



XX FIGO WORLD CONGRESS OF  
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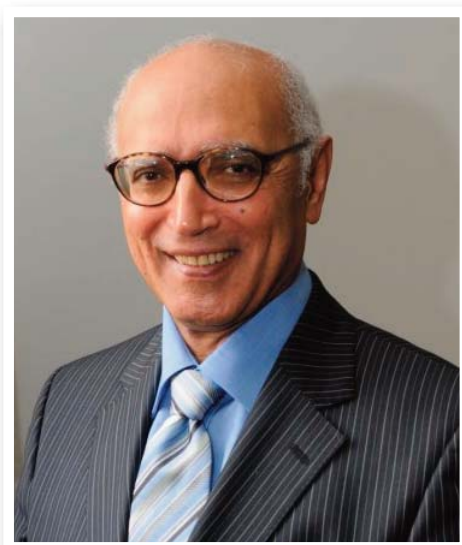


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GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS

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NUOVA FIERA DI ROMA  
ROME, ITALY

## Message from the FIGO President



Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to extend to you my warm invitation to attend the forthcoming XX FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics to be held in the beautiful city of Rome, Italy, October 7-12, 2012. Rome will provide the unforgettable setting for this triennial congress. In Rome there will be a wealth of opportunities, professional, social, spiritual and cultural.

There has been a real progress in women's and newborns' health care. However, this progress is far from what had been anticipated by the international community remembering that our time horizon to reach MDGs is now only five years. This Congress will explore women's health issues from the view points of world renowned clinicians, those who develop scientific knowledge and those who devise policies for health care. It is important that we bring to you in Rome the fascinating new techniques and developments in our profession in a balanced programme which covers the contemporary issues in the field of gynaecology and obstetrics and observing a priority to evidence based practices in primary health care and preventive aspects in Women's and Newborns' health.

FIGO Congress Scientific Programme Committee chaired by Prof. William Dunlop (UK) and vice-chaired by Prof. Joanna Cain (USA) is making special efforts to involve subspecialty world societies to participate in the meeting. They shall bring the participants to the cutting edge knowledge in the different subspecialties of our profession.

A land mark in the scientific programme of this Congress is that for the first time the newly established FIGO Committee for capacity building in education and training in collaboration with Congress Scientific Committee will organise a number of pre-congress workshops and post graduate courses. These workshops and courses will cover various topics of interest to the general obstetricians and gynaecologists, in addition to our traditional successful sexual and reproductive health workshop.

The Congress Organising Committee chaired by Prof. Jacques Milliez (France) and co-chaired by Prof. Lord Naren Patel (UK) is working very hard and in close collaboration with FIGO Events and Meetings Manager Miss Marta Collins and the local Italian Organising Committee appointed by the Italian Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (SIGO) and chaired by Prof. Giorgio Vittori. They are looking into all the details of local arrangements to make your stay in Rome during the Congress most enjoyable, comfortable and affordable.

I cordially welcome to this Congress my fellow obstetricians and gynaecologists from all over the world, representatives of our 124 member societies, leaders from partnership organisations, sister professional organisations particularly ICM, IPA, ESHRE, IFFS, policy makers, parliamentarians, residents in training, medical students and patient's groups. You all shall find a number of windows to participate in this multidisciplinary congress. Please do mark your calendar from now and I can assure you that you will enjoy it and it will be a memorable event for many years to come.

Looking forward to seeing you in Rome October 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Gamal Serour



President – FIGO

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## FIGO 2012 Scientific Programme – Selected Topics

### Subject area and Topics

#### FIGO

Save Mothers Project  
Ethics  
Abnormal uterine bleeding  
World Report 2012  
Millennium Development Goals  
Training  
Urogenital fistula  
Capacity building

#### Gynaecological Oncology

Cancer and infection  
Screening  
Cancer registries  
Site specific sessions

#### Maternal Fetal Medicine

Maternal obesity  
Maternal diabetes  
Fetal Screening  
Near miss fatality  
Caesarean section  
Safety

#### Reproductive Medicine

Infertility in Resource Poor Countries  
Contraception in perimenopause  
PCOS / metabolic syndrome  
Endometriosis

### Subject area and Topics

#### Urogynaecology

Challenges  
Pelvic floor dysfunction  
Complications of pelvic surgery  
Epidemiology of incontinence and prolapse

