

Press release

IEG: THE PALACONGRESSI DI RIMINI WINS THE BID FOR THE 28TH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN SOCIETIES FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND (17 - 20 MAY 2023)

The Italian Exhibition Group conference facility had the better of Helsinki and Istanbul. A result achieved thanks to the support of SICM, the Italian Society of Hand Surgery and Dr. Riccardo Luchetti, ambassador of the IEG Event & Conference division.

Rimini, 26 June 2019 – Palacongressi di Rimini, the Italian Exhibition Group (IEG) conference facility takes centre stage and clinches the bid for the 28th congress of the Federation of the European Societies of Surgery of the Hand - FESSH, scheduled from 17 to 20 May 2023. The event is set to attract at least 1,500 participants, including doctors, surgeons and European and international experts, for a total of 6,000 overnight stays.

Voting took place on June 19th last in Berlin during the combined international medical congress of IFSSH and IFSHT - the federations that bring hand surgery experts under one roof. Italian Exhibition Group's Rimini venue outclassed bids from the other shortlisters, Helsinki and Istanbul. The Scandinavian capital was the favourite on paper, as this particular branch of surgery had never held a European congress in Finland. However, the characteristics of Rimini - with the positive reputation it has built up as a dynamic destination, a seaside resort and an art city - its infrastructure and a conference facility with cutting-edge services, location and versatility, all helped make a difference and brought home the coveted prize.

"We are grateful to SICM, the Italian Society of Hand Surgery, that chose the Palacongressi di Rimini for their bid to host this important congress - comments the director of the IEG Event & Congress division, Stefania Agostini - and in particular Dr. Riccardo Luchetti, our exceptional ambassador. From the very beginning they believed in this opportunity and supported Rimini's bid every step of the way to reach this successful outcome".

The FESSH congress will take place at the Palacongressi di Rimini in 2023 after the editions of Basel (2020), Rotterdam (2021) and London (2022).

This important award extends the list of international events that will be hosted at the Palacongressi di Rimini in the coming years: ISS - International Strawberry Symposium (May 2020), CINC International Conference on Computing in Cardiology (September 2020), SWESD - Joint Conference on Social Work Education & Social Development (June 2020), ICCS - International Conference on Coordination Chemistry (July 2020), ESPN - European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition (September 2021).

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