



International Congress

**NEW EPIDEMIC AND PANDEMIC PHENOMENA: SOCIO-
ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND POLICY RESPONSES**

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The Congress makes reference to the recent Ebola epidemic, which significantly impacted the economy and civil life of the African Countries where the Ebola outbreaks occurred, but which at the same time raised a number of critical issues in the areas not directly involved, at healthcare level.

Socio-economic effects were actually observed as a result of the measures adopted both by supranational organizations and by single countries with the purpose of controlling the potential development of the epidemic, affecting both individual rights and international relations.

Fortunately, the "Ebola virus disease" has been controlled in a relative short period of time. However, it raised important questions on the nature of the policies to be adopted in case of pandemic phenomena and, in particular, in relation to the evident potential conflict between individual habits and behaviors and community's interests.

The in-depth analysis will be carried out with an historical perspective, by examining which lessons may be learned from similar historical events, and namely the SARS epidemic in 2002-2003, the important – however temporary – consequences of which may provide a useful comparison.

Programme

Tuesday 27 October
9 a.m.

Opening Session

GIANLUCA VAGO, *Dean, University of Milan*

REMO DANOVI, *Chairman, Bar Association of Milan*

LIVIA POMODORO, *Chairman of the Centro nazionale di prevenzione e difesa sociale Foundation; ISPAC-International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Chair*

9.30 a.m.

Session I: The epidemiological framework and its socio-economic effects

Moderator

PAOLO VINEIS, *Chair in Environmental Epidemiology, Imperial College, London*

- **Social and economic factors as causes of transmissible and non transmissible diseases**

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10 a.m.

- **The epidemiological framework**

PAOLA TESTORI COGGI, *President of the Committee on Price and Reimbursement of the Italian Agency of Medicines; former Director General Health and Consumers of the European Commission*

10.30 a.m.

- **The lessons to be learned from the outbreak of epidemic diseases in West Africa**

JEREMY BOWLES, *Hub Economist, Country Programme, International Growth Centre, London, UK*

11 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Coffee Break

Session II: Socio-economic impacts

Moderator

GIOVANNI DOSI, *Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute of Economics at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa*

4 p.m.

- **European responses**

MICHEL PLETSCHETTE, *Head of the "Evaluation and Strategic Analysis" Unit of the Directorate General of Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) of the European Commission*

4.30 p.m.

Conclusions

GUIDO CALABRESI, *Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Former Dean, Sterling Professor of Law Emeritus, Yale Law School*

Official Languages

English and Italian with simultaneous interpretation

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