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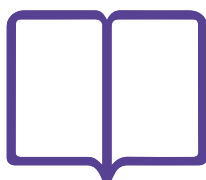
*In 7 months, the 12<sup>th</sup> International Medicinal Mushrooms Conference will be open in Bari (Italy).*

*The purpose of this Second Circular is to invite you to attend the IMMC12 and to let us know if you plan to attend, and also to request that you submit your abstracts to the conference. Please complete the registration form and abstract template available on the web ([www.immc12.com](http://www.immc12.com)).*

*We would appreciate your early response if you plan to attend.*

*The third circular and final program will be distributed only to registered participants and will be posted on the IMMC12 website.*

**THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**



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## I. BARI, AN UNEXPECTED MEETING POINT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Bari is a very charming city, the third-largest city in Southern Italy, in order of the population.

It's incredible the contrast between the folkloristic old town and the cozy city center, full of branded shops and polished aristocratic buildings. Bari is highly multifaceted city, and you really need to discover every single aspect to understand its true core. Known as the “Gateway to the East” due to its long tradition of trade, this capital of Apulia is rich in history: see with your own eyes in the town of Bari Vecchia and surrounding area.

Exploring the historic centre allows us to discover its most authentic character, with signs of its past scattered through the local alleyways and endless examples of age-old traditions passed from generation to generation. Then there is the famous Bari promenade, one of the most beautiful in Italy, overlooking the clear sea and the unique charm of Bari.

Today, this dynamic city, nestled in the heart of the countryside punctuated by white dry-stone walls, is an important university hub.

But it still holds dear the memory of its seafaring exploits of the Middle Ages, as well as its precious monuments and striking churches.

The history of Bari is fascinating and turbulent. The ancient settlement dates back to the Bronze Age, passing from rule by the Peucetians to the Goths, before being fought over by the Byzantines and Lombards. Repeatedly ransacked and destroyed, medieval Bari was conquered by the Saracens and became a small independent Muslim state. It was then taken over by the Franks, before returning to the hands of the Romans, who made it the major Italian political, military and commercial centre of the Eastern Roman Empire. In 1087, with the arrival of the relics of St Nicholas of Myra, commonly known as Santa Clause, Bari became a thriving religious centre uniting the East and West.

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Norman rule in Apulia ensured a long period of prosperity for Bari, though it was still subject to conflict. Rebuilt by the Swabians, it experienced a new peak of splendour, until it declined again under the Angevins, torn apart by struggles between local squires and foreign bankers.

After going to the Aragonese and then the Dukes of Milan in 1464, it was restored to its former glory by Isabella of Aragon in 1500. In 1558, it fell into Spanish hands, experiencing numerous bloody rebellions, and in 1657 it was hit hard by plague. It then passed from Austrian to Bourbon rule, being renewed under French rule in the early 1800s with the construction of the new city.

After being returned to the Bourbons in 1815, it joined the Kingdom of Italy in 1860. This tumultuous history of dominations has left Bari with a unique artistic heritage for all to admire.

Bari is not only art, history, and ancient culture. In fact, a great social life awaits you.

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## II. WARNINGS

Bari is a relatively safe city for foreigners. Even though there are some areas to avoid (the main ones are the Libertà, Japigia, San Paolo, and Madonnelle neighborhoods), tourists should not face safety problems other than petty crime, the kind of crime you find in many cities. Use common sense and apply all usual safety precautions.

### III. AVERAGE WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR BARI IN SEPTEMBER

This month is known as a warm month. The average maximum daytime temperature in Bari in September lies at 26.2 °C (79.16 °F). The average minimum temperature goes down to around 17.1 °C (62.78 °F) (often the minimum temperature is noted at night). Rainfall during September is moderate with an average of 66mm (2.6 inches). There are generally around 8 rainy days.

### IV. DATE AND VENUE

The conference will take place in Bari, Italy, 24-27 September 2024 at the **The Nicolaus Hotel Bari - HO Collection**. The conference will be organized in parallel sessions and poster exhibitions. The official language of the conference is English.

