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Recent Advances on Air Pollution and Health



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2nd-3rd March 2026 / Fondazione Cariplo
Conference Center, Via Romagnosi, 8 - Milan, IT

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

The organizers, together with the Italian Association of Epidemiology (AIE), call for proposals for posters on studies regarding air pollution and health. The call is open and will be closed on January 20th, 2026.

Authors will be notified of poster acceptance by February 3rd, 2026. Accepted posters will be given dedicated viewing sessions. The best posters will be selected for brief oral presentations for the session “ Air Pollution and Health: Future Perspectives”, that will be held on March 3rd, 2026.

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RATIONALE

Reducing the incidence and prevalence of modifiable risk factors of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) is a critical endeavor to address the global burden of these ailments that claim several million lives per year, and to foster effective primary and secondary prevention initiatives. Among these risk factors, air pollution is one of the most important, owing to its ubiquitous environmental and household exposure in both low- high-income countries. In addition, heat exposure and traffic noise represent further environmental risk factors. With this background, in collaboration with the Environmental Research Group (ERG) at Imperial College London, UK, we are organizing for the sixth time the International Seminar “RespiraMi”, which will take place on 2-3 March 2026 in Milan, Italy.

An impressive faculty of experts will present the most recent data arising from research carried out in the last few years and thus update current knowledge and highlight recent progress. In the first session of the Seminar, the NCD burden caused by air pollution will be related to the economic costs as well as to the broad economic assessment of the effects on health of these environmental risk factors. Subsequently the first day of the Seminar will update on specific diseases adversely affected by air pollution: on the mechanisms of the adverse cardiovascular outcomes (CVDs) but also on the novel clinical consensus statement recently released by the European Society of Cardiology. Next, there will be insights and discussion on the basic mechanisms linking air pollution to neurological and mental disorders, with special emphasis on neurodegenerative diseases such as dementia, Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, and motor neuron diseases. The important issue of adverse birth outcomes will be dealt with by investigating the relationship between gestational exposure to air pollution and these outcomes, with an overview of the related mechanisms. Within the first day of the seminar, there will also be the evaluation of new data on the impact of non-exhaust emissions on asthma, as well as a report on new insights into the health impact of indoor air pollution, a topic less frequently tackled than outdoor ambient air pollution.

The last session of the first day will deal with the important unsolved problem of exposure to nano- and microplastic particles, assessing the role of airborne particles and fibres, as well as reviewing the current evidence available on their effects on human health. In the second day of the Seminar, the first part of the program will deal with recent research carried out in Italy and elsewhere, and presented by participants on the selected posters. Next, there will be an important session dealing with the methodological challenges inherent to the evaluation of the independent and joint effects of the exposome on human health, with emphasis on exposure measurement errors, their determinants, and correction methods.

The issue of urban health will be dealt with by reviewing the effects of traffic noise on human health and how ongoing trends in urban planning may help improve environmental health by reducing traffic and increasing urban green areas.

After a panel discussion addressing lessons learned from the Seminar, related plans and perspectives, the Seminar will close with an important session on policy, with specific topics such as air pollution inequalities in Europe, science policy summary from the WHO, as well as the issue of the slow progress with many “stop and go” of the Green Deal in the European Union. The afternoon of the second day, the seminar will end with a demonstration of how a few cities are in the vanguard against air pollution, presented as a conversation between the Imperial College London and representatives of theC40 cities that are developing inclusive climate and environment actions. Throughout the seminar, the posters submitted by the participants will be on display.

