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The Italian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

Prof. Nicolas Christodoulou  
President of the European Society of  
Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

Object: Letter of intent to host the 24th European Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation  
Medicine in 2024, in Milan, Italy

Dear Prof. Christodoulou,

Following the Call for Bids for hosting the 24th Congress of the European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM) on behalf of the Italian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (SIMFER), I would like to express our sincere interest in hosting the Congress in Milan.

SIMFER was established in 1958 with the aim of gathering in the same scientific society all the Italian physicians specialised in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. SIMFER has been member of the European bodies of PRM from the 60s; member of the European Federation of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine until 2003, and of the European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine since its foundation. In 1964, SIMFER was invited to be part of the International Federation of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (IFPRM) and has been an ISPRM member since the official merging of IFPRM with the International Rehabilitation Medicine Association (IRMA) in 1999.

SIMFER has a great experience in organising National and International Congresses. The first SIMFER National Congress was organised in Turin in 1961. In 1962, SIMFER held the first European Symposium of PRM in Venice, successively two Congress of the European Society of

Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM) were held in Italy, in 1997 in Rome and in 2010 in Venice. In 1970, SIMFER organised an IRMA Congress in Milano. In 2002 and 2012, SIMFER hosted the Mediterranean Congress of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, respectively in Syracuse and Sorrento. This year it was held in Florence the 47th edition of our National Congress.

SIMFER has about 3,000 members.

Two official Scientific Journals are published by SIMFER: the European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, in English (which also is an official journal of the ESPRM), and the Giornale Italiano di Medicina Riabilitativa, in Italian.

Milan is a city in northern Italy, capital of Lombardy, and the second-most populous city in Italy after Rome. Milan is considered a leading global city, with strengths in the fields of art, commerce, design, education, entertainment, fashion, finance, healthcare, food, media, services, research and tourism. The city has been recognized as one of the world's fashion capitals thanks to several international events and fairs, including Milan Fashion Week and the Milan Furniture Fair. It hosted the Universal Exposition in 1906 and 2015. The city hosts numerous cultural institutions, academies and universities. Milan is the destination of 8 million overseas visitors every year, attracted by its museums and art galleries that include some of the most important collections in the world, including major works by Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. The city is served by three international airports (Malpensa, Linate, and Orio al Serio). Milan, along with the ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo, will host the 2026 Winter Olympics.

The proposed dates are May 26th to 30th, 2024. The proposed venue is the Milano Convention Centre (MiCo) which with 65 meeting rooms and more than 50,000 square meters of exhibition space is the ideal location for any type of event. MiCo is located downtown and it is one of the largest Convention Centre in Europe and among the largest conference facilities worldwide.

SIMFER is also applicant for hosting the 18th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, which in 2024 will take place in the Europe-Easter Mediterranean-Africa area, and is therefore interested in hosting a joint Congress of ESPRM and ISPRM.

We are aware that previous ESPRM congresses have set high standards that must be continued and improved. We will be delighted to work closely with ESPRM in order to draft an

excellent program and to present the state-of-the-art science and practice that will allow ESPRM members to go back to their countries with relevant information.

We are preparing the bidding book according to the ESPRM bidding guidelines and we look forward to submit it in due time.

Looking forward to receiving a positive reply.

Sincerely yours,



Pietro Fiore

President

Italian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

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