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The Institute for Social Policy Development is a civic think-tank operating in strategic partnership with the Kulski Foundation for Polish-American relations.

It is a place of in-depth debate, analyzes, solutions proposals, as well as exchange of views between a range of circles.

The concept behind the establishment of the Institute is to analyze economic and social phenomena through the prism of health and healthcare issues, which affect every single area of life and economic activity.

We set up the Institute during the COVID-19 pandemic as a response to previously unknown challenges and changing reality. In the unfolding new order, it is required to think about health care and related system solutions in a completely different way than before.

The IRSS' mission is to provide the decision-makers with cross-sectional analytical materials by engaging a wide range of opinion leaders, sector experts, representatives of the social area (employees, employers, etc.), media, as well as representatives of public administration - both at the central and local government level in the public discourse.

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SUMMARY



The conference entitled: **"Poland and Italy in the face of crises and challenges in the health sector - practice and experience"** aimed to create a Polish-Italian forum for debate and exchange of good practices, experiences and recommendations for public institutions in relation to the challenges facing the health sector.

The initiative undertaken by the Institute for the Social Policy Development, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Rome, was a unique presentation of state support instruments in the field of health, strengthening scientific cooperation and supporting the development of innovation based on relations between Poland and Italy.

The conference was attended by representatives of Polish and Italian: institutions and organisations representing the health sector, parliamentarians engaged in this field, scientists and medical experts, as well as representatives of the pharmaceutical industry.

We believe that taking joint action together with representatives of Poland and Italy, including representatives of public authorities, medical and systemic experts and representatives of non-governmental organisations will enable the exchange of good practices, experiences and recommendations for public institutions in the field of challenges faced by the healthcare sector, and strengthen scientific cooperation and the development of innovation between Poland and Italy.



Event programme

11:00 - 11:05 **Welcome remarks**

- Szymon Wojtasik, Kierownik Wydziału Polityczno-Ekonomicznego, Ambasady RP w Rzymie w imieniu J.E. Anny Marii Anders, Ambasador Nadzwyczajnej i Pełnomocnej Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Republice Włoskiej i Republice San Marino
- Małgorzata Bogusz, Prezes Instytutu Rozwoju Spraw Społecznych

11:05 - 11:45 **Official opening speeches**

- Anna Maria Anders, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of Italy and the Republic of San Marino (remote participation)
- dr Adam Niedzielski, Minister of Health, Republic of Poland
- prof. Przemysław Czarnek, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Poland
- Representative of the Ministry of Health, Republic of Italy*
- prof. Radosław Sierpiński, President of the Medical Research Agency, Prime Minister's Plenipotentiary for Development of the Biotechnological Sector and Poland's Independence in Blood Derivatives

11:45 - 11:55 **Signing of an Agreement within the Warsaw Health Innovation Hub**

11:55 - 13:15 **Panel I: The challenges faced by the healthcare systems in times of crises – Polish and Italian perspectives**

13:15 - 14:00 **Working lunch**

14:00 - 15:00 **Panel II: Polish-Italian bilateral cooperation - exchange of experiences and good practices in the healthcare sector**

15:00 - 15:10 **Coffee break**

15:10 - 16:10 **Panel III: International economic cooperation - the importance of investing in biotechnology innovation in times of accumulating crises and threats**

19:30 - 21:30 **Gala banquet for the conference participants at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Rome**

- Medal Award Ceremony: 'A Friend of the Children's Memorial Health Institute'



Panel I

The challenges faced by the healthcare systems in times of crises – Polish and Italian perspectives

Moderator: **Bartosz Kwiatek**, Polsat News journalist

Panelists:

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- **dr Roman Topór-Mądry**, President of the Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Tarification (AOTMiT)
- **dr Tomasz Latos**, Member of Parliament (Sejm) RP, Chairman of the Parliamentary Health Committee
- **prof. Marcin Czech**, President of the Polish Pharmacoeconomic Society, Head of the Department of Pharmacoeconomics, and Head of the Hospital Infection Control Team at the Institute of Mother and Child
- **prof. Adam Maciejczyk**, Chairman of the National Council on Oncology, Chairman of the Polish Oncological Society
- **prof. Tomasz Hryniewiecki**, Chairman of the National Council on Cardiology, National Consultant in Cardiology
- **prof. Giorgio Minotti**, Professor of Pharmacology and Pro-Rector for Development, Campus Bio-Medico University Hospital of Rome
- **prof. Mariano Bizzarri**, Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology, Department of Experimental Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome
- **prof. Vincenzo Antonelli**, Associate Professor of Administrative Law, School of Economics and Management of Health Systems - ALTEMS
- **dr Fortunato Paolo D'Ancona**, Senior Scientist, Department of Infectious Diseases, Italian National Institute of Health (ISS)
- **Krzysztof Kopeć**, President of Polish Association of Pharmaceutical Industry