### V. TRANSPORTATION

**Airplane:** Bari Airport is just outside the big port city of Bari, on Italy's Adriatic coast in the southern region of Puglia. The airport makes a good gateway to the south of Italy, as Bari has transport links to many of the most interesting destinations. Bari airport is located at Palese, around five miles to the west of the city, and is also known as Bari Palese. It is officially named Aeroporto di Bari Karol Wojtyla after the late Pope John Paul II, and its IATA code is BRI. The airport is an international one, with flights to several European countries including the UK, Belgium, Germany, Spain and Greece. There is also - at the time of writing - a once-weekly flight between Bari and New York, operated by Eurofly. Currently Ryanair offer fairly cheap flights from the UK (London Stansted) to Bari Airport, making this a good budget way to reach the south of Italy. They also operate flights to and from Brindisi Airport, which is near Lecce, further south in Puglia, meaning that you can fly into one airport, tour the region, and fly out of the other. The airport is also served by British Airways flights from London Gatwick. The airport is modern, busy and smart, with shops, cafes and a tourist information point - although these do keep limited opening hours (<https://www.aeroportidipuglia.it/homepagebari>). The cheapest way of getting into Bari is to take the urban bus service run by Bari transport company AMTAB. This bus, the number 16, runs from the airport to Piazza Aldo Moro, by Bari's main railway station, Bari Centrale. It stops several times along the route through the city centre. Timetables are available on the AMTAB website (<https://www.amtab.it/en/>). Unfortunately, at the time of writing the last service from the airport, around 9:30pm, is too early to be of use to Ryanair passengers. A faster alternative is the Tempesta shuttle bus (<https://www.autoservizitempesta.it/>), which runs directly to the railway station, stopping outside in Piazza Aldo Moro. This speedy service runs until 11:20pm at the time of writing, costs € 4.00, takes 20 minutes, and unlike most Italian bus services, you can pay the driver. Both the Tempesta shuttle and the AMTAB 16 bus depart from right outside the terminal building, and there are big signs to make the bus stops easy to find.

Timetables are displayed on the bus stops. The destination for both the bus services - Piazza Aldo Moro, outside Bari railway station - is ideal if you are planning onward travel. Three different railway stations are alongside each other in the square, giving you a good range of destinations just a cheap ride away. A third option is to catch a taxi into Bari or to one of the nearby suburban railway stations. If you wish to hire a car - a good option if you are staying or touring in the remoter parts of the region - you can pick up your rental car here at the airport.

**Train:** It's incredibly simple to catch a train to Bari, with the city well served by rail transport. Bari Centrale train station enjoys convenient connections via Frecciargento trains across the Apulia region and Italy as a whole. For example, the train from Rome to Bari takes just over 4 hours, while connecting services can take in excess of 8 hours

(<https://www.thetrainline.com/en/destinations/trains-to-bari>)

**Bus:** [https://www.flixbus.ca/bus/bari?\\_sp=3297c7e1-25ce-44fd-ad45-71d33cd35143.1676476008145&atb\\_pdid=65a49e14-bcdb-4c0c-ac25-fcae17b44aa9](https://www.flixbus.ca/bus/bari?_sp=3297c7e1-25ce-44fd-ad45-71d33cd35143.1676476008145&atb_pdid=65a49e14-bcdb-4c0c-ac25-fcae17b44aa9)

**Car:** The distance between Bari Airport and the city centre is 12 kilometres / 7.5 miles, meaning that by car you'll need 20 to 25 minutes to get there.

## VI. THEME OF THE CONFERENCE:

### *MEDICINAL MUSHROOMS: THE BET FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY*

#### ORGANIZED BY:

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Italian Society for Medicinal Mushrooms (SIFM)





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## X. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OF CONFERENCE :

- ✓ Keynote speeches
- ✓ Plenary lectures of invited speakers

### *Different symposia dedicated to:*

- ✓ Biodiversity, taxonomy and ecology of medicinal mushrooms;
- ✓ Medicinal mushrooms culture collections, cultivation technology and circular economy;
- ✓ Biochemistry, biotechnology and pharmacology of medicinal mushrooms;
- ✓ Use of medicinal mushrooms in animal husbandry and veterinary medicine;
- ✓ Medicinal mushrooms in human studies: from healthy aging to different diseases;
- ✓ Legislation, certification and safety of mushroom-based supplements;
- ✓ Medicinal mushrooms as a source of novel functional food and health benefits;
- ✓ Ethnomycology and the therapeutic potential of psychedelic mushrooms

