

CONGRESS SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Day 1	15th October SUNDAY
08:00 - 17:00	Arrival of participants in Naples with individual flights or trains; Hospitality Point at the Ports of Beverello and Porta di Massa, organized transfer to the Continental Terme Hotel in Ischia.
17:00 - 20:00	Registration for the Congress
17:30 - 20:00	Official opening of the 70th FEMTEC International Scientific Congress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome addresses by Representatives of the Ministry of Health, Campania Regional Gov. Local Authorities and Leaders of the International Delegations - Remember of the Past President FEMTEC G. Ebrard , by Ch. Roques - Speech of the Hon. Pres. I. Fluck and the President, UMBERTO SOLIMENE
20:00- 22:00	Welcome cocktail-dinner at the Continental Terme Hotel, attended by the local authorities. Traditional Neapolitan music.
Day 2	16th October MONDAY
07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast in hotel
08:30 - 10:30	<u>Introduction by the President of Regione Campania Vincenzo De Luca</u> 1st THERMAL CLUSTERS: purposes, training criteria, existing entities around the world Chairs: I. Fluck, T. Dubois, P. Cantista, A. Razumov <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. P.Cantista (Portugal), <i>The planning "criteria"for a thermal cluster</i> 2. C.Jannotti Pecci (Italy), <i>The Italian thermal clusters</i> 3. T.Dubois (France), <i>The thermal clusters in France</i> 4. O.Surdu (Romania), <i>Development of Romanian Clusters and results in medical balneal tourism</i> 5. M.Crescente (Spain), <i>The Thermal heritage of Europe Atlas</i> 6. J.Choinowsky (Poland), <i>Cluster in thermal Station-Polish experience in Ciechocinek</i> 7. R.Surmanidze (Georgia),G.Gigineishvili,R.Bakuridze <i>Natural medicinal resources of the autonomous Rep.of Ajaria (Georgia) (min.waters,pellets)and the perspectives in use</i> 8. R. Oueslati (Tunisia),<i>The Tunisian thalassotherapeutic clusters: health & quality</i> 9. E. Wuhr (Germany), <i>A health promotion and disease prevention cluster of seven Bavarian Spa</i> 10. I. Altbauer (Slovenia), <i>The Slovenian SPAS: a modern health cluster of central Europe</i> 11. A. Belaitar (Algeria), <i>The Algerian strategy for the development of thermalism</i> 12. O. Akimov (Russia), <i>The thermal cluster of Belokhurika.Strategies and development</i> 13. F.Menendez (Cuba), <i>Health Resorts in Cuba.Integration between the medical approach and tourism</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Group photo & Coffee break
11:00 - 12:45	2nd THERMAL CLUSTERS: research, science, and locally integrated economy. The role of Foundations for Thermal Research (First Session) Chairs:Ch.Roques,M.Vitale,S.Bulekbaeva,R.Oueslati <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A.Razumov (Russia), <i>The Science of Thermal medicine:integration between the cure of health and longlife</i> 2. Ch. Roques (France), <i>Afreth: activity and program for the development of the French Thermalism</i> 3. A. Ferruzzi, M. Vitale (Italy), <i>The Italian Foundation for Thermal Researches, driver for a new scientific approach to the thermal medicine</i> 4. F. Maraver (Spain), <i>Science and medical researches in the Spanish thermal system</i> 5. I.Ponikowska (Poland), <i>Are the negative effects occurring in the thermal medicine?</i> 6. A.Fimiani (Italy), <i>The physical component of thermal water and its interaction with skin receptors.Cross-observational study at Thermaeof Ischia</i> 7. O. Sorokina (Russia), <i>Thermalism for prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases</i> 8. N. Veryho (Poland), <i>Application of natural humus water in drinking cure in patients with alcohol dependence-preliminary results</i> 9. F. Bonsignori, V. Langella (Italy), <i>Thermal Medicine and aesthetic medicine:interactions and synergies</i> 10. G.Gigineishvili (Russia), <i>Arte-therapy in the thermal centers:new way for complementary methods of treatment</i>
12:45 - 13:15	Question and answers
13:15-13:30	Official opening of the Poster Exhibition: The thermae in man's history <i>Introductive Remarks by Umberto Solimene</i> Presentation of E-Learning Course on "Introduction to Thermal Medicine" <i>By Cristiano Crotti</i>
13:30-14:30	Buffet lunch at the Continental Terme Hotel

