

53° CONGRESSO NAZIONALE

DELLA SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI MICROBIOLOGIA SIM

19-22 SETTEMBRE 2025

UNIVERSITÀ DI CATANIA

MONASTERO DEI BENEDETTINI

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great enthusiasm that I invite you to attend the **53° Congress of the Italian Society of Microbiology**, which will take place from **September 19 to 22, 2025**, in the splendid setting of the **University of Catania – Monastery of the Benedictines**, on the Montevergine hill, the original nucleus of the city, in the heart of the historic center.

The **SIM 2025 Congress** represents a valuable opportunity to meet again, share knowledge, and shape the future of **microbiology**. Our discipline thrives on connections, exchanges, and ideas that intertwine and evolve into new perspectives. For this reason, beyond scientific updates, this Congress will be a space for discussion, growth, and inspiration.

I have chosen **Catania** not only for its academic prestige but also because it perfectly embodies the spirit of science: a **vibrant, dynamic, and constantly evolving city**, much like our field. Walking through its streets, immersing ourselves in the charm of **Sicilian Baroque architecture**, and being captivated by the breathtaking view of **Mount Etna** on the horizon will provide the perfect backdrop for tackling the future challenges of our discipline.

In addition to the topics that have always been at the core of SIM, this year's scientific program expands to include key themes, ranging from microbiology fundamentals to new **therapeutic and diagnostic frontiers**. The main sessions and central round tables will focus on six major current topics:

- **Evolution and clonal diversity in microorganisms**
- **Emerging topics in the pathophysiology of infectious diseases**
- **Enteric pathogens: new challenges and perspectives**
- **Antibiotic resistance: innovative strategies to combat it**
- **Transplants and infectious diseases: current status and future perspectives**
- **Human microbiota: beyond the gut**

In addition to these, the Congress will provide further opportunities to explore two equally crucial topics: **"The future of diagnostics in infectious diseases"** and **"New resistance mechanisms"**, which will be developed through selected contributions.

Over **four days**, we will engage in **in-depth scientific discussions, stimulating debates, and valuable networking opportunities**. We will have the privilege of learning from top experts and contributing to the advancement of our field together.

Dynamic discussion sessions, including **oral presentations, flash communications, round tables, and workshops**, will enrich the program. These interactive spaces will allow participants to exchange experiences and explore cutting-edge topics in depth.