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## XI. ROUND TABLE: USES OF PSLOCYBIN IN VARIOUS DISEASES AND IN END-OF-LIFE CARE

**FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2024 H: 15:00-17:00**

A panel discussion on the topic organized by the Luca Coscioni Association, an association founded in 2002 by Luca Coscioni, an economist with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis who died in 2006. among its priorities are the affirmation of civil liberties and human rights, particularly the right to science, self-directed personal care, the removal of architectural barriers, end-of-life choices, embryo research, access to medically assisted procreation, legalization of euthanasia, access to medical cannabinoids, and worldwide monitoring of laws and policies on science and self-determination.

## XII. CALL FOR PAPERS

We would be pleased to receive contributions from interested authors that follow the conference themes. Abstracts should focus on current issues relevant to progress in research and/or to industry and should be scientific and/or of technical content.

Your abstracts should clearly define the objectives of the presentation or the topics covered, key conclusions reached, and potential benefits for scientific developments and industry. Abstracts should not be more than 500 words but not less than 300.

Abstracts should be sent to IMMC12 ([abstract@immc12.com](mailto:abstract@immc12.com)) before the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Text documents *must* be in Word or PDF format and written according to the template included in the conference web site.

**AT LEAST ONE OF THE AUTHORS NAMED IN THE ABSTRACT MUST REGISTER FOR THE CONGRESS. ONLY ABSTRACTS THAT ARE SUBMITTED BY THE AUTHORS WHO HAVE REGISTERED FOR THE CONGRESS SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM.**

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## XIII. HOW TO REGISTER

- 1) visit the conference web site ([www.immc12.com](http://www.immc12.com))
- 2) click the menu button at the top to register (REGISTRATION) or directly go to <https://www.immc12.com/registration.html>
- 3) download file and fill in your details in the Conference Registration Form
- 4) edit the pdf file in each part
- 5) print and sign the pdf
- 6) pay the total registration fee due (registration+accommodations) through the bank account reported in the pdf file
- 7) send the pdf + the receipt of your bank payment to [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com)

**Registration form not accompanied by the registration fee will not be taken into consideration**

**For any question, please contact the conference organizers at [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com)**



#### XIV. INVITATION FOR VISA APPLICATION

For many people, letters of invitation help smooth the visa process, and we wish to support international attendees in their efforts to secure the needed travel documentation.

However, in order to receive a letter of invitation, the meeting organizers must be assured that you intend to attend the meeting if your travel request is granted. Individuals that require an official letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa and authorization to attend the meeting must first register for the meeting and then request a Visa Letter of Invitation.

We require that you provide your full name, address, and email for us to process the electronic official letter of invitation. The letter of invitation does not financially obligate the IMMC12 Conference organizers in any way. All expenses incurred in relation to the meeting are the sole responsibility of the attendee. Please note that we cannot guarantee that you will receive a visa. The decision to grant visas is at the sole discretion of the embassy/consulate. The meeting organizers cannot change the decision of the governmental agency should your application be denied.

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Due to the costs involved, we cannot send letters of invitation via express mail services.

**To request a letter of invitation in order to attend the meeting, please email (indicate "invitation letter" in subject line) IMMC12 at [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com)**

Advance travel planning and early visa application are important. It is recommended that you apply early for your visa.



## XV. IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

15 March 2024	Distribution of second circular
30 May 2024	Abstract submission deadline
15 June 2024	Notification to authors of abstract acceptance
30 June 2024	Early bird registration deadline
15 July 2024	Full paper submission deadline
31 July 2024	Closing date for registrations and accommodation
23 August 2024	Distribution of final scientific program
23 September 2024	Registration desk opens
24-27 September 2024	IMMC12-2024

For more information visit [www.immc12.com](http://www.immc12.com)




## XVI. SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND EXHIBITION TABLE REQUEST FORM

### IMMC12 International Medicinal Mushrooms Conference SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND EXHIBITION TABLE REQUEST FORM


There are a number of sponsorship opportunities for this IMMC9 conference, where scientists from all over the world will meet in an atmosphere of excellence to discuss the most recent advances in medicinal mushroom researches.

