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Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the International Haemovigilance Network (IHN), we are pleased to invite you to the **IHN Symposium 2026**, taking place in Rome, Italy, 18–20 March 2026.

The scientific programme will feature expert lectures, oral and poster presentations, and round-table discussions, designed to encourage practical exchange and strengthen haemovigilance practice internationally. Topics will include current priorities such as implementation of the evolving SoHO framework and digital/AI-enabled haemovigilance, alongside case-based learning and cross-country perspectives.

We warmly invite organisations committed to transfusion safety, quality and innovation to support IHN Symposium 2026 through the sponsorship and exhibition opportunities outlined in this booklet. These opportunities are designed to enable meaningful engagement with a highly specialised audience while maintaining the independence of the scientific programme and operating in accordance with applicable local rules and industry standards. Rome, an enduring meeting point of history, ideas and cultures, offers a fitting setting for dialogue and collaboration. We look forward to welcoming you and continuing to build a shared culture of learning and patient safety.

With kind regards,

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WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026

08:30-10:00

IHN Closed Workshop

Start of the International Symposium

10:00

Registrations

11:00-11:15

Welcome from **L. Teofili, S. Iavicoli, IHN Board/Local Organizing Committee/IHN Seminar Committee**

11:15-12:30

Haemovigilance- Insights from Italian experience

Moderators: L. Teofili, I. Cuppari

- **P. M. Placanica:** The National System for Sentinel Event Reporting (SIMES)
- **G. Forni:** Supply of components for patients with haemoglobinopathies
- **S. Vaglio:** Haemoglobinopathies and thalassemia registry
- **G. De Silvestro:** Clinical implications of the Italian national register of therapeutic apheresis
- **Q&A**

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:15

The power of international haemovigilance – sharing knowledge, sharing lives: Global Opportunities and Challenges

Moderators: E. Wood, U. La Rocca

- **E. Petrisli:** WHO NOTIFY 15 Year Anniversary
- **I. Pati & V. Piccinini:** Italian perspective on Haemovigilance and epidemiological surveillance
- **P. F. Toledo Barbosa:** The Brazilian haemovigilance system
- **I. Seferi:** The Albanian haemovigilance system: Challenges and opportunities
- **Q&A**

15:15-15:45

Afternoon tea

15:45-17:30

Haemovigilance in the digital age

Moderators: A. Eder, L. Teofili

- **C. Erikstrup:** The perspective of ISBT Big Data Working Group
- **C. Mikkelsen:** Precision donor health: The future of donor vigilance?
- **V. McDonald:** Cyber security Case Study
- **R. Goel:** Haemovigilance and AI
- **Q&A**

Social

Welcome Reception & IHN Board Dinner

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026

08:30-10:30

Late but critical – Uncovering hidden / delayed risks of donation and transfusion
Moderators: J. Wiersum, A. Colpo

- **M. Haugen:** The effect of plasma donation frequency on donor health and IgG levels
- **V. Agostini:** Delayed haemolytic transfusion reactions
- **D. Martino:** From donation to lifelong treatment: Late but critical risks of transfusion and plasma-derived therapies from the patient perspective
- **S. Bruijns:** Adverse reactions in donors
- **A. Indulkar:** Hemovigilance in Pre-Transfusion Chain by Analysing delays in start of blood transfusion & steps to reduce it
- **Q&A**

10:30-11:00

Morning tea

11:00-12:30

Back to Basics - Implementing the new SoHO regulation
Moderators: B. Jacobson, L. Teofili

- **M. Claus:** Vigilance in the new SoHO Regulation: Regulatory obligations for the actors involved
- **R. M. Grubovic Rastvorceva:** EDQM: Role and targeted activities
Open discussion with the audience
- **F. X. Lamy:** ECDC: Role and targeted activities
Open discussion with the audience

12:30-13:30

Lunch + IHN General Assembly

13:30-15:00

Paediatric transfusions – not just small adults (include illustrative case examples)
Moderator: B. Sørensen, I. Cuppari

- **A. Kelly:** Paediatric Transfusion Safety: What 10 years of SHOT haemovigilance data tells us
- **Introduction by L. Teofili - C. Pellegrino, S. Nobile:**
Neonatal transfusion: Why adult standards leave neonates behind
- **S. Arora:** Paediatric Haemovigilance: Update from India
- **A. Agarwal:** Perioperative Red Blood Cell Transfusion and Association with Postoperative Sepsis in a North American Prospective Registry: Is it a Hemovigilance Alert?
- **Q&A**

15:00-15:30

Afternoon tea

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026

15:30-17:15

Constraints on supply

Moderators: P. C. Spinella, B. Jacobsen

- **A. Asante:** Platelets, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
- **M. Feltkamp:** Climate change and emerging infectious diseases
- **O. B. Vesterager Pedersen:** Environmental contaminants e.g. PFAS
- **A. Eder:** Transfusion-transmitted Malaria and Hemovigilance in the US
- **Q&A**

Social

Symposium Gala Dinner

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026

08:45-10:30

Reappraising the past

Moderators: **C. Mikkelsen, U. La Rocca**

- **P. C. Spinella:** Increased use of LTOWB in RhD-negative women and alloimmunisation
- **L. Green:** SWIFT Trial
- **M. Gybel-Brask:** Freeze dried plasma in a preclinical setting – The Danish experience
- **E. Klæboe Kristoffersen:** Cold-stored platelets; the Norwegian experience
- **Q&A**

10:30-11:00

Morning tea

11:00-12:15

Built for safety – designing systems that work for people

Moderators: **S. Narayan, F. Fiorin**

- **A. Oates:** Just culture
- **S. Narayan:** Lessons from human factors and ergonomics principles in transfusion IT

Traceability Panel

V. Rosa, S. Narayan, A. Eder, E. Wood, J. Wiersum, G. Patidar

12:15-13:00

IHN Awards & Closing

Moderator: **S. Narayan**

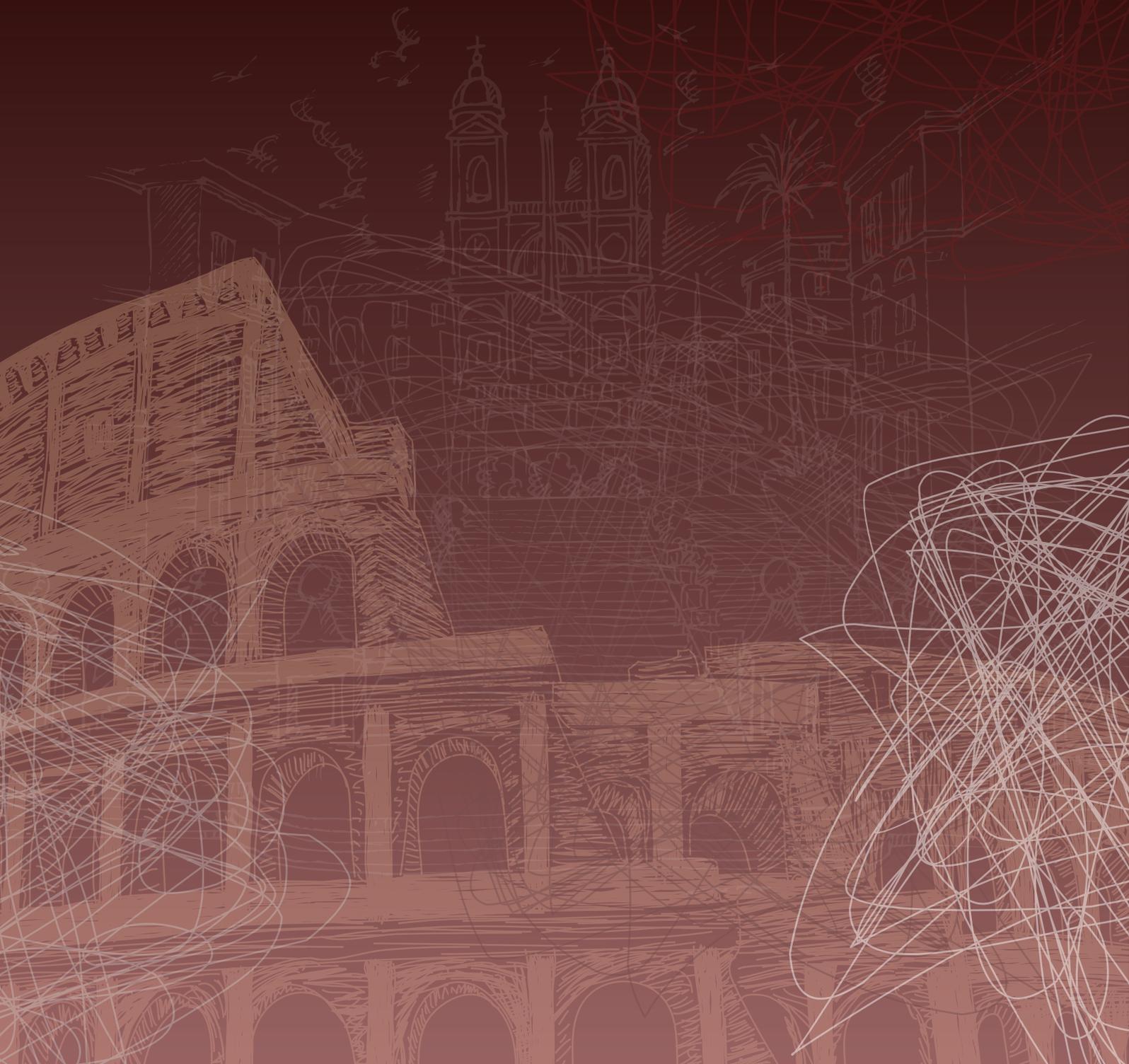
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Oral Presentations



ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 19th March | 10:15-10:30

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Hemovigilance in Pre-Transfusion Chain by Analyzing delays in start of blood transfusion & steps to reduce it

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Thursday 19th March | 14:50- 15:00

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Perioperative Red Blood Cell Transfusion and Association with Postoperative Sepsis in a North American Prospective Registry: Is it a Hemovigilance Alert?

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Thursday 19th March | 16:35-16:55

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Transfusion-transmitted Malaria and Hemovigilance in the US

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Friday 20th March | 12:00-12:15

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Lessons from human factors and ergonomics principles in transfusion IT

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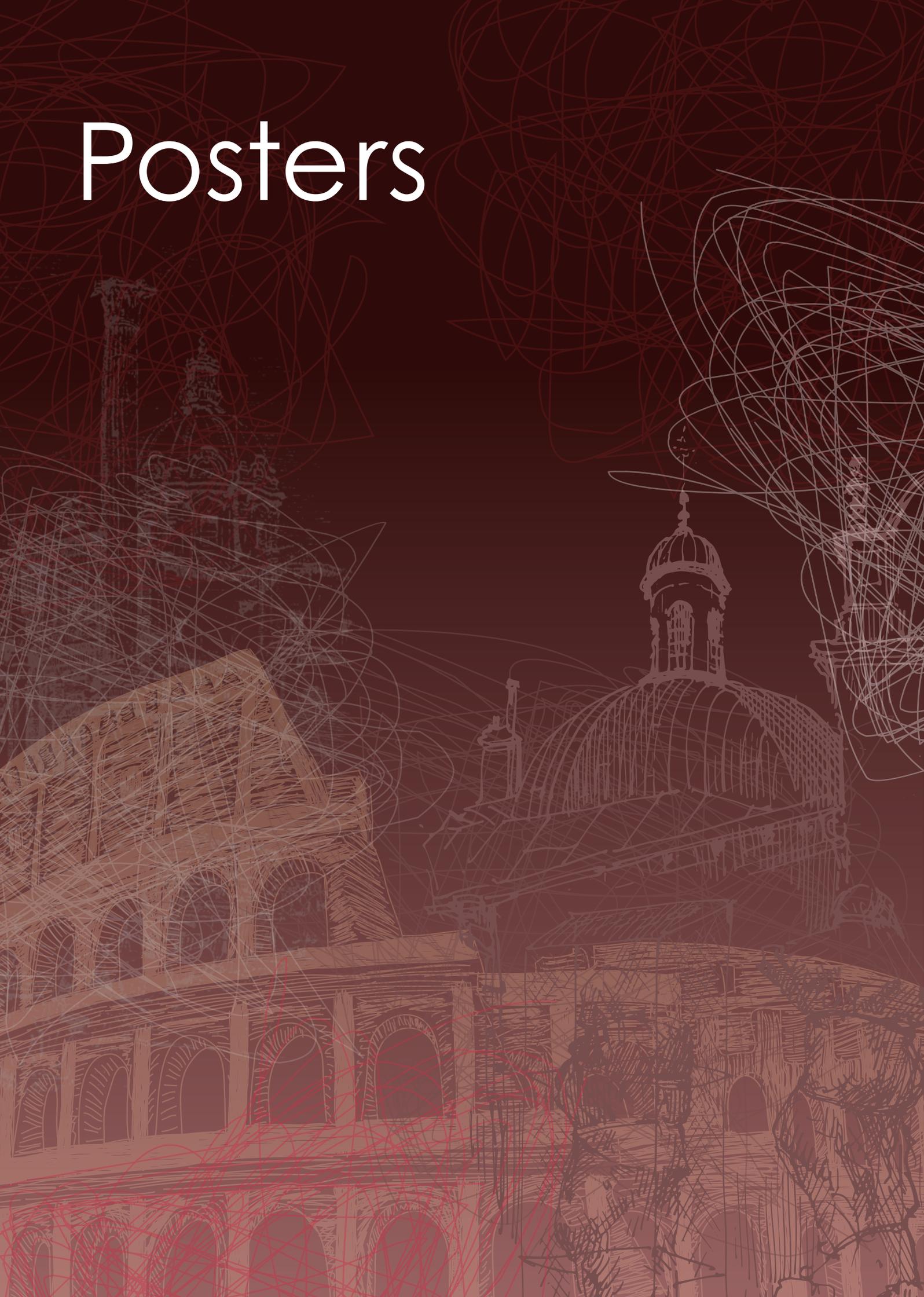
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Beyond the rules: What workarounds teach us about transfusion safety

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Circadian Patterns in Transfusion-Associated Circulatory Overload

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Transfusion complications interpreted as "acute thrombolytic events" reported to the Norwegian Hemovigilance Group during 2021–2025