14:30-16:30	<p>3rd THERMAL CLUSTERS: research, science, and locally integrated economy. The role of Foundations for Thermal Research (Second Session)</p> <p>Chairs: F. Maraver, O. Surdu, I. Ponikowska, F. Menendez, G. D'Alessandro</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S.Masiero (Italy), <i>The importance of hydrokinesitherapy in rehabilitation of musculoskeletal disability</i> 2. S.Bulekbaeva (Kazakhstan), <i>Complex rehabilitation of dysphagia</i> 3. S.Capaldo (Italy) <i>New thermal therapy protocols for improving active ageing</i> 4. A.Varricchio,E.Ascione (Italy), <i>The role of inhaled crenotherapy in recurrent pediatric rhino-sinu-otitis</i> 5. S. Inokuma (Japan), <i>The effect of carbonated water on peripheral perfusion in comparison to tap water</i> 6. N.B.Gubina,O.LMorozova,G.V.Terenteva (Russia), <i>Medical Rehabilitation and sanatorium treatment of Juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) in the conditions of a children's local sanatorium</i> 7. M. Carbajo, F. Maraver (Spain), <i>Sulphurous mineral water and its peloids. Applications for health</i> 8. V.L. Israel, M.B.L.Pardo (Brasil), <i>Thermal hydrotherapy as an environment and field of practice for the physical therapist in Brazil</i> 9. I. Paluyanava (Belarus), <i>Health resort treatment in the Republic of Belarus</i> 10. T. Masiukovich, A. Gaprindashvili, N. Kakulia, N. Antelava, R. Surmanidze, D. Berashvili, A. Bakuridze (Georgia), <i>Study of mineral resources of Adjara (peloids, clays, waters) with the purpose of their application in medical (balneological) and pharmaceutical practice</i> 11. V. Reps, N. Efimenko, A. Abramtsova (Russia), <i>Analysis of functional levels and temporal characteristics of biological effects of consumption of mineral waters of the Caucasian Mineral waters</i> 12. Zh.Daribaev (Kazakhstan), <i>Neurorehabilitation of children: a multidisciplinary integrated approach is essential</i> 13. N.P. Lavrik, T.V. Strelkova, S.A. Safonova, L.A. Vorobyova, Yu.A. Punanov, V.Yu. Plisetskaya (Russia), <i>Medical rehabilitation organization in pediatric cancer patients</i> 14. S.Muhabbatova (Republic of Tajikistan), <i>Communal Rehabilitation in Tajikistan</i>
16:30-17:00	Coffee break
17:00 - 19:00	<p>4th THERMAL CLUSTERS: Certifying for competing.A new strength for thermalism from the International Thermal joint-commission. The therapeutic muds case</p> <p>Chairs:N.Carraturo,Q.Zhang,S. Masiero,G.Gurnari</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. G.Gurnari,A.Manzotti (Italy), <i>Planning, Business Plan and management control in the thermalism of quality</i> 2. V.Khokhov,M.Golub (Russia), <i>The methodological approach to the sanitary-microbiological quality evaluation and safety of medicinal mud application</i> 3. N.Carraturo (Italy), <i>From a certificate of quality of thermal muds to the scientific therapeutic evidence</i> 4. Ch.Roques (France), <i>Opinion of the French National Academy of Medicine on the requisition of the French government concerning the health risks related to presence of barium and the absence of sanitary control of thermal muds</i> 5. V.S.Sevryukova,E.V.Dobryakov,E.A.Ivanova (Russia), <i>Pelodidtherapy with Anapa mud at the Sanatorium resort "DILICH": methods,their justification and effectiveness</i> 6. G.Gurnari (Italy), <i>Innovation in the technological approach: the challenges of self-monitoring and telecontrol</i> 7. S.Ospanova(Kazakhstan), <i>The "safety culture" in organization is the warranty of a successful quality management</i> 8. G.Gurnari,V.Elia (Italy), <i>Water is the most studied but still able to surprise us</i> 9. W. Terry (France), <i>Aquacert Quality & Safety Management System and Certification: a way to maintain a long-term relationship of trust with clients and health authorities and to develop new international clientele in search of high-quality health destinations</i> 10. C. Mazzucchelli (Switzerland), <i>GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation): The mandatory DPO (Data Protection Officer)</i> 11. M. De Luca (Italy), <i>GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation): Data protection by design and by default</i> 12. G. Micchini (Italy), <i>GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation): Compliance and Cloud BackUp</i> 13. E. Cerruti (Italy), <i>Social Network Collaboration with GED, the Smart Working Way</i> 14. L. Barbero (Italy), <i>"Self-Reforming Hydrogen Generator"</i> 15. U.Solimene,V.Costigliola (Italy), <i>Proposal of an international Thermal Joint Commission</i>
19:00-19:30	Questions and answers
21:00-22:30	Typical dinner with live music at the Continental Terme Hotel

