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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS  
OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF HYDROTHERAPY AND CLIMATOTHERAPY  
(FEMTEC)**



**"THERMALISM IN CHANGING SOCIETIES"  
Multilateral approach to health care and well-being**

**CASTEL SAN PIETRO TERME (Bologna, ITALY), November 3 – 6, 2022**  
**Anusca Palace Hotel - [www.anuscapalacehotel.com](http://www.anuscapalacehotel.com)**

**"Omnia mutantur, nihil interit"** (Everything changes, nothing dies) - **Ovid, Metamorphosis, XV,165**

Change is the "natural" condition of human societies. It involves more or less consistent, more or less rapid modifications of customs, ideas, beliefs and values. Sometimes, they may concern only one sector at first, but then there is a carry-over effect towards other areas whereby technology influences the economy with all its attendants.

For example, technology and the economy can change faster than social and religious organization.

But, today, in a globalized and interconnected world, in every sector, everything is much more rapid and with unpredictable consequences.

Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, used to say "I will change your life". A subtle Chinese curse says "I wish you to live in interesting times".

In today's web society even the relationship between health and disease and changed with the advent of new tools related to the exchange, transmission and sharing of health information in proposing a new doctor-patient relationship.

Also, the world of the Spa, with its ancient traditions and connections in the history and actuality of human civilization, can not be exempt from these socio-economic and environmental needs and propose to itself a critical analysis proposal to update the new reality. And, then, appear some questions.

What role do Spas play in today's web society? What answers can Thermalism give to the new health needs in the world of e-health? What kind of innovations are required to meet the challenges of the new tools related to the technological evolution of exchange, transmission and sharing of information and therapeutic methodologies? Do health, illness, the doctor-patient relationship and the relationship with the territory find adequate support in the spa culture and organization? Have the pathologies linked to the COVID-19 pandemic seen an appropriate role for spa medicine in rehabilitative treatments? Are the requirements of evidence, rationality, tradition and efficiency required today in "good practice" really offered?

These issues, with their possible proposals for solutions, will try to answer with the wide debate and international comparison of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Femtec dedicated to **"THERMALISM IN CHANGING SOCIETIES. Multilateral approach to health care and well-being"**.

Femtec believes, in fact, on the basis of its long experience, that the spa system, Italian and international, has in itself all the elements capable of proposing and implementing a renewal-renaissance of this ancient tradition of prevention, care and rehabilitation.

But, as highlighted in the topics addressed in the previous Femtec Congresses (<https://www.femteconline.org/info.php?s=CONGRESSES>), multidisciplinary (technical-scientific-cultural) and multilateral (political, economic, social and organizational) approaches are indispensable.

**The main topics of the Congress:**

- **Research as a factor for knowledge and correct information**
- **Training (university and post-university, face-to-face and on line)**
- **The role of thermal patients and users**
- **Thermal Center's technologies and structures**
- **Organization and management of the Thermal District regions**
- **Public-private partner ships**

- **Traditional and IT Marketing**
- **Sustainable and health tourism**
- **The concept of ONE HEALTH**
- **Health Insurance**
- **Regional and national health policy**
- **Legal-administrative regulations.**

**Specific round tables on: Exercise Sciences and Thermal Medicine as strategic alliance for health and lifestyles; The WESKILL Project "Wellness and Spa Tourism Sectoral Skills' Development – WESKILL" (Co-founded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union) for health tourism operators; Thermae & Diplomacy.**

This year the 73rd Congress of Femtec takes place in Italy, in Castel San Pietro Terme (Bologna), a healing place mentioned for the properties of its waters since the 14th century. Belonging to the category of sulphurous ones and bromine and iodine salt, it allows prevention treatments, care and rehabilitation for the respiratory and osteoarticular apparatus. Its modern and updated health structure of hospitality and management, inserted in a territorial context of valuable tourist offer, can represent the realization of a concrete "model" of transformation in **balneology of our time.**

Welcome to Castel San Pietro Terme!