<b>Name of Organization / Country / Company</b> <i>Website url:</i>	
<b>Primary Contact Person:</b> <i>Name:</i> <i>Mobile phone:</i> <i>E-mail:</i>	
<b>Secondary Contact Person:</b> <i>Name:</i> <i>Mobile phone:</i> <i>E-mail:</i>	
<b>I need an Exhibit Table:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>I would like to contribute as:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Other

### **PLATINUM (€ 30,000)**


- 
- Three complimentary conference registrations for the entire three days
  - VIP seating at all conference keynote plenary sessions
  - Most prominently displayed name on banner and sponsorship boards at all functions
  - Company logo and web link on IMMC9 conference website
  - Full page color ad in Conference Program and Exhibitor Guide
  - Sponsorship acknowledgment in all conference printed materials
  - Company promotional literature included in registration packet
  - Exhibit table

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- Two complimentary conference registration for the entire three days
  - VIP seating at all conference keynote plenary sessions
  - Very prominently displayed name on banner and sponsorship boards at all functions
  - Company logo and web link on conference website
  - ½ page color ad in Conference Program and Exhibitor Guide
  - Sponsorship acknowledgment in all conference printed materials
  - Company promotional literature included in registration packet
  - Exhibit table

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### **SILVER (€ 10,000)**

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- One complimentary conference registration for the entire three days
  - VIP seating at one of the conference's keynote plenary sessions
  - Prominently displayed name on banner and sponsorship boards at all functions
  - Company logo on conference website
  - Sponsorship acknowledgment in Conference Program and all conference printed materials
  - Company promotional literature included in registration packet
  - Exhibit table

**BRONZE (€ 5,000)**

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- Exhibit table

**PATRON (€ 1,000)**

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Listed below are the other unique sponsorship opportunities including conference events, meals, interest sessions, and some specialty items. We are also happy to explore customizing a sponsorship that meets your budget and program requirements, and compliments the conference.

<b>Welcome Reception Sponsor</b>	<b>€ 3,000</b>
<b>Congress Dinner</b>	<b>€ 15,000</b>
<b>Conference Welcome Bag Sponsor</b>	<b>€ 7,500</b>
<b>Lunch Sponsor (one day)</b>	<b>€ 7,500</b>
<b>Coffee break standard Sponsor</b>	<b>€ 2,500</b>
<b>Coffee break superior Sponsor</b>	<b>€ 3,500</b>
<b>Scholarship Sponsor (multiple available)</b>	<b>€ 1,000 each</b>

For more information on sponsorships, please contact [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com)

We would like to extend our deep appreciation to all our partners and sponsors who will help make the IMMC12 Conference possible.





## **XVII. FULL PAPERS**

Excellent papers of the IMMC12 will be published in the International Journal of Medicinal Mushrooms (IJMM). Please send the full paper according to journal format of the IJMM before **15 July 2024** if the IMMC12 secretary informs you of your abstract acceptance.

If you have any academic question, please send e-mail to [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com)

Registration form is available starting **30 of May 2023** on the conference website [www.immc12.com](http://www.immc12.com). Please print your registration form and send it to [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com)

## **XVIII. E-POSTERS**

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## XIX. PAYMENT INFORMATION

*Payment can be made only by bank transfer*

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ACCOUNT FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS IN EUROS	
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<b>IBAN</b>	IT91 T030 5801 6041 0057 2392 323

*For any bank transfer made from outside the Euro zone, please be aware of bank service charges. All bank charges for remittances are to be borne by the participant.  
Failure to pay this fee will result in an incomplete registration.*

If you have any question about payment, please send e-mail to [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com)

## XX. REGISTRATION

Please note that individual registrations can be made **ONLY** using registration form available starting **30 of May 2023** on the conference website [www.immc12.com](http://www.immc12.com).  
All prices are in Euros and include VAT 22%.

