ACCADEMIA ITALIANA ENDODONZIA ®

3rd International Congress
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Myth or reality?

Bologna
February 26-28, 2026

Dear Colleagues, Members, and Friends,

After the exciting 2025 edition, which confirmed our Congress as one of the most anticipated and well-attended events of the year, it is my great pleasure to present the **XXXIV National Congress** and **3rd International Congress** of the **Italian Academy of Endodontics**, to be held from 26 to 28 February 2026 at the Savoia Regency Hotel Conference Centre in Bologna.

The theme chosen for the 2026 edition - ***"Minimal Invasiveness. Myth or Reality?"*** - invites us to reflect on a central concept in contemporary dentistry: how truly possible is it to be minimally invasive in Endodontics without compromising effectiveness, safety, and predictability? Are we dealing with a well-established clinical philosophy or with an idea that is often misused and misunderstood?

To answer these questions, we have invited internationally renowned Speakers - some of the most important voices in research and clinical practice - who will guide us through a critical and balanced journey of scientific evidence, clinical experience, and innovative approaches. The programme is rich and multifaceted, designed to offer practical, immediately applicable concepts without sacrificing scientific depth.

Confirmed Invited speakers include **Jose Aranguren, Stephane Simon, Konstantinos Kalogeropoulos, Mustafa Gündoğar, Camillo D'Arcangelo, Francesc Abella, Massimo Giovarruscio, Jose Gaviño**, and **Fabio Gorni**. We are also honoured to host the **Keynote Lecture** by **Prof. Ken Hargreaves**, Editor of the Journal of Endodontics, a true icon in global endodontic research and clinical practice.

The **pre-congress Course** on Thursday will be led by **Antonis Chaniotis** and **Hugo Sousa Dias**, on the stimulating topic *"The Canal Blockage Course"*, an unmissable opportunity to update knowledge and discuss complex cases and advanced strategies.

On Thursday afternoon, we will once again host the informal *"Aperitif with the Speaker"*, offering Participants the opportunity to meet leading Speakers in a relaxed setting and engage in open dialogue on techniques, trends, and new perspectives in our discipline.

On Friday and Saturday, both Italian and International Speakers will take the stage in plenary and parallel sessions, addressing every aspect of minimal invasiveness: from diagnostics to instrumentation, from shaping to structural preservation, from irrigation to the post-endodontic restorative approach.

The much-appreciated Friday afternoon *Company Workshops*, combining theory and hands-on practice, will also be held, allowing participants to test the most innovative products and technologies on the market, thanks to the support of companies that

enthusiastically sustain our Academy's activities.
The Social Lunch & Learn will also be present on Friday: the most important social media groups in Endodontics will share their insights and experiences.
Naturally, our hallmark social moment will also take place: the *Congress Dinner & AIE Night Party*, an unmissable occasion for networking, enjoyment, and strengthening the sense of community that has always characterised the AIE experience.
Once again, this year, we aim to enhance the international vocation of our Academy, with a strong presence of Colleagues from abroad, thanks to our partnerships with several scientific societies. The main sessions will feature *simultaneous translation* from Italian to English and vice versa, ensuring genuine and fruitful cultural exchange.
With the trademark AIE style - driven by passion, collegiality, and openness to dialogue - the AIE 2026 Congress promises to be a unique moment for both scientific and personal growth. We look forward to welcoming you in Bologna, with the enthusiasm, curiosity, and spirit of sharing that unite us all.

Gianluca Plotino
President, Italian Academy of Endodontics AIE

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Thursday, 26 February 2026

PRE-CONGRESS COURSE

HELD IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

THE CANAL BLOCKAGE - HOW TO RE-ESTABLISH THE LOST GLIDE PATH

Speakers:
Antonis Chaniotis, Hugo Sousa Dias

Moderator:
Eugenio Pedullà

11:30-1:30 pm **Part 1**

1:30-2:30 pm Lunch break

2:30- 4:30 pm **Part 2**

4:30-5:00 pm **Round Table - Questions from the Audience**

5:30-7:00 pm **"Aperitif with the Speaker"**

held in Italian language
Sponsored Clinical Tables

Friday, 27 February 2026

AUDITORIUM

9:00-9:15 am **Welcome Address - Opening Remarks**
Gianluca Plotino *AIE President*
Gianluca Gambarini *ESE President*

9:15-10:45 am **Lectio Magistralis**
Biological Basis for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Endodontic Pain
Ken Hargreaves *Editor, Journal of Endodontics*

10:45-11:30 am Coffee break

11:30-11:45 am **Presentation of AIE Activities 2026**

FIRST SESSION

Moderator: Gianluca Gambarini

11:45-12:30 pm **Is the Pulp the Root Canal Filling of the Future?**
Stéphane Simon

