | *President of the Sicilian Regional Assembly, Italy*

Prof. Antonino Giarratano | *Past President and Board Member of SIAARTI, Italy*

Dr. Salvatore Iacolino | *General Director, Department for Strategic Planning, Sicilian Region, Italy*

Hon. Giuseppe Laccoto | *President of the VI Health Commission – ARS, Italy*

Prof. Roberto Lagalla | *Mayor of the City of Palermo, Italy*

Prof. Massimo Midiri | *Rector of the University of Palermo, Italy*

Dr. Giacomo Scalzo | *Department of Health Activities and Epidemiological Observatory, Regional Health Department, Italy*

14:50 | Event presentation

Antonino Amato | *President of the Italian Nursing Professions Order - Palermo, Italy*

1ST SESSION

INNOVATIVE HEALTHCARE GOVERNANCE STRATEGIES

Moderators: Salvatore Requirez – Alessandro Stievano

15:00 | Keynote Lecture: "Sustainability Strategies for a Universal Healthcare System: Challenges and Future Perspectives"

Giovanni Monchiero | *Vice Director of Panorama della Sanità, Former Member of the XVII Legislature, President of FIASO, Italy*

16:00 | Round table: "Sustainability Strategies of the System: DM 77/2022, New Models and Standards for the Development of Territorial Healthcare in the NHS"

Rosaria Alvaro | *Pro-Rector and Full Professor of Nursing, University of Tor Vergata – Rome, Italy*

Antonino Amato | *President of the Order of Nursing Professions - Palermo, Italy*

Daniela Faraoni | *Health Advisor, Sicily Region, Italy*

Susan Gennaro | *Professor of Nursing, Boston College University - Massachusetts, USA*

Ranieri Poli | *Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health, Italy*

Gennaro Rocco | *Scientific Director, Center of Excellence for Nursing Culture and Research – OPI Rome, Italy*

Andrea Supporta | *Representative of the CittadinanzAttiva Association, Sicily, Italy*

Maurizio Zega | *President of the Italian Nursing Professions Order - Rome, and Vice President of FNOPI, Italy*

18:00 | Discussion of the participants

18:30 | Closing of the session

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2ND SESSION

LEADERSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY: THE ROLE OF NURSING RESEARCH IN THE FUTURE OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Moderators: Maddalena De Maria – Rosario Caruso

09:00 | **Keynote Lecture: "The Contribution of Research in Health System Innovation"**

Loredana Sasso | *Full Professor of Nursing, University of Genoa, Italy*

09:30 | **The Strategic Contribution of Nursing Leadership for the Sustainability of the Health System**

Joyce Fitzpatrick | *Professor of Nursing, Case Western University - Living Legend American Academy, Cleveland, Ohio, USA*

10:00 | **Challenges and Solutions for Promoting a Sustainable Healthcare Environment: An International Perspective**

Wendy Budin | *Pro-Rector and Professor of Nursing, Rutgers University – Newark, New Jersey, USA*

10:20 | **Sustainable Healthcare Systems: A Testimony from Poland on Innovations and Challenges**

Izabela Uchmanowicz | *Professor, University of Wroclaw, Poland*

10:40 | **Fundamentals of Care in Healthcare Practice: What Contribution to the Health System**

Annamaria Bagnasco | *Full Professor of Nursing, University of Genoa, Italy*

11:00



Station Break

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3RD SESSION

L'ESPERIENZA INFERMIERISTICA TRA INNOVAZIONE, EVIDENZE E CENTRALITÀ NEL SISTEMA SANITARIO

Moderators: Angela Peghetti - Raimondo Arena

- 11:30** | **The Operating Room Nurse: Specialized Skills to Face the Challenges of the Future**
Maria Grazia Randazzo | *President of the Sicilian Region of the Operating Room Nurses Association, Italy*
- 11:45** | **Evidence-Based Practice and Healthcare Practice: What Impact for the NHS**
Roberto Latina | *Nursing Researcher, University of Palermo, Italy*
- 12:00** | **The Pharmacy of Services: An Important Presence in the Network of Proximity Healthcare Facilities**
Guglielmo Cartia | *Provincial Secretary of Federfarma Ragusa, Italy*
- 12:15** | **The Nurse in Palliative Care**
Giuseppe Intravaia | *Nursing Director SAMOT and Treasurer of the Italian Society of Palliative Care, Italy*
- 12:30** | **Boarding in the Emergency Area: Critical Aspects and Managerial Strategies**
Pasquale Iozzo | *PhD student, President of the Professione Salute Association, Italy*
- 12:45** | **Universal Healthcare: The Contribution of Nurses**
Barbara Mangiacavalli | *President of the National Federation of Nursing Professions (FNOPI), Italy*
- 13:15** | **Position Statement: Congress Declaration**
Antonino Amato | *President of the Italian Nursing Professions Order - Palermo, Italy*

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4TH SESSION

DAISY AWARD

16:00 ● ● ● ● ● ● ● Opening of the session ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

The Daisy Award is an international recognition that honors excellence in nursing clinical care, rewarding nurses for their dedication, professionalism, and compassion. The award was created in 1999 in the United States by the family of Patrick Barnes, a young man who, during his battle with a terminal illness, was cared for with remarkable empathy by a nurse. In gratitude, the family established the award to honor nurses who make a difference in patients' lives through their care.

The Daisy Award is given to nurses who stand out for their ability to provide exceptional care, improving the patient experience and demonstrating professionalism. Nominees are selected through an open nomination process, allowing patients, families, colleagues, or supervisors to nominate nurses they believe deserve recognition. The nominations are reviewed by a committee that selects the awardees based on criteria such as professional competence, empathy, leadership, and positive impact on patient health.

20:00 ● ● ● ● ● ● ● Closing of the session ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

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