



16TH WORLD CONGRESS ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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LA NUVOLO, ROME, ITALY

WCPH 2020 AND COVID-19

The organizers of the 16th World Congress on Public Health - WPHAs, SItI and EUPHA - are fully aware of the challenges that everyone is facing with the Covid-19 pandemic. The current situation is that in many countries people confined to their homes or having severe travel restrictions. It is unclear how long this situation will last. It is therefore that the Congress Management Committee is exploring all possible options as to whether the Congress can be held as planned in October 2020, has to be postponed or has to be moved into a digital format. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will post updates regularly on our website. We encourage you to stay in touch during these critical times. Be assured that the health and safety of all conference attendees are our priority.

[Read more here.](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY: ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY AND ACTION

The theme of the Congress, *Public Health for the Future of Humanity: Analysis, Advocacy, and Action*, reflects our firm commitment that we, in the global public health community, have an obligation to respond to emerging global threats and challenges. We must hold to account those with the power to make a difference. We must act, making real our commitment to health in all policies. In a series of eight plenary sessions we will further explore these challenges and actions.

Revolutionizing the Public Health Workforce as Agents of Change

The wider public health workforce consists of professions that have the opportunity or ability to positively impact the health and wellbeing of the public through their work and are not always employed directly in a public health role. These professions can make an impact. Appropriate education and training in public health is key to make public health workforce an agent of change from community to government. Are these professionals aware and ready for this task? How should education and training in public health be updated and integrated in the different curricula? Which professions should be educated and how? What actions should be taken to build knowledge and capacity in public health horizontally? [Read more here.](#)

PLENARY SPEAKERS

We are excited to announce the following confirmed speakers:

- Philip Baba Adonga, President Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa, Ghana
- Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, European Association of Public Health (EUPHA), Malta
- Mauricio Lima Barreto, Professor Federal University of Bahia, Brazil
- Sara Cerdas, Member European Parliament, Portugal
- Desmond D'Sa, Environmental campaigner, South Africa
- Summer May Finlay, campaigner for the rights of indigenous people, Australia
- Walter Flores, campaigner civil society, Guatemala
- Andy Haines, Professor of Environmental Change and Public Health, United Kingdom
- Richard Horton, The Lancet
- Hikka Karkkainen, Director GAMIAN-Europe, Finland
- Bronwyn King, Tobacco Free Portfolios and radiation oncologist, Australia
- Stephen K. Klasko, President Thomas Jefferson University, United States
- Laura Magana, President Association of Schools of Public Health in the Americas, Mexico
- Patricio V. Marquez, The World Bank
- Diogo Martins, Policy and Advocacy Lead at Wellcome Trust, United Kingdom
- John Middleton, Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region, UK
- Christopher Murray, University of Washington, United States
- Walter Ricciardi, Professor Public Health, Italy
- Gita Sen, Professor Public Health and campaigner for women's rights, India
- Sarah Wollaston, Former Member of Parliament, Medical Doctor, United Kingdom

[Read more here.](#)

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION RESULTS

We received an unprecedented number of 3,798 abstracts for single presentations and 260 proposals for workshops. Abstracts are now under review by the International Scientific Committee. Results of the abstract submission will be communicated by the end of April.

MEDIA TOOLKIT WCPH 2020

We have prepared a media toolkit that can be used by (public) health associations and organizations worldwide to promote the WCPH 2020. Ready-to-use promotional materials and other resources [here](#).

WCPH 2020 ORGANISATION

The 16th World Congress on Public Health is organized by the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) in collaboration with the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SIItI).

BE THERE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BE THERE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN