

NANOINNOVATION 2020

the Italian conference on innovation is a success again

NanoInnovation, the most important Italian event on micro and nanotechnologies and their integration with KETs, has been a success again.

Despite the Covid-19 epidemic situation, NanoInnovation 2020 has been held regularly from **15 to 18 September**. The organizers, AIRI and NanItaly Association, have structured the event with the purpose of ensuring a wide participation while keeping a strict respect of the rules for health protection and against the epidemic diffusion. To this purpose, the Conference has been structured by granting either the local presence of delegates or the remote participation by teleconferencing, while the exhibition hosted the maximum number of booths allowed by safety rules. As in our tradition, the conference has been hosted by the usual venue, in the Renaissance Cloister by Sangallo at the Faculty of Civil and Industrial Engineering of Sapienza University of Rome, which has been upgraded to allow the streaming connection from all the conference rooms. This dual channel organization has been appreciated by the delegates who attended the Conference sessions and the connected events.

Despite this difficult situation, this experimental edition of NanoInnovation has been a success, with more than 26 co-organizers, 9 exhibitors, 5 international delegation (Russia, Israel, Poland, Lithuania and Czech Republic), coordinated and supported by the Italian Trade Agency, and more than 400 speakers and chairs. NanoInnovation 2020 can also praise 1.210 online registered participants and, on the whole, a total amount of more than 3.400 presences, in attendance and remotely, at the different activities carried out during the four days of conference, from the opening plenary sessions to the update training, from the thematic symposia to schools and satellite events.

The conference started on September 15, in the morning, with a **Round Table** in the Cloister Room of the Faculty of Civil and Industrial Engineering of Sapienza University of Rome, with the presence of authorities from the scientific, institutional and industrial world, as the Rector of Sapienza University, **Eugenio Gaudio** and the President of Campania Digital Innovation Hub, **Luigi Nicolais**. In the afternoon, two Plenary Sessions followed, with many relevant speakers. The Scientific Plenary Session focused on “Advances on nanotechnology and nanosciences” saw the presence of international experts of the field, such as **Matthieu Germain**, CEO of Curadigm, with an importante lecture on “Delivering the power of nanomedicine to patients today” while the second part of the Plenary hosted meaningful speakers like **Ennio Capria**, Deputy Head of BD of European Synchrotron (ESRF) in Grenoble, **Massimo Busuoli**, Head of Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and **Wim De Kinderen**, from Vanguard Initiative.

The programme of the following days has been equally intense and interesting. Every day there were 4 multi-track sessions with at least 5 thematic symposia at the same time, training courses and satellite events promoted by Assing, Zeiss and Quantum Desing Italy. The exhibition area, in compliance with security and social distancing measures, was available for the entire duration of the event. One day, in exclusively telematic mode, was also entirely dedicated to bilateral meetings: thanks to the the contribution of the Agency for the Promotion of European Research, 52 supply and demand meetings has been faciliated. The conference ended on September 18, with a resounding success: a day entirely dedicated to **Open Innovation and Open Science** and a **Round Table** on the theme of education for innovation and sustainability.

The organizers are proud of this success which demonstrates that, despite the unusual social situation due to the epidemic, the technical-scientific community belonging to nanotechnology is still strictly connected

and that the modern communication tools can support the scientific discussion even if the physical contact has to be limited.

However we all hope that next Conference, scheduled from

21 to 24 September, 2021

will see the physical presence of many delegates in order to share both the scientific knowledge and the friendships tying most of us.

Nano Rome, 21-24 September
2021 Innovation
Conference & Exhibition