



21st Congress Soroptimist International of Europe
14 -16 July 2017 - Fortezza da Basso - Florence (Italy)

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Friday July 14, 2017

8.00 - 14.30 **Registrations**

14.30 - 15.00 **Opening Ceremony**
Flags and hymns; candles ceremony

15.00 - 16.30 **Welcome speeches**
Flavia Pozzolini, *Congress Chair*
Cristina Giachi, *Deputy Mayor of Florence*
Maria Elisabetta de Franciscis, *President of SI Europe*
Yvonne Simpson, *President of Soroptimist International*
RoseMary Reid, *President of SI Americas*
Ann Hodgson *President of SI Great Britain and Ireland*
Theresa Lyford *President of SI South West Pacific*
Leila Picco, *President of SI Italy*

16.30 - 17.30 **Main lecture**
"Maria Sklodowska Curie: the obstinate self-sacrifice of a genius"
Luigi Dei, *The Rector of the University of Florence*

17.30 - 18.30 **Welcome drink**
Offered by SI Italy



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Saturday July 15, 2017

- 8.00 - 9.00 **Registrations**
- 9.00 - 9.15 **Introduction to the day's events**
Flavia Pozzolini
- 9.15 - 13.00 **PLENARY SESSION**
"Inspirational Women in STEM"
Moderator: Kathy Kaaf, SI Germany
- Agnieszka Zalewska – physics*
H. Niewodniczanski Institute of Nuclear Physics Polish Academy of Sciences - Poland
- Susanna Terracini – mathematics*
University of Turin, Italy
- Susana Sargento- engineering*
University of Aveiro, Portugal
- Christine van Broeckhoven – molecular biology and genetics*
University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Samantha Cristoforetti – astronautics*
ESA, Italy – to be confirmed
- 11.15 - 11.45 Coffee break
- 11.45 - 13.00 Interactive Session
• Young women meet inspirational women in STEM
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
- 13.00 - 14.00 "Open Heart – Open Door" – get together including lunch



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THEME SESSIONS

Session 1

"Shattering the glass ceiling"

14.00 - 14.30

Lecture

"From gender gap to gender equality"

Paola Profeta

Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

14.30 - 15.30

Interactive session

- Leadership as an identity

Moderator: Barbara Chiavarino – The Project Player

M. Cristina Bombelli

Wise Groth, Italy

Sandra Mori

Valore D, CocaCola General Counsel Europe, Italy

Roswitha Briel

Polizei Westhessen, SI Germany

Sigrid Ag

The Artic University of Norway, SI Norway

15.30 - 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 - 17.30

Successful SIE pilot projects

- How to build an innovative leadership and mentoring programme

Moderator: Elena Savu, SI Romania

Anna Maria Isastia - *Build your leadership with us*

SI Italy

Ilke Erol- *Soroptimist Leadership Academy - Struga&Turkey Experience*

SI Turkey

Corinna Salander and Barbara Muggenthaler - *German mentoring programme*

SI Germany

Catherine Westling - *Soroptimist Nordic Leadership Academy*

SI Sweden



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Session 2

"Women in green: renewable energy, clean technologies and best practices"

14.00 - 14.30

Lecture

"Research, development and innovation"

Simone Polfer

Ministry of Economy of Luxembourg, SI Luxembourg

14.30 - 15.30

Interactive session

- Brave innovations

Moderator: Elisabetta Tromellini, SI Italy

Steve Arthur

MOSL, UK

Mikaela Decio

Sustainability - Mapei spa, Italy

Joseph Di Pasquale

AM Project, Italy

Alice Odingo

University of Nairobi, SI Kenya

15.30 - 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 - 17.30

Successful SIE pilot projects

Moderator: Ulla Madsen, Immediate Past President SIE

Liliane Rasoamahanina – *School biogas station*

SI Madagascar

Jytte Roos – *Solvatten – Safe water from women to women*

SI Sweden

Vivian Namayi – *Garbage bin installation*

SI Kenya

Magda Dendooven – *Water cisterns for Ruy Barbosa*

SI Belgium

Anna Paganoni – *Women's agriculture for sustainable environment*

SI Italy



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Sunday July 16, 2017

9.00 - 9.10	Introduction to the day's events <i>Flavia Pozzolini</i>
9.10 - 9.35	Ulla Madsen, <i>Let's Go Green Projects 2013-2015</i>
9.35 - 10.00	Maria Elisabetta De Franciscis, <i>Invest in Education Projects 2015 - 2017</i>
10.00 - 11.00	Best project Awards 2016-2017
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 12.00	Peace Prize
12.00 - 12.30	Change of insignia
12.30 - 12.45	Presentation of the 2019 Kuala Lumpur SI Convention
12.45 - 13.15	Closing Ceremony