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# 19<sup>th</sup> WCBIP / WCBE World Congress



JOINT MEETING OF THE  
WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR BRONCHOLOGY AND INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY  
& THE INTERNATIONAL BRONCHOSOPHAGOLOGY SOCIETY

**May 8-11, 2016**

**Florence (Italy)**



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# Greetings

*Dear Colleagues,*

On behalf of the Italian Association of Hospital Pulmonologists (AIPO), it is a great pleasure and an honour to host the 19th WCBIP/WCBE in Florence, Italy, from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

From a scientific point of view, we pledge the Congress will be carried out keeping in mind these three main goals:

- reviewing the current state of bronchology, bronchoesophagology and all the techniques of interventional pulmonology, with the aim of providing educational inputs for the future generations as well as standardization of procedures and the evaluation of the clinical impact of the new technologies;
- looking at the future, exploring new diagnostic and therapeutical possibilities that technology will make possible in the next years;
- integrating interventional pulmonology procedures with other specialists' care pathways, providing the best possible management for patients suffering from lung, airway, pleural and esophageal diseases.

Education, teaching, standardization of the techniques, evaluation and development of new technologies, integration and multidisciplinary: these will be the key words of the Congress.

The full support of the Italian Association of Hospital Pulmonologists (AIPO), which has about 2000 Members, most of whom are actively involved in the field of bronchology and interventional pulmonology, is a guarantee for the success of the Congress.

We sincerely hope to welcome to Florence all the colleagues and friends so as to make this Congress an important step in creating together the future of Interventional Pulmonology.

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Lung cancer diagnosis and staging

Lung cancer treatment and molecular marker targeted therapy

Lung cancer screening and early diagnosis

Mediastinal pathology

Airway stenosis: benign and malignant

Thoracic tumors and peripheral lung lesions

Infectious and inflammatory lung diseases

ILDs/Diffuse parenchymal lung diseases

Asthma, COPD

Pleural diseases and malignant mesothelioma

Pneumothorax

Lung transplantation

Critically ill patients (intensive care units)

Upper airway diseases and sleep related disorders

Laryngeal disorders, Gastroesophageal reflux

Esophageal pathology

***Interventional  
pulmonology  
in the multidisciplinary  
patient care setting***

*Florence is worldwide known for its history, architecture and art and is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The historic centre of Florence attracts millions of tourists each year and it was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982. The Congress Center is located downtown and surrounded by wonderful squares, architectures from the middle ages, Italian Renaissance palaces and churches as well as art galleries and fashion houses. The Italian Renaissance atmosphere will magically set the scene and make the Congress unforgettable for all the participants.*



**Venue**  
**Fortezza da Basso**  
**Viale Filippo Strozzi 1**  
**Florence, Italy**

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