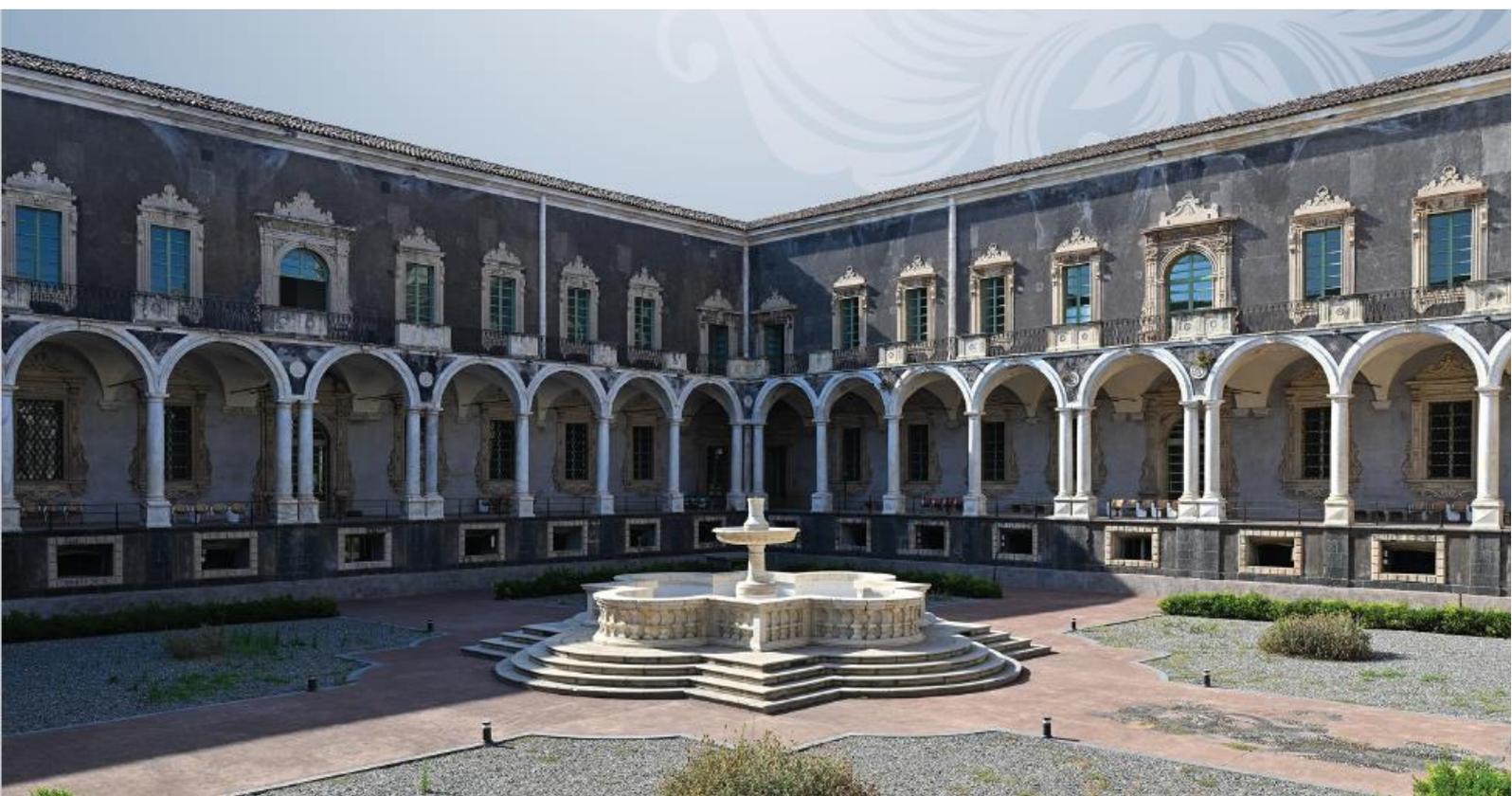
Additionally, the **active involvement of prominent companies in microbiology and diagnostics** will enhance the event's value, as they present their **latest technological innovations**, connecting research with real-world applications.

I eagerly anticipate welcoming you to **Catania** for an experience that transcends science: **four days filled with discussion, inspiration, and networking** in a city known for embracing its guests with the warmth and energy of grand occasions.



SIM president

Prof.ssa Stefania Stefani



Venue: University of Catania

Catania, founded in **729 BC** by Greek colonists from **Naxos**, became one of **ancient Sicily's major cities**.

Catania was an important **Roman and Byzantine city** until **900 AD**, when it was conquered by the **Arabs** and later by the **Normans**.

Under the **Aragonese dynasty**, it became the **capital of the Kingdom of Sicily**. Since **1434**, by order of **Alfonso V**, it has been home to the **oldest university on the island**.

Today, Catania enchants visitors with its **Baroque historic center**, recognized by **UNESCO as a World Heritage Site**, and its **rich Liberty-style architectural and cultural heritage**, which earned it the **Best Liberty City** award from the **National Association Italy Liberty** in 2016. Its **ancient churches and lively squares** harmoniously blend with modernity, creating a perfect balance between the charm of a past that still lives on its streets and buildings.

Sponsorship proposals

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

We are pleased to offer four levels of promotional packages: **Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsorship**, along with standard exhibition spaces and additional sponsorship items.

Platinum Sponsor

- Recognition as Platinum Sponsor
 - On the conference website with a hyperlink to the company's website
 - In the Final Program, with the logo and company profile (a 100-word file, description provided by the Sponsor)
 - Listed in the Sponsors and Exhibitors table during the Conference dates
- Displayed on the session break slide
- **12 sqm** exhibition area
- 8 exhibitor badges
- 4 free delegate registrations with access to scientific sessions3 pagine intere pubblicitarie nel programma finale
- 3 full-page advertisements in the final program
- 2 inserts or gadgets in the conference bags (provided by the sponsor)
- 20% discount on additional sponsorship/exhibition items

TOTAL PACKAGE: €20,000 + VAT

Gold Sponsor

- Recognition as Gold Sponsor
 - On the Conference website with a hyperlink to the Sponsor's company website
 - In the Final Program with the logo and company profile (a 100-word file, description provided by the Sponsor)
 - Listed in the Sponsors and Exhibitors table during the Conference dates
- Displayed on the session break slide
- **8 sqm** exhibition area
- 6 exhibitor badges
- 3 free delegate registrations with access to scientific sessions
- 2 full-page advertisements in the final program
- 1 insert or gadget in the conference bags (provided by the sponsor)
- 15% discount on additional sponsorship/exhibition items