The President  
Pr. Umberto Solimene



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**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>3 November 2022</b>
20:00 - 23:00	Accommodation and welcome dinner
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>4 November 2022</b>
07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast at the hotel
08:00 - 09:00	Registration of the congress participants
09:00 - 10:00	<b>Official opening of 73<sup>rd</sup> Congress of FEMTEC with invited dignitaries</b>
10:00 - 11:15	<b>I Scientific session: <i>BALNEOLOGY IN PROGRESS</i></b> <i>Chairs:</i> C. Roques (France), U. Solimene (Italy), O. Surdu (Romania) <i>Invited speakers:</i> P. Cantista (Portugal), A. Fioravanti (Italy), S. Masiero (Italy), C. Roques (France), M. Vitale (Italy)
11:15 - 11:30	Group photo
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 13:30	<b>II Scientific session: <i>BALNEOLOGY IN THE WORLD (I)</i></b> <i>Chairs:</i> Th. Dubois (France), S. Masiero (Italy), F. Menendez (Cuba), <i>Invited speakers:</i> J. Abbott (USA), M. Benmakhlof (Morocco), S. Bulekhbaeva (Kazakhstan), Th. Dubois (France), M. Douri (Tunisia), Z. Karagulle (Turkey), F. Maraver (Spain), A. Razumov (Russia)
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 17:30	<b>III Scientific session: <i>BALNEOLOGY IN CHANGING SOCIETIES</i></b> <i>Chairs:</i> M. Baltar (Spain), L. Inghilleri (Italy), L. Kovachev (Bulgaria), G. Leonardi (Italy)  - <b>1<sup>st</sup> workshop: "Water and Civilization": sacred and profane</b> <i>Coordinators:</i> Z. Karagulle (Turkey), U. Solimene (Italy) <i>Invited speakers:</i> A. Bovero (Italy), S. Caprio (Italy), L. Inghilleri (Italy)  - <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop: Balneology from the "High Diplomacy" to the Civil Society</b> <i>Coordinators:</i> J.P. Grouzart (France), C. Mastrocola (Italy) <i>Invited speakers:</i> M. Aliverti (Italy), C. Crotti (Italy), G. Fisanotti (Italy), C. Gala (Italy), J.P. Grouzart (France), A. Santuari (Italy), G. Uspele (Latvia)
17:30 - 18:00	Professional and cultural meetings
18:00 - 20:00	Free time
20:00 - 22:00	Dinner
10:00 - 13:00	For accompanying persons: - Tour in Bologna with english tour guide by bus (25 persons) - Lunch in the typical restaurant - Afternoon shopping and return to hotel in the evening.
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>5 November 2022</b>
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast at the hotel
09:00 - 11:45	<b>IV Scientific session: <i>BALNEOLOGY IN THE WORLD (II)</i></b> <i>Chairs:</i> P. Cantista (Portugal), L. Lungwitz (Germany), C. Mastrocola (Italy), M. Vitale (Italy) <i>Invited speakers</i> (on line and in presence): G. Barashkov (Russia), J. Choinowsky (Poland), M. Cristofolini (Italy), Ch. Davidson (Australia), O. Jousson (Italy), R. Ledesma Rosa (Cuba), Liu Qi (China), L. Lungwitz (Germany), S. Manara (Italy), M. Pena (Mexico), O. Surdu (Romania), M.C. Tallot (France), M. Vera (Cuba)
11:45 - 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 - 12:15	<i>Online connection with <b>Congress SISMES</b> (Società Italiana di Scienze Motorie e sportive)</i> <i>Speaker:</i> F. Esposito (Italy), <i>Exercise sciences and Balneology: a strategic alliance</i>

12:15 – 13:30	<p><b>V Scientific session: FEMTEC with the WORLD</b>  <i>Coordinators:</i> J. Abbott (USA), S. Bulekhbaeva (Kazakhstan), A. Santuari (Italy)  - Online connection with HQ World Health Organization (Geneva), Human Resources for Health, Policies &amp; Standards World Health Organization, Health Workforce Department <a href="https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/health-workforce-policy-and-management-in-the-context-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-response">https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/health-workforce-policy-and-management-in-the-context-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-response</a> with the introduction by U. Solimene (Italy)  C. Kane: "Working for Health 2022-2030 action Plan"  Presentation (U. Solimene) of the special program by FEMTEC "<b>Care who cure</b>"</p> <p>- <b>Guest Country: SPAIN, The Thermal Cluster of Ourense (Galizia)</b>  <i>Presentation</i> by Hon. Manuel BALTAR, President Deputation of Ourense  In collaboration with M.G. Souta Figueroa, F. Maraver, F. Menendez</p>
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 17:00	<p><b>VI Scientific session: BALNEOLOGY: INTEGRATE, COMPLEMENTARY AND SYSTEMS MEDICINE (tradition, innovation and sustainability)</b>  <i>Chairs:</i> M.L. Agnese (Italy), M. Cristofolini (Italy), A. Fioravanti (Italy), F. Maraver (Spain)  <i>Invited speakers:</i> G. Benedittis (Italy), M. Boaron (Portugal), F. Bonsignori (Italy), L. Bressan (Italy), G.P. Merati (Italy), E. Minelli (Switzerland), T. Nicolai (Belgium), M. Nieri (Italy), A. Perra (Italy), F. Roggiolani (Italy), E. Sangiorgi (Italy)</p> <p><i>Video Conf. on Integrative Medicine and Health in prevention and management of the COVID-19</i></p> <p>Satellite workshops on:</p> <p>- "<b>How a spa treatment is born</b>" (geology, basic and clinical researches, therapeutic treatments)  <i>Coordinators:</i> U. Solimene (Italy), C. Mastrocola (Italy)  <i>Speakers:</i> P. Fabbri (Italy), M. Loffredo (Italy), C. Mastrocola (Italy), M. Vitale (Italy)</p> <p>- "<b>The WeSkill Project for Sectoral Skills Development</b>"  <a href="https://www.femteconline.org/WESKILL/">https://www.femteconline.org/WESKILL/</a>  <i>Coordinator:</i> L. Kovachev (Bulgaria)  <i>Speakers:</i> Project Partners</p> <p>- "<b>Balneology &amp; Rehabilitation: new challenges</b>"  <i>Coordinator:</i> F. Bonsignori (Italy), I. Ponikowska (Poland)  <i>Speakers:</i> S. Bulekhbaeva (Kazakhstan), P. Cantista (Portugal), S. Masiero (Italy), Ch. Roques (France), A. Zanasi (Italy)</p>
17:00 - 18:00	<b>FEMTEC Executive Committee, General Assembly and rewarding of participants</b>
18:00 - 19:00	Femtec Garden
20:00 - 23:00	Gala dinner
10:00 - 13:00	For accompanying persons: - Guided visit to Fortress of Dozza, Wall Painting, visit to Outlet Castel Guelfo (by bus for 50 persons) - Return to hotel and gala dinner
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>6 November 2022</b>
08:00 – 12:00	- Breakfast - Access to SPA Hotel - Lunch and departure

# WORLD FEDERATION OF HYDROTHERAPY AND CLIMATOTHERAPY

**F E M T E C**

**Website: [www.femteconline.org](http://www.femteconline.org)**

**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](http://www.thermaecampus.it));
- **Russia** (in cooperation with the International Russian Academy of Tourism, [www.rmat.ru](http://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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