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EU-SPR Chapter Meeting, Rome 2022 - Newsletter, June 2022



EU-SPR conference in Rome: 22-24 September 2022

Dear colleagues,

In May 2022, the Rome Planning Committee met in Rome for three days of intense work to visit the conference site, work on the preliminary program and to have some fun! This newsletter provides you with several important news about the conference, together with a personal report by Ueli Kramer.

Preliminary Scientific Program and Registration

We are delighted that the first draft of the Preliminary Program is now available on our conference [website](#). Note that parts of the conference will be videotaped and made accessible for attendees (if you disagree with this by principle, please e-mail us before June 30th, 2022; we will take this into account when selecting the sessions). The deadline for changes in the preliminary program is June 30th 2022. If you catch an error (spelling, or other) in your name, affiliation, or title of presentation, you are now invited to go back into the submission system and make the change yourself. Please use the following email address for all other questions related with the conference program: president.euspr@gmail.com.

Registrations are now open on EU-SPR conference website (<https://www.psychotherapyresearch.org/event/EU-SPR2022>). Please, remember that early bird rates are available until July 15th, 2022 and we have very good rates for students, as well as members from Eastern Europe (and specific other regions of the world). Of note, all speakers (workshop, individual, panel and plenary speakers) must be registered before August 31st, 2022, in order to confirm their appearance in the final program and their Abstract be published.

Upon personal request to the Chapter President, researchers working in Ukraine will get their conference fee for Rome 2022 waived.

In these challenging times, it is normal to change opinion about travel. However, in order for the organization of the 9th EU-SPR Chapter Meeting to remain feasible for us, we apply SPR's usual cancellation policies, as stated on our website. Related requests must be sent to the Chapter President.

Hotel recommendation

We recommend that attendees of the EU-SPR conference stay at the Ateneo Palace Hotel, within 10 walking minutes from Termini and Frentani Congress Center. Information on our website (along with other options)

Conference Site: Centro Congressi Frentani, in Rome



The Rome Planning Committee has visited the site of the conference: [Centro Congressi Frentani](#). Six rooms will be available for plenaries, symposia and individual paper presentations, all equipped with audio and video technologies, WIFI connection and air conditioning. Additional open spaces will be used for coffee breaks and poster presentations.

Social Dinner on Saturday evening, September 24th, at Gusto



An unforgettable banquet dinner will take place on Saturday 24th September 2022 at the restaurant [Gusto](#). The restaurant is located very close to Navona Square, one of the most spectacular and characteristic squares of Baroque Rome, in the center of Rome. The Mediterranean origin of products at 'Gusto reveal the tones and flavours of the Roman tradition. Sitting round the table is a moment for consideration and a symbol of

aggregation, friendship and sociality.

Report by the Chapter President Ueli Kramer

My trip to Rome: a personal story

Dear colleagues,
Mid-May 2022, I spent three days in Rome - with 30 degrees Celcius under the bright sun of the Lazio - to visit the EU-SPR conference site and to draft a first version of the scientific program you are about to discover. This was in many ways an inspiring and enlightening trip for me. When I walked from Roma Termini, the city's main train station, to the Ateneo Palace Hotel, then to the Frentani Conference Center, I had you, the conference participants of the 9th EU-SPR conference, in mind.



I had you in mind to learn how we, with the colleagues from the Rome 2022 Planning Committee – Vittorio Lingiardi, Irene Messina, Giovanna Esposito, Nino Carcione, Tommaso Boldrini, Daniela Strozzi, and others – can make your experience in September 2022 memorable, intimate, delicate, inspiring.

The 9th EU-SPR conference represents for me coming full circle in my personal story. 18 years ago, I attended my first SPR conference... in Rome. I remember the warm welcome by SPR members to me when I was a PhD student, I remember the stimulating atmosphere, colleagues always open to discussion and sharing also personal anecdotes, my first talk at an SPR conference, discussions around coffee with many of you. I was discovering what will become later my scientific home, and I sensed that the variety of methods may deepen, rather than hinder, the understanding of psychotherapy.

Now it is my and our turn to create the conditions for students, early career researchers, and new SPR members to feel welcome, as I felt in 2004 in Rome; it is our turn to welcome you back in person, dear SPR colleagues. In May, the Rome 2022 Planning Committee gave a thought to this, we developed ideas of how to create space for some personal encounters in a scientific program that



will be packed to its borders, and we look forward that you will discover more in September at the 9th EU-SPR conference.

I invite you - if you can – to take the train to travel to Rome (to reduce our carbon foot print), then to walk yourself the path from Roma Termini to Ateneo Palace Hotel, the recommended Hotel by EU-SPR, spend time in the classic style of this hotel full of shades of green, under palm



and olive trees, enjoy breakfast on the rooftop terrace with other dear SPR colleagues. I invite you to walk the 10 minutes to Frentani Congress Center with its unassuming entrance (I asked whether this was the “backdoor entrance”).

I invite you to meet your colleagues in person, again, as we did in the old times, and as, I dare hope, we will do time and again in the future at SPR conferences.

I invite you to join us at the table of Il Gusto, where the Social Dinner on Saturday night will take place. If you are interested, we plan to walk under local guidance from the hotel to the Restaurant to enable you to have a direct, immediate and intimate contact with the Città Eterna. Get inspired by this timeless backdrop of our get-together this year. Sit down with us in this typical Roman restaurant and enjoy Penne Amatriciana, Spaghetti Vongole, or Antipasti, Dolce ..., followed by the mythically sweet Limoncello and a condensed shot of espresso, while sharing anecdotes about life, maybe your half baked research idea, your personal story with Rome, your new hobby, your new friend or your current project. Dear colleagues, it is time to book your trip. Rome is impatiently awaiting you.

Aware of the step it may represent in these times, I kindly invite you to close your zoom account for three days and to join us in the rooms of Frentani, to join us at the good table, to interact at the poster session with colleagues a glass of wine in hand. There is a spot for you in the eternal beauty of Rome. We look forward to seeing you there, and having you in person in Rome in September 2022.



For all questions about the Rome conference, please contact me directly (president.euspr@gmail.com).

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