TOTAL PACKAGE: €15,000 + VAT

Silver Sponsor

- Recognition as Silver Sponsor
 - On the Conference website with a hyperlink to the Sponsor's company website
 - In the Final Program with the logo and company profile (a 100-word file, description provided by the Sponsor)
 - Listed in the Sponsors and Exhibitors table during the Conference dates
- Displayed on the session break slide
- **6 sqm** exhibition area
- 4 exhibitor badges
- 2 free delegate registrations with access to scientific sessions
- 1 full-page advertisements in the final program
- 10% discount on additional sponsorship/exhibition items

TOTAL PACKAGE: € 10.000 + VAT

Bronze Sponsor

- Recognition as Bronze Sponsor
 - On the Conference website with a hyperlink to the Sponsor's company website
 - In the Final Program with the logo and company profile (a 100 - word file, description provided by the Sponsor)
 - Listed in the Sponsors and Exhibitors table during the Conference dates
- Displayed on the session break slide
- **4 sqm** exhibition area
- 3 exhibitor badges
- 1 free delegate registrations with access to scientific sessions
- ½ page advertisements in the final program
- 5% discount on additional sponsorship/exhibition items

TOTAL PACKAGE: € 7.000 + VAT

EXHIBITION AREA

UNFURNISHED EXHIBITION SPACE – MODULE (2×2 SQM / 3×2 SQM)	€ 1.000,00/mq + VAT 22%
UNFURNISHED EXHIBITION SPACE FOR PUBLISHING HOUSES	€ 600,00/mq + VAT 22%
The cost includes rental of the surface only, without perimeter walls or moquette, 1 table, and 2 chairs (set-up to be arranged by the company). Includes 2 free company badges. The cost of the unfurnished stand and publishing house modules does not include the costs for electrical connection, use of electricity, or other furnishings/accessories, but only the floor space marking. These costs will be determined based on the request.	

The presented layouts may be subject to changes should the Organizing and/or Scientific Secretariat need to modify the space allocation. The reassignment of areas is at the exclusive discretion of the Organizing Secretariat, which will strive to respect, as much as possible, the exhibitor's preferences.

SPONSORED SESSIONS

As part of the 53rd National SIM Congress, it will be possible to organize Sponsored Sessions in addition to the scientific program. These NON-CME sessions will take place in the prestigious halls of the University of Catania, with a capacity of approximately 100 people. It is understood that the organization will be subject to approval by the Scientific Committee of the proposed topic.

Symposium in a 97-seat room for 90 minutes	€ 20.000,00 + 22% VAT
Symposium in a 97-seat room for 60 minutes	€ 10.000,00 + 22% VAT

The sponsorship costs include:

- Rental of the room and basic technical equipment
- Room assistance (hostess)
- Inclusion in the scientific program with the wording "with the non-influencing contribution of..."

It is necessary to confirm the intention to contribute to the organization of these Sessions by providing the title and a brief rationale or a preliminary program no later than 10/05/2025. The submitted proposal will need to be evaluated and approved by the educational committee and the SIM board of directors.

- 1) Invitation, contact, confirmation, and management of travel and accommodation for speakers and moderators: your responsibility.
- 2) The Organizing Secretariat is available for a possible quote for the management of the items listed in point 1
- 3) The final program and list of speakers must be submitted no later than **April 30th, 2025**.

RULES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPONSORED SESSIONS

1. Sponsored sessions, lasting a maximum of 1 hour, can be included in the context of the 53rd National SIM Congress by companies.
2. The session must cover topics related to the field of microbiology.
3. The session will NOT be accredited for CME.
4. SIM commits to scheduling the sponsored sessions in a way that prevents events from similar companies from occurring simultaneously.
5. The interested company can request to organize a sponsored session by contacting the TRIUMPH Secretariat, providing: a) the topic; b) the moderators; c) the speaker of each presentation along with their degree/specialization/affiliation.
6. SIM will evaluate the proposals from each company and reserves the right to approve them after making any necessary modifications, both regarding the speakers and moderators, as well as the topics. These modifications must then be approved by the sponsoring company. ++

EMAIL BLAST

* Graphics and sending in HTML format are the responsibility of the sponsor.