### REGISTRATION FEES

	<b>EARLY BIRDS</b> (until 30 May, 2024)	<b>NORMAL</b> (after 30 May, 2024)
<b>REGULAR ATTENDEES</b>	500,00 €	550,00 €
<b>PHD STUDENTS, RESEARCH FELLOWS<sup>1</sup></b>	300,00 €	350,00 €
<b>ACCOMPANYING PERSON WITH LUNCHES</b>	350,00 €	380,00 €
<b>ACCOMPANYING PERSON WITHOUT LUNCHES</b>	200,00 €	250,00 €
<b>ONE-DAY REGISTRATION</b>	150,00	180,00
<b>LOWER INCOME COUNTRIES</b>	350,00	350,00

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<sup>1</sup>PhD students and Research fellow registration forms must be accompanied by a signed letter from the head of Department attesting to student status.

**The fee does not include accommodation costs.**

## XXI. REGISTRATION PACKAGE

The registration package for the participants includes:

- ✓ access to the conference and poster sessions
- ✓ conference bag
- ✓ final printed program
- ✓ proceedings of the Conference
- ✓ welcome cocktail reception
- ✓ lunch on each conference day
- ✓ coffee/tea/refreshment breaks
- ✓ conference dinner
- ✓ certificate of attendance

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Accompanying persons are entitled only to:

- ✓ welcome cocktail reception
- ✓ lunch (only if required in the registration form)
- ✓ conference dinner

## XXII. INSURANCE



The registration fees do not include insurance of participants against accidents, sickness, cancellation, theft, property damage or loss. Participants are advised to arrange adequate personal insurance.

## XXIII. CONFIRMATION

Upon receipt of the registration form(s) with the appropriate fees, confirmation will be sent. Once registered, registrations cannot be changed to another fee category.

## XXIV. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Cancellations received before **30<sup>th</sup> June 2024** will be subject to a 40% surcharge on all monies paid. From this date onward, until **31<sup>st</sup> July 2024**, cancellations will incur a 60% surcharge on all monies paid. From that date onward, no repayments will be made in the event of cancellation. Please note that refunds will be issued only after the end of the meeting

## XXV. ACCOMMODATIONS

To make room reservations, participants should use the link on the IMMC12 website at [immc12.com/accommodation.html](http://immc12.com/accommodation.html)

Rooms are being held at the IMMC12 venue hotel at special rates. Accommodation at **The Nicolaus Hotel Bari - HO Collection** (4 stars) includes breakfast. **THE ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE ARRANGED ON THE BASIS OF FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. SINCE THE AREA OF BARI ATTRACTS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TOURISTS EACH YEAR, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO BOOK YOUR ROOM IN ADVANCE.**

*Once the availability of rooms at the Hotel Nicolaus has ended, participants will be arranged at the HI Hotel Bari, which is part of the same chain Ho Collection and is located 15-minute walk from the conference venue.*

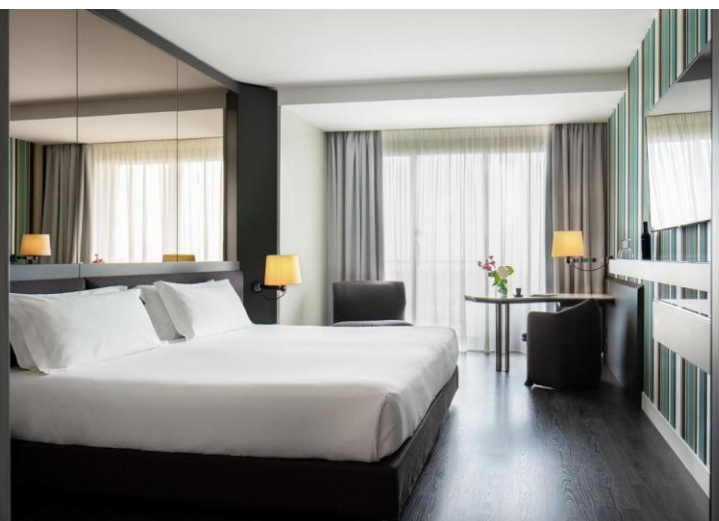
*Alternatively, participants can independently decide to stay in one of the city's many hotels and B&Bs.*

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Since all activities of the IMMC12 will take place within the space of **The Nicolaus Hotel Bari - HO Collection** (conferences, meetings, display of posters and lunches), accommodation in this hotel is very advantageous and convenient.

