

## Registration

Meeting program, registration, and accommodation forms are posted on the meeting web site

## Registration fee\*

Full registration fee	540 €
Reduced fee for professionals of Public Institutions	360 €
Reduced fee for students	180 €

\* Taxes included

## Registration fee includes

Meeting material, coffee breaks, lunches, and welcome cocktail

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## Congress Language

Official language of the Meeting: English

## Awards

Taylor and Francis will provide three Awards for the best oral and poster presentations.

**All the relevant information are posted on the Meeting web site.**

**<http://www.iss.it/imhe-2009/>**



**IMHE-2009**  
International Meeting  
**Health and Environment**  
*Challenges for the Future*

## Congress Venue



## Italian National Institute for Health

Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS)  
Department of the Environment and Primary Prevention  
Viale Regina Elena, 299  
00161 Roma (Italy)

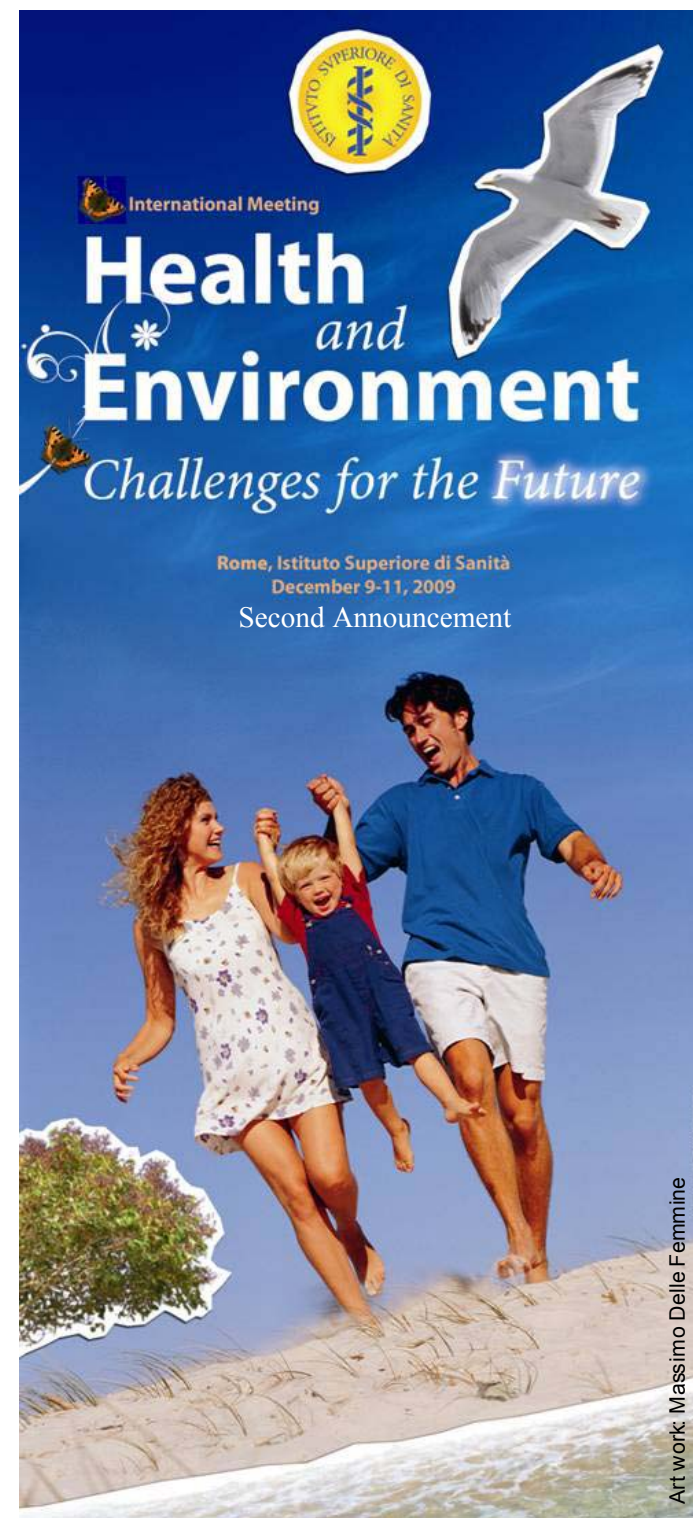
## Call for Papers

Registered participants wishing to contribute to the scientific program should submit an abstract following the abstract submission instructions posted on the website. Any abstract should correspond to the registration of one of the authors. Any registered author cannot be in charge of more than two abstracts

**The deadline for submission of abstracts is August 31, 2009.**

Abstracts for oral presentations will be selected by the International Steering Committee. Selection will be notified to the Author(s) within the end of October, 2009.

Selected manuscripts will be published on a Special Issue of *Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health*. Please refer to the Meeting website for further information.





The Meeting will consist of plenary lectures, scientific sessions, and round tables

Welcome to *Rome*



“Mozzarella” is a renowned Italian fresh cheese made from buffalo milk. During the last years, some of the milk produced in certain areas of the Campania Region was occasionally found to contain the toxic contaminants “dioxins” at concentrations higher than allowed by law. After the relevant contamination episodes of the early 2000s and costly risk reduction measures, the situation subsided and was kept under a satisfactory routine control for awhile ... until 2008, when it was again “buffalo milk crisis” year.

Aside from the story above, there is an undisputable evidence that environmental quality has a relevant bearing on human health. According to sociologist Ulrich Beck (2007), in the new modernity the social production of wealth goes systematically hand in hand with the social production of risk. Today we face an increasing number of risk factors that may be difficult to identify. The risks are borne mostly by the less well-off social groups, which are also the least aware of what they breathe, eat, and drink. The multifactorial origins of many environmentally associated diseases are closely linked to the possibility of implementing more effective measures of primary prevention.

In the Italian National Institute for Health, the Department of the Environment and Primary Prevention exhibits a multifunctional structure, covering many aspects of the relationship between environmental quality and environmental and human health. Therefore, the Department is naturally suited to host a Meeting dealing with issues of environmental aetiology, relevant to future well-being of humans and likely to become a challenge.

The target of the event is then to define emerging health and environmental problems and provide hints for preventive actions and management.

The Meeting agenda includes a cluster of different issues ranging from the impact of climate changes on health to neurodegenerative diseases and the environment. Hopefully the Meeting will not only reach its scientific goals but will also be enjoyably stirring due to the variety of topics dealt with.

We are sure that your participation will give an important contribution to the success of the meeting. We will do our best to provide not only an interesting and up-to-date scientific program, but also a pleasant stay, giving you the opportunity to experience the atmosphere of the “eternal city”.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, welcome to Rome

Alessandro di Domenico  
Meeting Chair

### Plenary Sessions

- Health implications of climate changes — The crucial role of water
- Persistent organic pollutants and reproductive health
- Urban air quality — Outdoor vs indoor
- The appraisal of health risk from epidemiological and biomonitoring data
- Emerging pathogenic microorganisms — Need for a better understanding of human health implications
- The environmental hypothesis in neurodegenerative diseases
- Waste management
- The impact of agricultural activities on environment and health

### Round tables

- Goods globalization — Which threats for human health?
- Risk perception and risk communication

### **Meeting Chair**

**Alessandro di Domenico (ISS, I)**

### **International Steering Committee**

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