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THE 2024 ECSS (EUROPEAN COLLEGE OF SPORT SCIENCE) CONGRESS
AWARDED TO THE PALACONGRESSI DI RIMINI
THE ITALIAN LOCATION FOUGHT OFF STIFF COMPETITION FROM
LAUSANNE AND GÖTEBORG
KEY PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE UNIVERSITIES OF BOLOGNA AND PADUA
AS WELL AS THE EMILIA-ROMAGNA TOURISM BOARD

Rimini, 10th November 2020 - Focusing on the present while looking to the future. The **Event & Conference division of Italian Exhibition Group** is reaping the rewards of its ongoing work, despite the suspension of congress activities imposed by the latest Government restrictions.

The 29th congress of the **European College of Sport Science (ECSS)** scheduled for **3 to 5 July 2024** has been officially awarded to the **Palacongressi di Rimini**.

Thanks to the initial interest of Professor Claudio Stefanelli, director of the Faculty of Sciences for the Quality of Life at the University of Bologna, Rimini Campus (and also "ambassador" of the Event & Conference division of IEG), the Rimini and Palacongressi bid was presented jointly by the University of Bologna and the University of Padua, with the valuable collaboration of Professor Marco Narici, professor at the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Past President of ECSS. He also received technical and co-marketing support from the Emilia-Romagna Tourism Board, in line with the strategic approach of the "Sport in the Bag" project.

Among the leading scientific congresses on sports sciences in the world and with several thousands of participants, the latest editions of the ECSS congress were held in 2018 in Dublin and in 2019 in Prague. Due to Covid19, the ECSS 2020 congress was held remotely, and Seville, which was previously selected to host the congress, will host the 2021 edition. The event will then move to Glasgow in 2022, and 2023 in Paris. Rimini was chosen to host the 2024 congress, after a tough selection process in the final round where it outdid strong bids from Lausanne and Gothenburg.

"We took into consideration bids from several and famous European cities and the selection was very tough - says Professor **Claudio Stefanelli** - The prestige and scientific reputation of the Universities of Bologna and Padua, the oldest in Europe, certainly carried weight, but the inspections were of vital importance, as the ECSS delegations were able to see for themselves the remarkable organisational skills of the IEG congress division,

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the accommodation capacity and beauty of the local area and the contagious enthusiasm of local authorities and businesses which came together with us to form an impressive team. This award was a great source of pride for our Faculty which is based in Rimini”.

"The ECSS congress - underlines Professor **Marco Narici**, Congress President of ECSS Rimini 2024, - promises to be a stimulating opportunity for the younger generations of scientists to update on the most recent developments in research in the scientific disciplines related to sport and exercise. They will have the opportunity to present the results of their research and share them with the scientific community, in the backdrop of a beautiful place such as the Rimini Riviera. I am extremely pleased to have contributed, together with a phenomenal Scientific Team of colleagues from the Universities of Padua, Bologna and Urbino, to bringing the ECSS congress to Rimini, 21 years after the last congress that was held in Italy, in Rome 1999".

Great satisfaction was expressed by the current President-elect of the ECSS association **Jørn Wulff Helge**: "It was truly a great pleasure for us to have been able to visit Rimini and meet the IEG congress division team in person. We experienced first-hand their enthusiasm, the ideal facility for our event and of course, the truly authentic hospitality of the local area".

ECSS

An international non-profit organisation founded in 1995 and based in Cologne, Germany, its vision is to promote science and research in the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary fields of sport, exercise, physical activity and health.

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