

# MEDITeHBEYOND

*Digital Health Connection Beyond Mediterranean Boundaries*

**Preliminary Scientific Programme**

**Catania, Sicily, May 16 -17, 2024**  
**Monastero dei Benedettini di San Nicolò l'Arena**

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The **Mediterranean**, cradle of civilizations, crossroads of cultures and realities connected by the sea and by a history that unites them, is a paradigm of conjunction between East and West, North and South. It has a complex geopolitical and geostrategic role, as a space of political and anthropological mediation but also of cultural confrontation and, therefore, it is a resource from a global point of view.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear that the health of an individual is the health of all, prompting the entire world to move increasingly towards a concept of collective and participatory health.

**Technological, telemedicine and e-Health tools have proved to be fundamental** for the creation of a global health network capable of responding in a timely manner to emergencies, enabling distances to be bridged, geographical obstacles to be overcome and to navigate towards a shared growth.

**The Mediterranean can be thought of as an element of aggregation to expand the horizons of innovation towards new progress models.**



The Summit aims **to spread knowledge** on the topics of **digital innovation in healthcare** and **to implement telemedicine services bordering the Mediterranean basin up to Middle East**: an opportunity to meet and compare experiences, best practices and indications, identifying new tools and possibilities for the different socio-cultural context.

**MEDITEH BEYOND** was created to **facilitate meetings between Institutions** (Ministries, Embassies, National Bodies, Healthcare Authorities), **organizations in healthcare, scientific and technological research** (Research Institutes, Universities, Hospitals, Healthcare Services, etc.) and **companies involved in the technological sector** from the Mediterranean, Africa and Middle East.

In this context, Italy represents the land of political, cultural and human connection and Sicily is an ideal interchange territory to give support over time to this idea of shared progress in this field.

**The Summit is meant to promote a cooperation model for a new development of digital health, thus "moving forward together".**



The international Summit welcomes **healthcare professionals** and **managers, eHealth** and **telemedicine experts, representatives** of the Mediterranean, Africa and Middle East (**Embassies, Ministries, National Institutes for new technologies and research**), **companies working in healthcare science and technology sector** eager to **cooperate**, bringing their insights, expertise and proposals for **valuable innovation in digital healthcare**.

A relevant part of the Summit will be the **working groups** on vertical topics organized in workshops. These discussions will be aimed at **analyzing current needs and future scenarios**, sharing and identifying best cases and successful experiences as statements that will be used to draft a **position paper**.

The Summit will be held in **English, French** and **Italian**.  
Simultaneous translation will be provided in all languages.

The Summit will be **partially live-streamed**.



\*Members in progress

## President of the Summit

Giovanni Castellaneta, *President of Diplomatia*

## President of the Scientific Committee

Francesco Gabbrielli, *Professor of eHealth, San Raffaele University of Rome*  
*Director of National Centre for Telemedicine Guidelines SIT*

## Members of the Scientific Committee

- Abdullah Alotaibi, *Medical Director and Head of Telehealth Department, Manzil Healthcare Services, Saudi Arabia*
- Ali Asy, *Pharmacology and Biosafety Advisor at Animal Health Research Institute, Agriculture Research Center, Egypt*
- Rossana Berardi, *Director of the Medical Oncology, Marche Polytechnic University, Ancona*
- Alice Yammine Boueiz, *Chief Executive Officer at Arab Hospitals Federation, Lebanon\**
- Alberico Luigi Catapano, *Director of Department of Pharmacological and Biomolecular Sciences, University of Milano*
- Monica Calamai, *Director AUSL Ferrara*
- Giacomo Cuttone, *Coordinator of the Scientific Committee for Life Science (INFN4LS), National Institute Nuclear Physics, Catania*
- Samer Ellahham, *Professor at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College, Case Western Reserve University, Gulf Medical University, United Arab Emirates*
- Francesco Franceschi, *Chief of Emergency Medicine, University General Hospital A. Gemelli IRCCS, Rome*
- Antonio V. Gaddi, *President of Italian Society of Telemedicine, Rome*
- Frederic Lievens, *Vice Executive Director of International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth (ISfTeH)*
- Marco Manca, *Co-founder and President SCLmPULSE Foundation, Netherlands*
- Vanessa Mendes, *International Projects Team Leader at SPMS - Shared Services of the Ministry of Health, Portugal\**
- Michael Miller, *WHO Digital Health Technical Advisory Group (DHTAG) Roster of Experts*
- Nahed Monsef, *Director of Strategy & Governance, Dubai Health Authority\**
- Alessandra Poggiani, *General Director of CINECA, Italy*
- Pierfrancesco Veroux, *Professor Vascular surgery, Director of Department of General Surgery, University of Catania*
- Hoda Wahba, *Chief Medical Officer at Ain Shams University Virtual Hospital, Il Cairo*



## Members of the Health Policy Commission Council, Diplomazia

- Rossana Berardi, *Marche Polytechnic University, Ancona*
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- Carola Salvato

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8.00-9.00

### Summit Registration

**\*SPEAKERS IN PROGRESS**

### OPENING

9.00-9.15

### Summit Presentation and Opening

Amb. Giovanni Castellaneta, *President of Diplomatia*

Rosario Filippo Tomarchio, *Project Leader of Health Policy Commission, Diplomatia*

### SESSION I

9.15-10.15

Blended

### Institutional Greetings from the Italian Authorities

- Diplomatic Advisor to:
  - the Presidency of Council of Ministers
  - the Ministry of Health
  - the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy
- Representative of the Foreign Ministry
- Hon. Simona Loizzo, *President of the Interparliamentary Group on digital health*
- Hon. Renato Schifani, *President of the Sicilian Region*
- Hon. Roberto Occhiuto, *President Intermediterranean Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Region (President of the Calabria Region)*
- Prof. Francesco Priolo, *Dean of the Catania University*
- Lawyer Enrico Trantino, *Mayor of Catania*