All hotel rates are in Euros, per room/night, including service, breakfast and 22% VAT.

*The city of Bari have a city tax for accommodation: Euro 3.00 per person per day and the same will be applied for a maximum of 4 consecutive nights*





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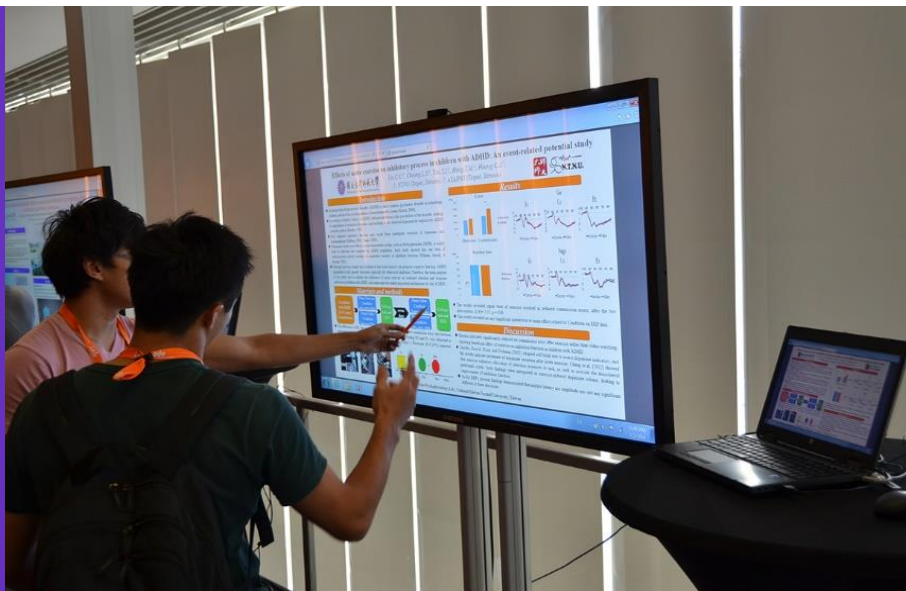
**XXVI. ePOSTER SESSION (available from 24 to 27 September 2024, h. 13:00)**

***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF YOUR FINAL E-POSTER MATERIAL IS 30 JUNE 2024***

***GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTERS***

In substitution of the traditional poster session (**neither paper poster nor the mounting area will be provided by the IMMC12 Organization**), a concept that is being introduced in IMMC12 is the Electronic Poster session, or ePoster session.

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An ePoster utilizes a large monitor and computer to display multimedia versions of a poster. ePosters are intended to provide a display of information that is not possible with a traditional printed poster. Embedding multimedia content, along with static elements, such as titles, logos, and summaries, would be a good way to convey information.

An electronic poster (ePoster) is a poster in PDF FORMAT, allowing the inclusion of movies, and other multi-media formats, and presenters are encouraged to take advantage of the versatility of this medium. All multi-media E-Posters will be presented in monitors in the Exhibition Hall.

### **A formal presentation is not necessary**

The intention of an ePoster does not include attracting visitors to stay for a long oral, video, or slideshow presentation. Each participant can take action on the keyboard and mouse by typing the number of the poster indicated in the Book of Abstract or looking poster typing the author's last name or the title of the poster.

ePosters, are meant to present new information. The attendees will benefit from interacting with your ePoster, not viewing a website that he or she can access without going to the conference.

No audio allowed. No internet access provided.

A ONE PAGE PAPER WILL STILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED ([abstract@immc12.com](mailto:abstract@immc12.com)) FOR IMMC12 PROCEEDINGS (see **Abstract template in the Conference Website [www.immc12.com](http://www.immc12.com)**)

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*All electronic poster presenters should send their presentation to IMMC12 secretariat via We Transfer or Jumbo Mail to [abstract@immc12.com](mailto:abstract@immc12.com) specifying in the subject line of the email: e-Poster\_surname\_name.*

The ePosters will be loaded onto the ePoster stations by the IMMC12 Poster Session Manager, prior to conference. ePosters will be available in the Exhibition Hall from 13:00 (24 Sept 2024) until 13:00 (27 Sept 2024).

