

“ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH RESORTS, TOURISM”
Drivers for a good quality of life and local development

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The thermal cultural districts or, rather, the "thermal clusters" can be a real engine of economic development, not only of entire geographical areas in the environmental tourism sector, but also for the promotion of health and lifestyle. That emerges from the reports of experts from 20 countries that participated in the 69th Annual Congress of the World Federation of SPAs (FEMTEC) held in the Armenian capital Yerevan and in the popular resort Jermuk, from 2 to 7 October 2016.

In his Introductory Report, the President of Femtec, Prof. Umberto Solimene, in presenting a summary of the activities carried out, highlighted the role of the Federation more and more entered in the care and development of SPA programs in collaboration with the National Institutions of the member countries. Albeit with different needs and goals, the Femtec experts actively collaborate in several countries, from Latin America (Cuba) to the Far East (Vietnam, China), through the Mediterranean (Tunisia area, Algeria) and the European Union (from Portugal to Russia).

The appreciation of the Femtec activities is also evidenced by the membership requests of new countries, such as Morocco, Czech Republic and Grecia. Moreover, as absolute novelty, Nigeria has applied for membership as observer country.

The works, divided into various sections, are collected in the book of acts of the Femtec site (www.femteconline.org).

All participants have enjoyed the great cultural program of the Conference, that made possible to explore the ancient culture and the spontaneous, warm Armenian hospitality.