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Standardizing Hemovigilance Across Transfusion Centres: The Lazio Regional Model, a coordinated approach to donor surveillance and risk prevention.

Doctor Gabriella Peluso Cassese^{1,3}, Dr Federica Patrizi^{1,2}, Dr Francesco Lamura^{1,4}, Dr Franca Vaccaro^{1,5}, Dr Rosanna Putzulu^{1,6}, Dr Maurizio Salerno^{1,7}, Dr Maria Carla Cipriani^{1,8}, Dr Monica Marinacci^{1,9}, Dr Maurizio Cosenza^{1,10}, Dr Francesca Docimo^{1,11}, Dr Ida Casorelli^{1,12}, Dr Susanna Crollari^{1,13}, Dr. Tiziana Datturi^{1,14}, Dr Patrizia Pontis^{1,15}, Dr Mariella Santonicola^{1,16}, Dr Valeria Cordero^{1,17}, Dr Marco Della Ventura^{1,18}, Dr Cecilia Bonchi^{1,19}, Dr Stefano Iaboni^{1,20}, Dr Pellegrina Pugliese^{1,21}, Dr Giuseppina Cappiello², Dr Angela Rainaldi³, Dr Riccardo Serafini², Dr Michela Stefania Iovino^{1,2}

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Clinical implications of the Italian national Register of Therapeutic Apheresis

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Sentinel serious adverse events (SSAEs) in the transfusion chain: 2024 French data

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Quality Study: Apheresis from Blood Donors Using Antihypertensive Medication Affecting the Renin-Angiotensin System

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New TRALI/TACO evaluation criteria and the precaution of TACO

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Two years without an age limit for whole blood donation in Germany – how safe are blood Donations from elderly donors?