### **Specifications of the equipment provided for the ePoster**



- Digital Display Monitor
- Type: 46" LCD TV
- Resolution: 1920 x 1080



## XXVII. PREPARATION OF YOUR e-POSTER

To complement your poster presentation and to make it available to a broader audience, authors are requested to provide a presentation file of one page in PDF format including multimedia material.

This e-Poster will be displayed in the poster loop played on a large screen in the ePoster stations.

However, any video material should contain the same level of information indicated in the subsequent preparation guidelines and **must not exceed 30 seconds of duration**.

**ePosters must be formatted in PDF format according to the following templates:**

- The e-poster contains a three column format. Each column can be subdivided and may conveniently be divided into sections, starting with a
- Problem Description and Challenges
- Your approach/method,
- Results / evaluation, and
- ending with a Conclusion and References.
- Please, try to use a standard MM format for your e-Poster:
- Images: high-resolution images in one of these formats: TIFF, JPEG, PNG, BMP, GIF.
- Video: In encoding PAL formats, MPEG-4, AVI, Mkv or Wmv.

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**The total length of all videos should not exceed 30 seconds.**



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## XXVIII. SUBMIT YOUR ePOSTER

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**You should send your works until June 30th 2024, 11.59 PM (Italian time)**

**Note: You cannot upload files bigger than 300 MB**

Please consider that your material might need to be reformatted for technical reasons.

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If you have any question regarding items mentioned in this document, please do not hesitate to contact us in writing: [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com) and/or [abstract@immc12.com](mailto:abstract@immc12.com).

## XXIX. SOCIAL EVENTS

### WELCOME COCKTAIL

A Welcome Cocktail will be served in The Nicolaus Hotel, Via C.A. Ciasca 27, Bari, on Tuesday, September 24, from 20:30 to 22:00.

All colleagues registered in the IMMC12 2024 Conference are invited to attend this Cocktail.

### SOCIAL DINNER

Thursday, September 26, 2024

### I LUOGHI DI PITTI – MASSERIA SAN GIOVANNI

SP 151 Altamura – Ruvo di Puglia Km. 5,5 a sx, Altamura (Bari)

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The Relais "I Luoghi di Pitti", built in the 16th century as a rural home, is a wonder offered by the ancient city of Altamura (province of Bari, Puglia), set in one of the most majestic structures of Italy's first Rural Park.



Nature and architectural solemnity are an expression of a location out of time, usable and comfortable but at the same time elegant and triumphant, right from the entrance: an avenue of oaks and holm oaks and then olive trees, strawberry trees and aromatic plants that create a unique vegetal game, among fields of wheat, scents, colors and sounds of nature.

In the kitchen of the Masseria, nature and culture come together to create special gastronomic elaborations, rich in taste and with the irresistible scent of citrus fruits and spices that characterize this area. At Relais “I Luoghi di Pitti” you will find all the beauty of the territory, the love and passion for natural and concrete things, but not only: the rich heritage that Puglia offers is also an element of exquisite taste for the palate.

**All the colleagues registered in the IMMC12 2024 Conference are invited to attend the Congress Dinner.**

**A bus service for participants will be provided in the afternoon of 26 Sept 2024.**

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**The event will start at 20:00.**

### **XXX. Tours for Accompanying Persons**

The IMMC12 Local Organizing Committee is delighted to offer the tours for the accompanying person's program. Three half-day sightseeing tours are included in the accompanying person's registration package. The cost of these tours is included in the registration fee. Evidence of registration as an accompanying person must be shown.

**Tickets for the guided tours can be reserved by sending an email to [secretary@immc12.com](mailto:secretary@immc12.com) not later than 10 September 2024.**

Please note that these tours are subject to availability and require a minimum amount of confirmed bookings in order to take place.