10:00-13:00	FOR ESCORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guided visit to the museum of Santa Restituta, patroness of the city of LaccoAmeno and of the whole Isle of Ischia, or visit to the museum of Villa Arbusto. - Tour of the old city centre of LaccoAmeno and opportunity for high-street shopping at shops offering agreed discounts.
Day 3	17th October THUESDAY
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast at the hotel
09:00 - 11:30	China Hot Spring Day - Introducing the Chinese thermal clusters to Europe Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zhang Qi, World Health Organization(Traditional Complementary Integrative medicine), Geneva; - Zhang Yue, Secretary General Chinese Hot Springs Tourism Association(CHTA) Q.Zhang (Geneva), Introductory Remarks. The collaboration between WHO and FEMTEC Participants: Officials Members of Local Government and Leaders from the Hot Springs Thermal Clusters
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break – press conference
12:00 - 13:30	Workshop on Integration funds for health and thermal services. Combining sustainability with health promotion. Coordinated by: A.Fimiani, N.Starzeva, J.Choinowsky, E.Wuhr <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A.Santuari (Italy), N.Chauraskaya (Russia), <i>Health Spas services and the role of patients: the experience of EAPTC</i> 2. A.Santuari, L.Bertinato (Italy), <i>The role of health insurance funds in the promotion of health spas</i> 3. F.Fabris (Italy), <i>Health Insurance and Thermalism: the Italian experience of UNISALUTE</i> 4. N.Starzeva (Russia), <i>Public and Private Health Insurance in Russian Federation in the field of thermal medicine</i> 5. E.Wuhr (Germany), <i>The case: IGM® Lifestyle Program SINOCUR - An Evidence Based Concept of Individual Health Management and Health Education</i> <p>General Discussion with Experts of FEMTEC and EAPTC</p>
13:30 - 15:00	Buffet lunch at the Continental Terme Hotel
15:00 - 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (for Members) and SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE of EAPTC(European Association Patients and Users of Thermal Centers) - FEMTEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Conclusions and awarding of participants
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09:00 - 09:30	Transfer to the Port, departure to Capri
10:30 - 15:30	Visit to Capri, free time.
16:00 - 17:00	Boarding for Ischia.
17:30 - 19:00	Free time and relaxation in the pools of the Continental Terme Hotel
20:00 - 22:00	Typical dinner with live music at the Continental Terme Hotel
Day 5	October 19, 2017
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast at the hotel
09:30 - 16:30	Guided tour in private luxury bus with scheduled stops for:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit to the Roman thermae of Cavascura - Visit to the Poseidon Thermal Complex of Forio - Stop at a typical inn with tasting of "bruschetta" and local wine - Visit to the village of Saint Angelo.
20:00 - 22:00	Typical dinner with live music at the Continental Terme Hotel

Day 6	October 20, 2017
08:00 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast at the hotel - Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the airport based on flight schedules

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F E M T E C

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Founded in 1937, FEMTEC (the World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy) gathers the public and private institutions that represent Thermal Establishments in the respective Countries. At present it has more than 30 member Countries (either statutory or affiliated).

FEMTEC, based in Italy, is the **only** non-governmental organization (NGO) in the sector entertaining official relations (accreditation) with the **World Health Organization (WHO)**.

The main purposes of the Federation include:

- representing and promoting world hydrotherapy before the different national and international institutions;
- promoting international cooperation;
- promoting shared studies, research, training, and experience in the sector.

FEMTEC has several Commissions (Medical, Tourism & Health, Technical, Economy & Technological Innovation, SPA Management, International Business Office) and a number of sub-commissions (Integrated Thermal Medicine, Complementary Medicine, Scientific Research) operating in the medical, economic, technical, and social sectors.

Institutional relations are also in place between the Federation and the European SPA Association (**ESPA**), the World Tourism Organization (**WTO**), the International Society of Medical Hydrology (**ISMH**), and the Global Wellness Institute (**GWI**), as well as other outstanding international organizations.

Its President is Professor Umberto Solimene (Italy) from the Milan University, one of the highest representatives of World Hydrotherapy.

FEMTEC has 4 permanent Training Centres: Italy (www.thermaecampus.it); Russia (in cooperation with the International Russian Academy of Tourism, www.rmat.ru); China (in cooperation with CHTA, <http://www.femteconline.org>); Tunisia (in cooperation with the Ministry of Health <http://www.thermalisme.nat.tn/>).

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