#### Surgery

Endoscopic training  
Robotics  
Integrated operating rooms  
Safety in laparoscopic surgery  
Contemporary management of fibroids

#### Low resource countries

Needs of sub-Saharan Africa  
Education: N/S links  
HIV /AIDS: viral diversity  
Rural obstetrics  
Population displacement

#### Other

Gene expression and epigenetics  
Women's health in crisis situations

## Nuova Fiera di Roma and Congress Exhibition

Nuova Fiera di Roma is the venue for the XX FIGO World Congress, which will run from 7th to 12th October 2012.



Located at the Capital city gates, a major centre and economic and commercial growth force for the country, Fiera Roma has cutting edge infrastructures and advanced technologies.

It has an exceptional organisational flexibility, with 22 equipped pavilions, for a total covered surface of 186 thousand square metres.

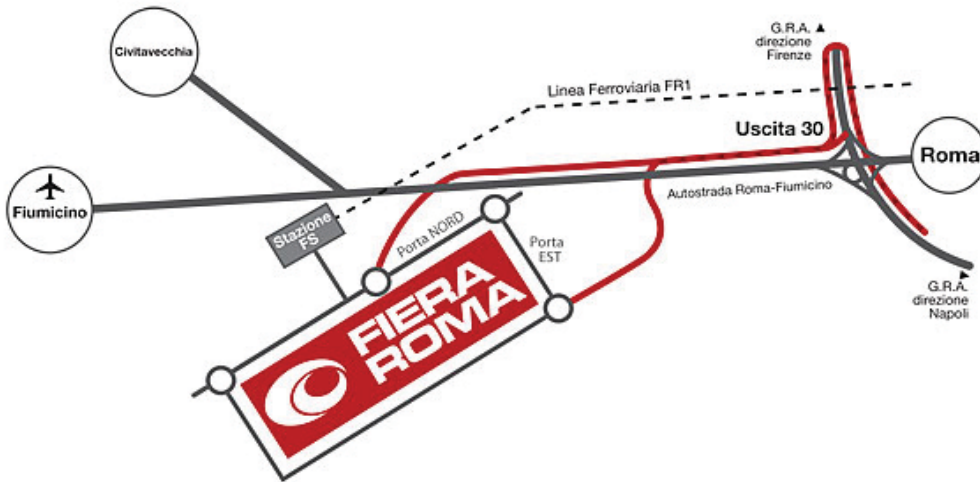
The Exhibition grounds have four entrances, three of which – the East, North and South Gates – have lobbies, cashier and ticket windows and services already operative for exhibitors and conference participants.

There is access from all gates to the covered mechanised pedestrian walkway, suspended six metres above the ground, and which is a central equipped axis connecting all the structures and exhibition pavilions.

Nuova Fiera di Roma is an ideal venue for delegates and exhibitors alike. Please contact the Congress Secretariat to enquire about sponsorship packages.



## Transport



Nuova Fiera di Roma is located less than 5 kilometres from the Leonardo da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport, during conferences connected by public buses and taxis. There are three turnoffs from the Rome-Fiumicino-Civitavecchia motorway and from the Grande Raccordo Anulare (ring road) to the venue. Connections are guaranteed with regular rail services by Trenitalia from the Rome Ostiense, Tiburtina and Trastevere stations.

### By bus:

Atac (Rome bus company)  
line 808 to Fiera Roma  
From Fiumicino Cotral Line W0001.

### By car:

From GRA (Grande Raccordo Anulare - the Rome ring road) exit 30 to Fiumicino and then follow directions for Fiera Roma . 5000 parking places

### By train:

From the Tuscolana, Tiburtina, Ostiense stations connected to the A and B lines, take the Metro train Fr 1, direction Fiumicino, and get off at the Fiera Roma stop. Price 1 euro

### By air:

From Rome Fiumicino airport connections to Fiera Roma by Fr1 train, Fiera di Roma stop; taxi and Cotral bus.

### Shuttle:

We will run a Congress shuttle from a number of metro stations located near the Congress venue and from some hotels.

## Accommodation

Congress participants will be offered a range of accommodation in Rome, with especially negotiated prices designed for all budgets, from 5 star hotels in the city centre to hostels and dormitories near the Congress venue. Please contact the Congress Secretariat for more information and to check availability of rooms.