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MONDAY, 2ND MARCH 2026 - MORNING

09.00 a.m. - 09.15 a.m. Opening
F. Blandini Scientific Director IRCCS Ca' Granda
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F. Kelly Director ERG, Imperial College (London, UK)
G. Caracciolo Scientific Affairs & Operations Director,
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SESSION I - RISK ASSESSMENT

Chairpersons: **F. Forastiere** (Rome, IT/London, UK) ,
S.A. Harari (Milan, IT)

09.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Guidance on concentration-response functions for health risk assessment in the WHO European Region
R. Perez-Velasco (Bonn, DE)

Estimation of Morbidity from Air Pollution and its Economic Costs: WHO EMAPEC project results
P. Mudu (Geneva, CH)

Economic Assessment of Health Effects of Air Pollution:
VALESOR EC Project
J.V. Spadaro (Philadelphia, USA /Bonn, DE)

Q&A

10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Poster Viewing

SESSION II - UPDATES ON SPECIFIC DISEASES

Chairpersons: **K. Katsouyanni** (Athens, GR/London, UK),
P. M. Mannucci (Milan, IT)

11.00 a.m. - 11.50a.m.

CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES

Environmental Risk Factors and Cardiovascular Outcomes: mechanisms and epidemiological evidence
A.Peters (Munich, DE)

The Clinical Consensus Statement of the European Society of Cardiology
M. Piepoli (Milan, IT)

Q&A

11.50 a.m. – 12.40 p.m.

NEUROLOGICAL AND MENTAL DISORDERS

Basic mechanisms linking air pollution to neurological and mental disorders
I. Mudway (London, UK)

Neurodegeneration and Air Pollution: Dementia, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis and Motor Neuron Disease
H. Khreis (Cambridge, UK)

Q & A

12.40 p.m. – 01.10 p.m.

BIRTH OUTCOMES

Gestational air pollution exposure and adverse birth outcomes: mechanisms overview
J. Fussell (London, UK)

Q & A

01.10 p.m. – 02.30 p.m. **Poster Viewing**

MONDAY, 2ND MARCH 2026 - AFTERNOON

SESSION III - OUTDOOR AND INDOOR AIR POLLUTION

Chairperson: **F. Kelly** (London, UK)

02.30 p.m. - 03.20 p.m. Impact of non-exhaust emissions on the asthmatic airway – The IONA study
C. Griffiths (London, UK)

New insights into the health impact of indoor air pollution
B. Barratt (London, UK)

Q&A

03.20 p.m. - 04.30 p.m. Nano- and Microplastic Particles
Exposure assessment to airborne nano- and microplastic particles and fibres
S. Wright (London, UK)

Human evidence and perspectives
F. Pratichizzo (Milan, IT)

Q & A

04.30 p.m. – 05.00 p.m. Poster Viewing

05.00 p.m. End of Day 1

TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH 2026 - MORNING

SESSION IV - AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH: FUTURE PERSPECTIVE

Chairpersons: **M. Carugno** (Milan, IT), **L. Richiardi** (Turin, IT)

09.00 a.m. - 10.10 a.m. Research in Italy and Elsewhere
Poster session: oral presentation of 6 selected posters

SESSION V - METHODOLOGICAL ADVANCES

Chairpersons: **B. Hoffmann** (Düsseldorf, DE),
Z. J. Andersen (Copenhagen, DK)

10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Methodological challenges in the evaluation of independent and joint effects of the external exposome on human health
M. Stafoggia (Rome, IT)

Exposure measurement error: determinants and correction methods
D. Evangelopoulos (London, UK)

Q & A

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Poster Viewing

SESSION VI - URBAN HEALTH

Chairpersons:

11.30 a.m. - 12.10 p.m. Is traffic noise really hazardous to health?
D. Vienneau (Utrecht, NL)

Future trends in urban environmental health
M. Nieuwenhuijsen (Barcelona, ES)

Q & A

**SESSION VII - PANEL DISCUSSION: WHAT HAVE WE
LEARNT? WHAT NEXT?**

Chairperson: **H. Boogaard** (Boston, USA)

12.10 p.m. - 01.00 p.m. Panelists: **B. Barratt** (London, UK), **A. Peters** (Munich, DE)
B. Brunekreef (Utrecht, NL), **M. Kutlar-Joss** (Basel, CH)