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Standardising donor safety: Insights from a year of severity grading of blood donor complications at NHSBT

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Air Embolism Events in Apheresis Donors: A Review of NHSBT Data

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Enhancing the impact of haemovigilance systems: Insights from a qualitative study

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The multidisciplinary STIR Expert Group: adding value to Australian haemovigilance reporting through case review, analysis and reporting

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20 years of STIRring: The Serious Transfusion Incident Reporting (STIR) regional Australian haemovigilance program

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Transparency of Trial Registration and Safety Reporting in Transfusion Medicine Randomized Controlled Trials

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A decade of dyspnoea: A retrospective review of Transfusion Associated Dyspnoea (TAD), reaction reporting and incomplete diagnostic testing (2014-2024)

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TRANSFUSION REACTIONS IN GENERAL HOSPITAL CELJE FROM 2015 TO 2025

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Adverse donor reactions during whole blood donation in the Transfusion Centre of General Hospital Celje: An 11-year haemovigilance overview (2015–2025)

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Analysis of Pre- and Post-Training Evaluation Results in Transfusion Safety at the National Blood Transfusion Center of Tunis

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Evolution of Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI) in Catalonia: impact of mitigation strategy over two decades

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Application of FMECA in Risk Analysis of the Recipient Haemovigilance Process at the National Blood Transfusion Center of Tunis

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Systematic ferritin monitoring in blood donors: The simt perrino brindisi experience (2020-2025)

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Optimization of «donor care» through healthcare staff support: Impact on adverse reactions and donation numbers

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Looking for the iceberg: Implementing Near Miss Reporting and Analysis in the Vicenza Transfusion Department

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To test or not to test, that is the question – Slovenian HEV study

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Use of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Monitoring of Hemovigilance Data in a Hospital Based Blood Establishment (BE)

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Recipient vigilance in Slovenia between 2005 and 2024

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Hemovigilance Analysis of Transfusion Reactions in the Forlì hospital blood bank (2020–2025)

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RFID-Based Monitoring of Blood Component Transport

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Epidemiological surveillance and haemovigilance for transfusion-dependent patients with thalassaemia and other haemoglobinopathies: Insights from transfusional and other clinical practices in Greece during the period 2020- 2023

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Potential Overuse of RBC Transfusions in Iron Deficiency Anemia as a Hemovigilance Metric: Nationally Representative Estimates from the USA

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Building a Unified Global Framework for Imputability Scoring in Donor Adverse Events and Transfusion Safety International Consensus

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Transfusion Education for Laboratory Technicians in the Institute for Transfusion Medicine of the Republic of North Macedonia

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The My Transfusion App: Empowering Patients and Clinicians Through Technology

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Conference Venue

Hotel Quirinale, Via Nazionale, 7
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Website: www.hotelquirinale.it



Day 1, Session 1 (11:15-12:30):
Italian presentations will include simultaneous English interpretation.



Registration Secretariat Operating Hours

The Registration Secretariat will be situated at the Symposium Venue and will be operating according to the following schedule:

Wednesday March 18th → 10:00 - 17:30
Thursday March 19th → 08:30 - 17:15
Friday March 20th → 08:30 - 13:00



Internet Access

Wi-Fi will be available in all Symposium areas.



Social Activities

Welcome Reception

- March 18th, at 17:30 Hotel Quirinale

Gala Dinner

- March 19th, at 20:00 Target Restaurant



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The Symposium's Hall offers full audio-visual equipment. A PC Reception desk will be available at the Symposium area. All presentations should be clearly labeled with the author's name and session's title. **All speakers are kindly requested to deliver their presentations at least 1 hour prior to the session they participate.**



Posters

Posters will be presented on poster panels according to the information that has been sent to the presenting authors. A list of the poster board numbers will be also displayed at the Poster Area.

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