NEWSLETTER DEDICATE* Email promotion to all Congress participants of the content sponsored by the company that is part of the scientific program.	€1,500.00 + 22% VAT per each send.
DEM – DIRECT MAIL MARKETING* Email promotion to the entire targeted database of SIM members for corporate communications independent of the scientific program of the congress in terms of content and schedule.	€ 2.000,00 + 22% VAT per each send.
ATTACHED SUPPLEMENT* Technical sheet/advertising material Attached forwarded through the DEM campaign. Layout to be provided by the sponsor.	€ 500,00 + 22% VAT per each send.

CONGRESS WEBSITE

Company logo clickable to the company's website on the sponsor page – not exclusive.	€ 2.000,00 + 22% VAT
Company logo on the Abstract Book (not paper only digital)	€ 2.000,00 + 22% VAT
Company profile of #100 words on the Congress website – the company description will be published in the sponsor area of the Congress website. The description must refer exclusively to institutional/corporate communication; mentioning product names is not allowed.	€ 1.500,00 + 22% VAT
Company profile of #150 words on the Congress website – the company description will be published in the sponsor area of the Congress website. The description must refer exclusively to institutional/corporate communication; mentioning product names is not allowed.	€ 1.800,00 + 22% VAT

CONGRESS SIGNAGE

Wayfinding signs inside the congress venue with the inclusion of the company LOGO* (exclusive).	€5.000,00 + 22% VAT
Outdoor totems (dimensions to be agreed) with the inclusion of the company LOGO* (exclusive).	€ 5.000,00 + 22% VAT
Both forms (Wayfinding signs and Outdoor totems) in exclusivity.	€ 8.000,00 + 22% VAT
Free-standing banners placed at strategic points within the congress venue with your promotional message and LOGO* (production at your expense).	€ 2.500,00 + 22% VAT per each

OTHER ADVERTISING FORM

LOGO* on the back cover of the final program.	€ 3.000,00 +22% VAT
1 full-page advertisement in the final program.	€ 6.000,00 +22% VAT
½ page advertisement in the final program.	€ 4.000,00 +22% VAT
Distribution of your promotional material at the Secretariat.	€ 1.000,00 +22% VAT
Distribution of your promotional material in the congress bags.	€ 2.000,00 +22% VAT
Exclusive supply of notepads and pens.	€ 3.000,00 +22%VAT
Exclusive supply of congress bags.	€ 6.000,00 +22% VAT
Provision of the entire Congress Kit (bag, notepad, pen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of your LOGO* on the bag • Inclusion of your LOGO* on the notepad and pen • Production at your expense • inimum quantity: 500 pieces 	€ 8.000,00 +22% VAT
Exclusive supply of customized badge lanyards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusion of your LOGO* on the lanyard - Production at your expense -Minimum quantity: 500 pieces 	€ 5.000,00 +22% VAT
Coffee Break – Contribution for the coffee break with placement of the logo on panels “with the non-influencing sponsorship of” on the buffet tables. 1 exclusive.	€ 5.000,00 +22% VAT
Lunch – Contribution for the lunch with placement of the logo on panels “with the non-influencing sponsorship of” on the buffet tables. 1 exclusive .	€ 10.000,00 +22% VAT
Welcome COCKTAIL sponsorship Friday 19/09/2025 for approximately 500 attendees The costs of the customized sponsorship include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shaped table centerpieces with logo and company message - Company Roll Up (your material). 	€ 15.000,00 +22% VAT

CONTRIBUTIONS OF HOSPITALITY

This form of sponsorship is reserved for biomedical companies that adhere to the guidelines set forth by the AIFA Ethical Code and Confindustria Medical Devices.