### SESSION II

10.15-12.30

Blended

### Submission by diplomatic representatives of the participating countries

Co-Chairs: Lawyer Francesco Ago, *Senior VP Diplomatia*

Amb. Mario Boffo, *Head of Diplomatic Relations Diplomatia*

Session organized by Diplomatia to be attended by countries of the Mediterranean area, Africa and Middle East

**Participating countries are invited to the Summit with their delegates in presence or remotely**

### SESSION III

12.30-13.30

Blended

### Progress in Life Sciences in the Digital Era (Continuing Medical Education session for HCPs attending in person)

Co-Chairs: Prof. Michael Miller, *WHO Digital Health Technical Advisory Group (DHTAG) Roster of Experts*

Dr. Alessandra Poggiani, *General Director CINECA, Bologna*

The technologist's experience - Eng. Alberto Di Meglio, *Director CERN Openlab di Ginevra\**

The bio researcher's experience - Prof. Alberico Luigi Catapano, *Director Dept. Pharmacological and Biomolecular Sciences, University of Milan*

The bioethicist's experience - Prof. Sandra Wachter, *Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford\**



13.30-15.00

### Light Lunch & Networking

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#### SESSION IV

15.00-17.30

### **WORKSHOP: Digital technologies serving medical-scientific sectors: nowadays & in the future \***

Co-Chair: Prof. Francesco Gabbrielli, *San Raffaele University of Rome, Director National Centre for Telemedicine Guidelines SIT*

- Dr. Abdullah Alotaibi, *Medical Director and Head of Telehealth Department, Manzil Healthcare Services, Saudi Arabia*
- Prof. Ali Asy, *Pharmacology and Biosafety Advisor at Animal Health Research Institute, Agriculture Research Center, Egypt*
- Prof. Samer Ellahham, *Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Case Western Reserve University, Gulf Medical University, United Arab Emirates*
- Prof. Marco Manca, *Co-founder and President SCIMPULSE Foundation, Netherlands*
- Prof. Massimo Massetti, *Director Cardiac Surgery Unit, University General Hospital A. Gemelli IRCCS, Rome*
- Dr. Ed Percy, *Vice President, Hospitals and Health Systems Europe, Middle East and Africa, Teladoc Health*
- Dr. Alice Yammine Boueiz, *Chief Executive Officer at Arab Hospitals Federation, Lebanon\**

17.30-19.30

### **B2B & Partnership MEETINGS extra-time in the dedicated area**

**Networking time** with Sponsors, Exhibitors, Attendees



**SESSION I**  
09.00-11.15

### Five Working Groups on **CURRENT digital healthcare issues**

**\*SPEAKERS IN PROGRESS**

The focus is on the analysis of current needs and realities in the participating countries, to produce a **position paper** with transnational indications and agreed proposals for the improvement of accessible and adequate digital healthcare local organizations, on scientific bases.

Group code	Main Topics	Group Coordinator
<b>P1</b>	<b>Accessibility to treatment and prevention</b>	Prof. Massimo Massetti, <i>Director Cardiac Surgery Unit, University General Hospital A. Gemelli IRCCS, Rome</i>
<b>P2</b>	<b>Management of biggest emergencies</b>	Prof. Francesco Franceschi, <i>Chief of Emergency Medicine, University General Hospital A. Gemelli IRCCS, Rome</i>
<b>P3</b>	<b>Protection of chronic patients</b>	Prof. Samer Ellahham, <i>Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Case Western Reserve University, Gulf Medical University, United Arab Emirates</i>
<b>P4</b>	<b>Care and rehabilitation in digital health</b>	Prof. Tamer Emara, <i>Director of Ain Shams University Virtual Hospital at Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University, Egypt</i>
<b>P5</b>	<b>Treatment and clinical research in oncology</b>	Dr. Vanessa Mendes, <i>International Projects Team Leader at SPMS - Shared Services of the Ministry of Health, Portugal*</i>

11.15-11.45

### Coffee Break



**SESSION II**  
11.45-13.00

### Five Working Groups on **FUTURE Digital Healthcare R&D Programs**

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The focus is on the analysis of new perspectives in Research & Development on eHealth and outlining the future objectives of innovations in healthcare systems, medicine and rehabilitation, also taking into consideration research guidelines that enable participating countries to make the best use of their professionals and resources.

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<b>F1</b>	<b>Accessibility to treatment and prevention</b>	Dr. Nahed Monsef, <i>Director of Strategy &amp; Governance Department, Dubai Health Authority*</i>
<b>F2</b>	<b>Management of biggest emergencies</b>	*
<b>F3</b>	<b>Protection of chronic patients</b>	*
<b>F4</b>	<b>Care and rehabilitation in digital health</b>	Dr. Mauro Zampolini, <i>Director Department of Rehabilitation USL Umbria 2, President UEMS-PRM section</i>
<b>F5</b>	<b>Treatment and clinical research in oncology</b>	Prof. Marco Manca, <i>Co-founder and President SCIMPULSE Foundation, Netherlands</i>

13.00-14.30

### Light Lunch & Networking



### SESSION III

14.30-16.30

### Round Table on **STARTUP INNOVATION** \*

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**AI & Digital Health:** navigating the new landscape and challenges with **startups**.

The current state and future directions in AI and Digital Health, focusing on the role of startups

Co-Chairs: Prof. Francesco Gabrielli, *San Raffaele University of Rome, Director National Centre for Telemedicine Guidelines SIT*  
Carola Salvato, *Coordination e Project Management Workshop Sessions*



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