## About Rome

Rome is one of the world's great capital Cities and undeniably a major-league cultural and historic city and worth a visit, whatever the time of year.

We will provide an exciting social programme for participants of the FIGO Congress to ensure you sample the best the city of Rome has to offer.

Rome has been influential in the world regarding subjects such as architecture, culture, politics, literature, law, philosophy and religion and it is recognised as a centre of the arts and education.



The city of Rome is located in the central-western portion of the Italian Peninsula, on the Tiber river within the Lazio region of Italy. Rome's history spans over two and a half thousand years. It was the capital city of the Roman Kingdom, the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire, which was a major political and cultural influence in the lands bordering the Mediterranean Sea for over four hundred years from the 1st Century BC until the 4th Century AD.



## General Information

### Weather

Rome enjoys a mild Mediterranean climate and is a pleasant city to visit at any time of the year. The weather is warm from June to September, the hottest months being July and August.

The rain does not tend to last for long periods, so that even on a day of squalls, generally the city can still be enjoyed. Rome is always a pleasant city to visit!

### Passport and Visa Information

Participants coming from EU nations and citizens of USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, do not need visas to enter Italy. Most NON-EU citizens (and participants from other countries) will need a visa and, sometimes, either a declaration or a permit of stay to formalise their visit in Italy.

As visa regulations are continuously changing, we strongly recommend you to consult the official website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs ([www.esteri.it/visti/home\\_eng.asp](http://www.esteri.it/visti/home_eng.asp)) for updated and detailed information for foreigners regarding entrance visas for Italy and permits of stay. Information is offered in English and other languages.

The application for a visa must be done at the Italian Consulate or Embassy in your country of origin or where you have permanent residence, **at least 3 months prior to the congress.**

### Language

Although Italian is the language of the land, English is generally understood at most attractions, museums, hotels and restaurants that cater to visitors. In smaller towns and villages nearby, a phrase book is a useful item to carry.

### Shopping Hours

Shops in Rome usually open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 16:00 to 20:00, except on Sundays and Monday mornings. In the city centre shops are normally opened from 10:00 to 20:00 (non-stop).

### Currency and credit cards

The currency in Italy is the euro (EUR).  
100 cents = 1 euro  
Euro banknote denominations are 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500.  
Coin denominations are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent and 1 and 2 euro.

#### Banks and exchange foreign currency

Most Rome banks open between 08:30 to 13:30 and 14:45 to 15:45, Monday to Friday. Many are in the heart of the city and usually have ATMs outside that accept a wide network of cards and offer excellent wholesale exchange rates.

There are many opportunities to exchange currency. Places to obtain the best rates are banks. There are also foreign exchange outlets in the airports, train, bus stations, and even in hotels and restaurants, although the rates are usually not as favourable.

#### Credit cards

Most hotels, restaurants and shops in Rome accept major credit cards.

### Tax and Tipping

Tipping is quite discretionary. Restaurants often include service charges and these are always clearly stated on the menus, although a small tip will still be expected. Hotel staff, such as luggage handlers, happily accept a small tip. Generally, no other public service workers expect tips.

### Electricity

Electric appliances in Italy work with 220 volts, CA. 50 Hz and plugs conform to the European system of round pins with two holes

### Useful Facts

**Population:** 2.8 million inhabitants  
**Area:** 1,285 km<sup>2</sup> (580 sq mi)  
**Time:** GMT/UTC + 1 hour (+ 2 hours in summer)  
**Telephone area code:** +39(06)  
**Religion:** Roman Catholic (98% of the Population)  
**Emergency numbers:** Dial 112 for Police, 118 for Ambulance, and 115 for Fire.  
**Airports:** Ciampino (CIA) 14.5 km and Fiumicino (FCO)



GENERAL INFORMATION

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## Congress Timeline:

2nd Announcement (incl. Call for Abstracts, Provisional Programme, Registration and Accommodation details)	September 2011
Abstract Submissions Open	September 2011
Registrations and Accommodation Bookings Open	September 2011
Abstract Deadline	15 December 2011
Notification of Acceptance of Abstract	15 February 2012
Congress	7-12 October 2012

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