## 1. Full-day tour of Monopoli and Polignano a Mare

Date: Tuesday, 24 September 2024

Time: 09:00 – 20:00

Meeting Point: Nicolaus Hotel in the Registration Area

*Monopoli represents, on the Adriatic, one of the most active and populous ports in the region. Its characteristic historic center of early medieval origin, superimposed on the remains of a fortified settlement as early as the 5th century B.C., overlooks the sea surrounded by striking city walls. A sightseeing tour of Monopoli's historic center can only begin at Porto Vecchio. Here you can admire an enchanting picture-postcard landscape, with the pretty blue boats, typical of fishermen, that help sweeten the view. Its origins are quite remote, most likely dating back to the Messapian era of the 5th century BC. Its waterfront was overlooked by important coastal fortifications, including the Charles V Castle of Monopoli. Standing out against the sea with all its grandeur, in the past it represented the seat of the city's highest military authority, while today it is a place of culture and tradition.*

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*Polignano a Mare: Perched on the edge of a high cliff rising out of the Adriatic Sea, Polignano a Mare is one of the most spectacular and popular resorts on the Apulian coast. The old town center of this seaside village is a maze of narrow streets that stretch toward a tiny beach, the Lama Monachile, which bisects the cliff. Below the town, a tangle of caves invites you to discover a crystal-clear sea. Polignano is also the birthplace of Domenico Modugno, the author of *Nel blu dipinto di blu*, the most famous Italian song in the world.*



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## 2. Trani and wine cellar wine tasting

Date: Wednesday, 25 September 2024

Time: 09:00 – 20:00

Meeting Point: Nicolaus Hotel in the Registration Area

*Overlooking an evocative harbor in which characteristic fishing boats teem and dominated by the momentum of its most distinctive symbol, that of the splendid Romanesque Cathedral, the city of Trani stands out with its breathtaking scenery, rich in history and harmonious architectural lines, both permeated by the influence of Frederick II of Swabia, who made Trani his maritime fortress. The city's history unfolds through the centuries, becoming the protagonist of its greatest splendor in the 15th century, a century in which it was formed as a fundamental maritime and trading center of the lower Adriatic and hosted an arsenal of the Serenissima Republic of Venice, then seeing itself in the 16th century as the site of the Regia Udienza, a moment from which the city would continue to assert itself as a fundamental judicial seat. Along a substantial time span, stretching from the Middle Ages to the 1700s, a great many noble palaces rose within the city's boundaries, which have always contributed to enhancing its already appreciable heritage.*

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### 3. Alberobello and olive oil mill

Date: Friday, 27 September 2024

Time: 09:00 – 20:00

Meeting Point: Nicolaus Hotel in the Registration Area

*This town is known worldwide mainly for the presence of the Trulli, typical white-colored dwellings with conical roofs that give the town a truly picturesque atmosphere. That of the Trulli is now recognized as a priceless heritage that tells part of the life, history and traditions of these lands. These particular circular-shaped houses were built of dry stone without mortar. The walls were very thick and besides the front door there were not many other openings, a detail that ensured good thermal insulation in both winter and summer. The roof, on the other hand, consisted of an inner lining of conical shaped stones and an outer waterproof cone formed of limestone slabs, known as "chianche" or "chiancarelle." On the roofs of the buildings, white ash inscriptions were often made that had mythological or religious significance. At the top of the roof there is a pinnacle that according to some was a kind of "mark" put by the trulli masters to sign their work, according to others instead this could be a symbol related to magic. Over time, trulli became popular throughout the Itria Valley and other areas of south-central Apulia, however the best preserved examples can be seen in the town of Alberobello where there are still more than 1,500 of these typical structures.*

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## XXXI. ON SITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Visit the Registration Desk in the Congress Venue to register on site, should you check-in, or for assistance.

The Congress Hub will be located in the **The Nicolaus Hotel Bari - HO Collection, Via C.A. Ciasca 27, Bari.**

The hours of operation will be:

Monday 23 September 2024 – **09:00 to 22:00**

Tuesday 24 September 2024 to 26 Thursday 2024 – **09:00 to 19:00**

Friday 27 September 2024 – **08:00 to 17:00**

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