Panel II

Polish-Italian bilateral cooperation - exchange of experiences and good practices in the healthcare sector

Moderator: **Bartosz Kwiatek**, Polsat News journalist

Panelists:

- **dr Marek Migdał**, Director of Children's Memorial Health Institute
- **prof. Filip Szymański**, President of the Polish Society of Civilization Diseases, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Collegium Medicum, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw (UKSW)
- **ft. prof. Stanisław Dziekoński**, Warsaw New Tech University Foundation
- **prof. Monika Urbaniak**, Head of Department of Medical and Pharmaceutical Law, Poznan University of Medical Sciences after Karol Marcinkowski
- **prof. Federica Wolf**, Professor at International Medical University in Rome, UniCamillus
- **prof. Paolo Rossi**, Head of Department of Pediatrics, Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome
- **prof. Adriana Ceci**, Chairwoman of the INCIIPIT Scientific Committee (Italian Network for Pediatric Clinical Trials)
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Panel III

International economic cooperation - the importance of investing in biotechnology innovation in times of accumulating crises and threats

Moderator: **Bartosz Kwiatek**, Polsat News journalist

Panelists:

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- **dr Donato Bonifazi**, Director of the Consortium for Biological and Pharmacological Evaluations (CVBF)
- **dr Francesco Cuttaia**, PhD in Public Law at University of Roma Tre, Civil Servant at Italian Ministry of Health, currently Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers
- **dr Rafal Kaminski**, Chief Scientific Officer and Head of R&D, Angelini Pharma, Italy
- **Karolina Nowak**, Director of Innovation and Biotechnology Development Department, Medical Research Agency
- **Filiz Balçay**, Head of Region Europe Mid-size Countries, Chiesi Group

After the third panel, from 19:30 to 21:30, a banquet for conference participants will be held at the Embassy.

The gala dinner will be accompanied by a Medal Award Ceremony: *A Friend of the Children's Memorial Health Institute*



COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION - PART I

- Representatives of Polish and Italian public institutions and organisations from the health sector, parliamentarians, leading medical experts, scientists and representatives of the pharmaceutical industry met in Rome on 7 June to collectively debate the condition of the health care systems in both countries and the enhancement of bilateral cooperation in the domains of health care and the fostering of innovation. The conference 'Poland and Italy in the face of crises and challenges in the health sector - practice and experience' was organised by the Institute for Social Policy Development, in cooperation with the Polish Embassy in Rome.
- **As Małgorzata Bogusz, President of the Management Board of the Institute for Social Policy Development**, emphasised, the conference has become a space to create a unique Polish-Italian forum for debate and exchange of good practices, experiences and recommendations for public institutions on the challenges confronting the health sector in both countries.
- During the official opening of the conference, **Anna Maria Anders, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Italian Republic and the Republic of San Marino**, who attended the event remotely, remarked that with the COVID-19 pandemic now expired, we are at a crucial moment for the medical and healthcare sector to exchange ideas and start making plans for the future.
- **The Minister of Health, Adam Niedzielski** emphasised in his speech that the last two years have forced us to live in a permanent crisis for which no one in Europe or the world had been prepared. Once we thought we had everything under control and had begun to successfully confront the pandemic, another crisis emerged, linked to the Russian aggression against Ukraine. More than 3.5 million people crossed the border into Poland. As with the pandemic, this is an immense challenge for the health system.
- In his speech, **the Minister of Education and Science, Przemysław Czarnek** referred to the scientific and research cooperation agreement signed the day before, on 6 June, between the Catholic University of Lublin and Rome's La Sapienza University and the Gemelli Polyclinic. The Minister also emphasised the role of the Medical Research Agency in developing innovative solutions.



COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION - PART II

- **Radosław Sierpiński, President of the Medical Research Agency**, referred to the cooperation between Poland and Italy. "We have been talking with our partners in Italy for months to ensure that this cooperation converts into concrete results. I am convinced that in just a few weeks or months, extremely promising projects with 'La Sapienza' University, the Gemelli Clinic and the Bambino Gesù Hospital, concerning, among other things, research in oncology, microbiology or translational medicine, will begin and patients will benefit from them," said the ABM President. He also emphasised the role of innovation in medicine.
- Before the debates began, a representative of **Chiesi Poland - Grzegorz Kowalik, Public Affairs & Market Access Director** - signed an agreement within the Warsaw Health Innovation Hub. Thus, the company joined a uniquely Central European platform for cooperation between business, public and scientific entities, serving to strengthen Poland as an 'incubator' for medical and biotechnological innovation and increase the resilience and stability of the post-pandemic healthcare system.
- In turn, **Professor Adam Maciejczyk, President of the National Oncology Council and the Polish Oncology Society**, pointed out that in every field, we can achieve improvements in patient treatment through innovation. The concept of the National Oncology Network, which is part of the National Oncology Strategy, is based, inter alia, on analysing data on access to care for cancer patients.
- Professor **Giorgio Minotti from the University Hospital Campus Bio-Medico in Rome** shared his insights on the challenges confronting healthcare in Italy: "As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a great number of patients interrupted their treatment programmes with a cardiologist or oncologist. Screening tests have been discontinued, and patients have also not had access to planned treatments. We should consider how to use financial resources so that as many patients as possible can benefit from innovative therapies" assessed Prof Minotti.
- Conversely, **Prof Mariano Bizzarri from the Department of Experimental Medicine at the University 'La Sapienza'** provided information on ongoing research into innovative antibiotics. - *We now have the technology to identify 49 active substances produced in outer space. I hope that with the help of the Medical Research Agency, we will be able to develop this project*, Professor Bizzarri pointed out.



COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION - PART III

- **Chairman of the Parliamentary Health Committee, Dr. Tomasz Latos** stressed that thanks to international cooperation and new technologies, we were able to control the pandemic quite quickly, and today, with some knowledge and experience, we are better prepared to deal with the crisis. Poland handled the millions of migrants from Ukraine very well, he added, because the measures had probably already been tested during the pandemic.
- **Dr. Fortunato Paolo D'Ancona of the Department of Infectious Diseases of the Italian National Health Institute (ISS)**, on the other hand, pointed out that it is necessary to create a network of molecular diagnosis not only in Italy and Poland, but also at the international level, in order to best prepare for future crises.
- Both Polish and Italian experts stressed the importance of funding from the European Union under the National Recovery Plan for improving efficiency in health care. Conference participants also stressed the importance of Polish-Italian bilateral cooperation in the context of the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine.
- *For more than a hundred days, we have not only been observers, but also active participants in supporting Ukrainian patients and their families. As a highly specialized hospital, we receive the most difficult cases of sick children. At the same time, since the beginning of the war, we have cooperated with many centers from abroad. Cooperation with the Italian Bambino Gesù Hospital is an example of excellent solidarity of pediatric hospitals.* - noted **Dr. Marek Migdal, Director of Children's Memorial Health Institute.**
- The need for international and institutional cooperation between different centers was also pointed out by **Prof. Paolo Rossi, Head of the Department of Pediatrics at Bambino Gesù in Rome.** The COVID-19 pandemic taught us that we should all join forces and act according to common protocols to meet emerging threats, Prof. Rossi said.
- **Prof. Federica Wolf of UniCamillus - International Medical University of Rome**, meanwhile, stressed that we should look at public health from a broader perspective, with a special focus on educating the future health system workforce. As part of these activities, the Gemelli Polyclinic is involved in exchanges of students and academics, including with Warsaw universities.

COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION

- PART IV

- One of the most important topics raised during the discussion was the international cooperation aspect. It was addressed by **Prof. Vincenzo Antonelli of the University of L'Aquila**, according to whom it should not only stop at the national solutions. According to him, they should be agreed at the European level and then implemented at the local level.
- Other issues that came up in the debate were investments in new technologies. According to **Dr. Donato Bonifazi, Director of the Consortium for Biological and Pharmacological Evaluation (CVBF)**, innovations in health care should be given a special treatment - different from other fields - due to the fact that they affect our lives and those of our loved ones.
- **Dr. Francesco Cuttaia of Roma Tre University and Civil Service Officer at the Italian Ministry of Health** pointed out the need for implementing intermediate structures in the health care system, which would relieve the burden on hospitals and at the same time provide improved access to primary health care and outpatient treatment.
- After the official part of the conference, during a ceremonial banquet, **Dr. Marek Migdal presented the “A Friend of the Children’s Memorial Health Institute”** medal to Prof. Adriana Ceci, in gratitude for many years of cooperation and special contributions to the Children’s Memorial Health Institute. Prof. Ceci has been cooperating with the IPCZD since 2007 in implementing new methods and standards for conducting clinical trials of medicinal products in children.

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