For the correct interpretation of this form of sponsorship, it is specified that:

- In agreement with Assobiomedica, the reference HCO (HealthCare Organization) is the provider of the event itself, and therefore, for this congress, it is TRIUMPH GROUP INTERNATIONAL in its role as the Organizing Secretariat of the Congress. Hence, it will be the sole recipient of this type of Educational grant;
- TRIUMPH GROUP INTERNATIONAL will select the names of the participants who will benefit from the hospitality contribution based on the general criteria defined with the scientific officer;
- The sponsor will have the opportunity to suggest additional selection policy to TRIUMPH GROUP INTERNATIONAL, which will assess their applicability;
- TRIUMPH GROUP INTERNATIONAL will under no circumstances (even after the event) disclose the names of the selected participants to the sponsor;
- Similarly, TRIUMPH GROUP INTERNATIONAL will not be able to disclose to the selected participants (even after the event) the name of the company that funded their attendance at the congress;
- The relationship between the company and TRIUMPH GROUP INTERNATIONAL will be defined through a formal sponsorship agreement in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Educational Grant for the hospitality of 1 Italian participant/speaker

€2,500.00 + 22% VAT

The educational grant includes:

- 1 course registration fee (SIM Member or Non-Member)
- 3 overnight stays in a hotel near the event venue – *including city tax and breakfast*
- Travel expenses (taxi fares and parking are strictly excluded)
- Contact and management fees
- Activation fee for the order and administrative management

The educational grant does NOT include any other expenses not listed above.

Educational Grant for the hospitality of 1 foreign participant/speaker

€3,500.00 + 22% VAT

The educational grant includes:

- 1 course registration fee (SIM Member or Non-Member)
- 3 overnight stays in a hotel near the event venue – including city tax and breakfast
- Travel expenses (taxi fares and parking are strictly excluded)
- Contact and management fees
- Activation fee for the order and administrative management

The educational grant does NOT include any other expenses not listed above.

REGISTRATION FEES

	EARLY March 15, 2025 – June 30, 2025.	LATE From July 1, 2025
SIM Member*	€ 350,00	€ 450,00
Non – Member SIM	€ 480,00	€ 580,00
Non-structured**	€ 80,00	€ 100,00

*To benefit from the discounted registration fees for the Congress, reserved for SIM members, it is necessary to be up to date with the payment of the 2025 membership fee. The SIM secretariat is available via email at: info@segreteria.societasim.it.

**Non-structured: research fellows, scholarship holders, specialists, residents, PhD holders, PhD students, students. Proof of the declared qualification is required.

The registration fee includes: Participation in scientific sessions, Congress kit, Certificate of participation, Opening ceremony, Coffee breaks, and Buffet lunch.

The registration fee for the Congress is mandatory in order to participate in the scientific sessions, both as attendees and poster presenters.

You can register for the Congress by clicking [here](#)

You can find more information about the Congress on the [official SIM website](#).

TOPIC

The SIM plans to address the following topics through keynote lectures, oral presentations, and posters:

1. **Microbial pathogenesis and virulence systems**
2. **Fungal and parasites infections**
3. **Drugs resistance and therapeutic implications**
4. **Immune response to infections**
5. **Emerging and re-emerging pathogens**
6. **Genome and mobilome**
7. **Future of networks and research**
8. **Advanced and innovative diagnostics**
9. **One Health**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The event is **ECM accredited only for the morning plenary sessions: 20th-21st-22nd/09.**

Exhibition spaces will be allocated by Triumph Italy, respecting, as much as possible, the Exhibitor's requests and, in any case, taking into account the order of receipt of the relevant participation communications. Exhibitor badges will allow free access to the exhibition area. Each exhibition space entitles the exhibitor to 2 complimentary company badges. The cost for additional company badges is €100.00 + 22% VAT each.

Exhibitors are strictly prohibited from occupying areas that have not been assigned to them and from obstructing emergency exit routes with exhibition materials or any other kind of items.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation of the sponsorship must be communicated and justified in writing (email), no later than 60 days before the start of the Event.

- For cancellations communicated within 60 days before the event start date: no charge, except for the deposit already paid, which will not be refunded.
- For cancellations communicated within the 60 days preceding the event start date: full sponsorship amount will be charged.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

- **DEPOSIT 50% of the total amount due:** upon signing the contract
- **BALANCE:** August 1st, 2025

(Exhibitors who have not paid the balance of the exhibition fee, and the booked services will not be allowed entry for setup.)

ORGANIZING SECRETARIAT

The Organizing Secretariat, fully dedicated to the event, will provide adequate assistance throughout all stages of the congress.

2025 Timeline:

- Standard SVC evaluation request: **June 2nd, 2025**
- AIFA pre-request submission: **June 2nd, 2025**
- Opening of Registration and Abstract Submission: **March 15th, 2025**
- Abstract Submission Deadline: **May 20th, 2025**
- Abstract Acceptance: **June 20th, 2025**
- Early Bird registration deadline: **June 30th, 2025**

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