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CONFERENCE

# The Elderly Condition in the Balkans and Eastern Europe: Challenges and Opportunities

31 OCTOBER 2024  
09:00 AM

Aula Magna, Catholic University  
"Our Lady of Good Counsel" TIRANA (AL)

The conference is a Continuing Medical Education (CME) event and is in the process of accreditation in Italy by AGENAS (National Agency for Regional Health Services), Provider no 6780 Nautilus Global Academy, and in Albania by ASCK (Health and Social Care Quality Assurance Agency).

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# Program

**09:00 - 09:30 Registration of participants**

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**9:30 - 10:15 Institutional Greetings**

Fr. Ruggero Valentini, President of the Foundation "Our Lady of Good Counsel"

H.E. Bajram Begaj, President of the Republic of Albania

Prof. Orazio Schillaci, Minister of Health, Italy

Dr. Denada Seferi, Deputy Minister of Health and Social protection, Albania

Dr. Eugena Tomini, General director of the Institute of Public Health, Albania

Mr. Andi Seferi, Deputy Mayor of Tirana

Nathan Levialedi Ghiron, Rector of Tor Vergata University of Rome

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**Moderator**

Asc. Prof. Fabian Cenko - *Eastern Europe Coordinator of Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH) and Catholic Hospital Our Lady of Good Counsel*

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**10:15 - 10:35 The Roman Academy of Public Health and the central role of public health in the management of complex health systems**

Prof. Walter Ricciardi, *Founder Past President of Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH)*

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**10:35 - 10:55 The challenge of demographic, epidemiological and care transition: a common response from the Region of Europe**

Prof. Leonardo Palombi, *President of Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH)*

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**10:55 - 11:15 The difficult but necessary transition from hospital-centered care systems to community-based systems**

Prof. Asc. Fabian Cenko, *Eastern Europe Coordinator of Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH) and Catholic Hospital Our Lady of Good Counsel*

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11:15 - 11:45 Coffee break

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**11:45 - 13:30 The condition of the elderly in different countries**

**Albania**, Assoc. Prof. Alban Ylli, Institute of Public Health and Eastern Europe Vice/Coordinator of Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH)

**Kosovo**, Dr. Pranvera Krasniqi, Institute of Public Health and University of Prishtina

**North Macedonia**, Prof. Aziz Pollozhani, Mother Teresa University of Skopje

**Romania**, Dr Adrian Pana, Faculty of Public Health, Babes Bolyai University

**Serbia**, Dr. Nataša Todorović, Gerontological Society of Serbia

**Slovakia**, Assoc. Prof. Katarína Zrubáková, Catholic University of Ružomberok

Q&A and discussion

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

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**14:30 - 14:50 "Charter of Elderly Rights and Community Duties" presentation**

Msgr. Vincenzo Paglia, *President of the Commission for the Implementation of the Social and Health Reform for the Elderly Population, Ministry of Health, Italy*

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**14:50 - 15:40 Presentation of multicenter study on frailty and demand for services**

Prof. Leonardo Palombi, *President of Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH) and Prof. Asc. Fabian Cenko, Eastern Europe Coordinator of Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH)*  
Plenary discussion and collection of memberships.

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**15:40 - 16:10 Evaluation questionnaires**

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**16:10 The key role of risk management in overall hospital and territorial services for innovation and sustainability**

*Giuliano Antonioni, Assiteca Broker Howden*

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**16:20 AI, HTA, Big Data: Elderly Health Between Needs Stratification, Evolution of Models, and Personalized Care**

Ludovico Baldessin, *EDRA S.p.A.*

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**16:30 - Closing Remarks**



## **AI SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

**Prof. Leonardo Palombi**, President of the Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH) and Rector of the Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel"

**Prof. Walter Ricciardi**, Founder and Past President of the Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH)

**Prof. Carlo Signorelli**, President of ASPHER (Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region)

**Assoc. Prof. Fabian Cenko**, Eastern Europe Coordinator of the Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH) and the Catholic Hospital "Our Lady of Good Counsel"

**Laura Yzeiraj**, Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel"

**Megi Xhaçi**, Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel"

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## **INFORMATION**

The conference will take place at **Aula Magna, Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel", Dritan Hoxha Str., Tirana, Albania, on the 31st of October 2024.**

Official languages of authorities and speakers are Albanian, Italian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the three languages. The presentations of the different countries are in English.

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## **STREAMING AND RECORDING**

The conference will be video recorded and will be streamed on YouTube channel (@unikzkm) of the Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel". All speeches in the programme are in CEST – Central European Summer Time. Please adapt to your local time zone. .

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## **REGISTRATION**

Participation in the Conference is free.

Registration is strongly recommended by October 20 to save your seat, by sending your name, surname, affiliation and email to [l.yzeiraj@unizkm.al](mailto:l.yzeiraj@unizkm.al) or by filling this form.

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## **FOOD AND BEVERAGES**

Coffee break and light lunch for participants will be offered and served as a buffet at the Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel". Please let know to this email [l.yzeiraj@unizkm.al](mailto:l.yzeiraj@unizkm.al) if you have dietary requirements/ restrictions.

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## **PUBLICATION**

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## **SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR**

**Leonardo Palombi**, President of the Roman Academy of Public Health (RAPH) and Rector of the Catholic University "Our Lady of Good Counsel"