



## INVITATION

# 67th International Congress U.M.E.M.

Union Mondiale des Ecrivains Médécins

*" Humanity and Medicine - Light on the Road "*

in **Milazzo** - Italy (**Lipari** - **Taormina**)

from **Wednesday, september 10th** to **Sunday, september 14th, 2025**

Dear friends of the UMEM,

it is with great pleasure that I extend to you all the invitation to participate in the 67th Congress of the World Union of Doctors Writers (UMEM), which will be held in the antique city of **Milazzo**, with excursions to **Lipari**, the capital of the **Aeolian Islands**, and **Taormina**.

**Milazzo**, the prestigious seat of the Congress, is a city that extends into the sea towards the **Aeolian Islands**, rich in traditions, palaces, art, and... gastronomy. We will enter the **Castle** that dominates the city, an important fortified citadel with 5,000 years of history. Inside, we will visit the **Museum of the Sea**. From the Castle, a fascinating view of the **Aeolian Islands** is offered.

Two excursions are planned during the Congress:

to **Lipari**, where we will arrive by hydrofoil (aliscafo) after sailing along the island of **Vulcano**, and we will visit the **Castle** and the **Archaeological Museum**. We will conclude the tour with a picturesque stroll through the characteristic historic center, with its small port and typical seaside atmosphere, and a fascinating view of the Aeolian Islands;

to **Taormina**, one of the world's top tourist destinations, a jewel rich in history, ruins, gardens, and extraordinary beauty, with magnificent views of the sea and the magical eerie backdrop of **Mount Etna**.

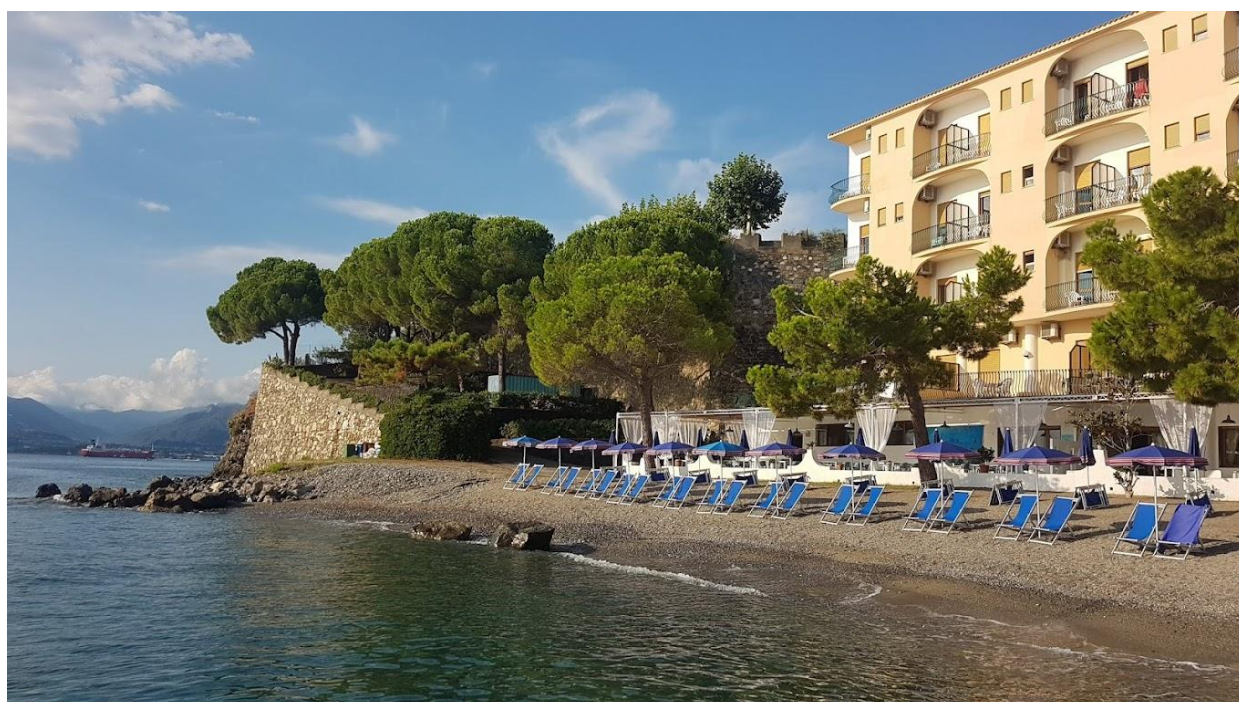
The Congress will take place from **Wednesday, September 10th to Sunday, September 14th, 2025**. Arrival is from 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 10th, and departure is before 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 14th.

**The cost of participation will be €970 for couples and €600 for individuals.** All dinners and breakfasts are included in the registration fee.

The Hotel is the "**Riviera Lido**", Via Panoramica- Milazzo

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*elegant seafront hotel with conference room, private beach and gourmet restaurant*



The UMEM was founded in 1955 in Italy, at the initiative of the Associations of Doctors Writers of Italy, France, Switzerland, and Belgium.

Participation in the UMEM Congresses is free, open to all doctors writers from the respective National Associations, and allows each participant to make their own literary contribution, with non-fiction, narrative, and poetic texts, which are documented in the anthology published on the occasion of the Congress. It is also an important opportunity for convivial encounters and exchanges with authors of different nationalities. There are currently 14 Member Associations of the UMEM!

I fondly recall the UMEM congresses of the past ten years: in 2015 in Benodèt (France), then in Garlate (Italy, 2016), in Plovdiv (Bulgaria, 2017), in Rheinfelden (Swiss-German border, 2018), in Vila Real (Portugal, 2019), in Versailles (France, 2022), in Crema (Italy, 2023), and in Varna (Bulgaria, 2024).

I also like to remember and thank the two Presidents who preceded me in these ten years, Dr Harald Rauchfuss and Dr Roland Noël, who have always encouraged me and still help me with their precious advice. And many other Friends of various Nationalities that I will not name here but whose value and sincere friendship I have appreciated.

I therefore look forward to your presence and participation, filled with many brilliant presentations, on a free theme or on the theme proposed this year (but not mandatory): “ *Humanity and Medicine - Light on the Road* ”

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Attached you will find the **Registration form** and the **Program** about the Congress.

**It is recommended to register as early as possible,  
before May 30, 2025**

I will also be available to all friends who plan to participate for any additional information.

With my best regards,

*Simone Pietro Bandirali - President of UMEM*