01.00 a.m. - 02.00 p.m. Poster Viewing

TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH 2026 - AFTERNOON

SESSION VIII - POLICY SESSION

Chairpersons: **K. Katsouyanni** (Athens, GR/London, UK)
P. M. Mannucci (Milan, IT)

02.00 p.m. - 03.10 p.m. Air pollution inequalities in Europe
Z. Andersen (Copenhagen, DK)

Health science and policy summaries from WHO
S. Gumy (Geneva, CH)

The State of Global Air: Can data help to tackle air pollution?
P. Pant (Boston, USA)

Europe and Green Deal: stop and go
B. Hoffmann (Düsseldorf, DE)

Q & A

SESSION IX - CITIES IN THE VANGUARD AGAINST AIR POLLUTION

Chairperson: **P. M. Mannucci** (Milan, IT)

03.10 p.m. - 04.00 p.m. A conversation between **F. Kelly** (Imperial College London) and **L. M. Morel** (C40 Cities, Inclusive Climate Action, Breathe Cities)

04.00 p.m. Seminar Ends

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the seminar is English.

REGISTRATION HOURS FOR RESIDENTIAL EVENT

Monday, 2 March 2026: 08.00 a.m.- 05.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 3 March 2026: 08.00 a.m.- 04.30 p.m.

LIVE STREAMING EVENT ONLINE ON

Monday, 2 March 2026: 09.00 a.m.- 05.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 3 March 2026: 09.00 a.m.- 04.30 p.m.
Please note that times are expressed in Local Italy time

FACULTY SLIDE CENTRE OPENING HOURS

The center will be open at the following times:
Monday, 2 March 2026: 08.00 a.m.- 05.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 3 March 2026: 08.00 a.m.- 04.30 p.m.

TECHNICAL FACILITIES

Facilities will be available for computer presentations and overhead projections.
A slide center with pcs (windows and macintosh operating systems) will be available for
Speakers to preview and finalize their presentations. Speakers are kindly requested to submit
Their presentations to the slide center technicians at least one hour before their talks.

LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS

Lunch and coffee breaks will be served in the meeting area.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

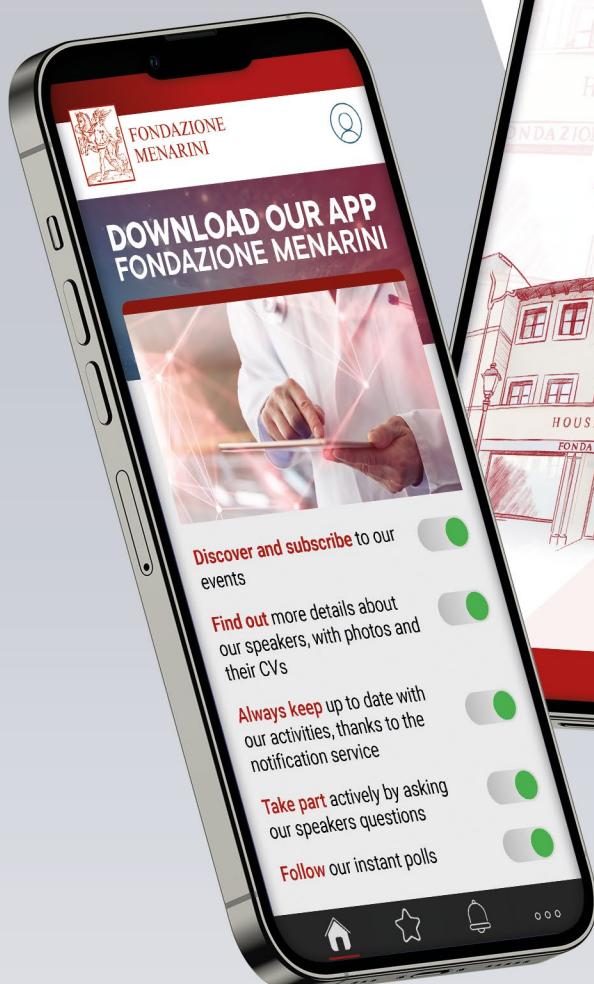
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