12:30-1:15 pm **Minimally Invasive Canal Shaping: When and How**
José Aranguren

1:15-1:30 pm **Round Table - Questions from the Audience**

1:30-2:30 pm Lunch break

1:30 2:30 pm **SOCIAL Lunch&Learn** *held in Italian language*

SECOND SESSION

Moderator: Gianluca Gambarini

2:30-3:15 pm — **Is It Possible to Disinfect the Endodontic Space Without Removing Excessive Tooth Structure?**
Mustafa Gündoğar

3:15-4:00 pm — **Selective Retreatment and Case Selection Guided by CBCT in Modern Endodontics**
Konstantinos Kalogeropoulos

4:00-4:45 pm — **Fully Non-Invasive Aesthetic Restorative Treatments**
Camillo D'Arcangelo

4:45- 5:00 pm — **Round Table - Questions from the Audience**

5:00- 5:15 pm — **AIE Awards Ceremony and Nomination of New Active Members and Young Affiliates**

5:30-7:00 pm — **Corporate Workshops** *held in Italian language*
From theory to practice

From 9:00 pm — **CONGRESS DINNER & AIE NIGHT PARTY**

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Saturday, 28 February 2026

IN-DEPTH THEORETICAL COURSES

ROOM 1

Moderator: Simona Bonati

9:00-11:00 am **Digital Workflow in Endodontics**
Francesc Abella

11:00-11:30 am Coffee break

11:30-1:30 pm **The Endo-Resto Continuum**
Massimo Giovarruscio

ROOM 2

Moderator: Francesco Bellucci

9:00-11:00 am **Regenerative Procedures in Endodontics**
José Gaviño

11:00-11:30 am Coffee break

11:30-1:30 pm **Endodontic Microsurgery**
Fabio Gorni

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE

FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS (ASO) *HELD IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE*

Coordinator: Raffaella Castagnola

8:45-9:00 am **Introduction**
by the Coordinator

9:00-11:00 am **Endodontic Treatment Care Pathway: From Patient Reception to Discharge**
Davide Zampieri - Samantha Biondani (ASO)

11:00-11:30 am Coffee break

11:30-12:30 pm **Radiology in Endodontics: Guidance for Dental Assistants (ASO)**
Teocrito Carlesi

12:30-01:30 pm **The Role of Dental Assistants (ASO) in the organisation of medical products within a Dental Practice**
Antonello Coppola

01:30-02:00 pm **Round Table - Questions from the Audience**

Speakers
Francesc Abella *Barcellona E*
Josè Aranguren *Madrid E*
Antonis Chaniotis *Atene GR*
Camillo D'Arcangelo *Chieti-Pescara*
Hugo Sousa Dias *Porto P*
José Francisco Gaviño *Barcellona E*
Massimo Giovarruscio *Roma*
Fabio Gorni *Milano*
Mustafa Gündoğar *Istanbul TR*
Kenneth N. Hargreaves *San Antonio, TX, USA*
Konstantinos Kalogeropoulos *Atene GR*
Stéphane Simon *Parigi F*

Moderators
Francesco Bellucci *Avellino*
Simona Bonati *Carrara*
Gianluca Gambarini *Roma*

Continuing Education Course for Dental Assistants (ASO)
Coordinator: Raffaella Castagnola *Roma*
Samantha Biondani *Verona*
Teocrito Carlesi *Vasto*
Antonello Coppola *Monte San Savino*
Davide Zampieri *Verona*

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General Information

VENUE

Savoia Hotel Regency
Conference Centre
Via del Pilastro, 2 – Bologna I
www.savoia.it

LANGUAGES

The official languages of the Congress are English and Italian. Free simultaneous translation will be available from Italian into English (Congress contents: Friday and Saturday).

PARTICIPATION

AIE Members (Dentists and Dental Students) – whose 2026 membership fees are fully paid – are entitled to attend the **Congress** (Friday and Saturday), the **Aperitif with the Speaker**, the **Corporate Workshops**, and the **Microscope Jamboree**° free of charge.

° This activity will take place throughout the entire congress. During the breaks, Participants will have the opportunity to try out all the microscopes from our partner Companies directly at their booths.

PRE-CONGRESS COURSE. Participation Fees:
- Active Member and Young Affiliate: Free of charge
- AIE Member* (by 31.12.2025): € 30
- AIE Member* (from 01.01.2026): € 60
- Non-AIE Member: € 100

Lunch is included.

** Membership renewal or new membership applications to the Italian Academy of Endodontics (AIE) for the year 2026 can be made online from 15 September 2025 at* **www.accademiaitalianaendodonzia.it** *– section Become Member.*

SOCIAL Lunch&Learn: The leading endodontic groups on social networks will share their experiences. Participation will be limited to the first 15 requests for each session. Participation fee: € 30.

ASO CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE

valid for the annual update requirement – total 10 training hours (in-person + online).

Participation fees:

€ 50 (for AIE Member Assistants)

€ 70 (for non-member Assistants).

This Course is designed specifically for Dental Assistants who want to enhance their expertise in Endodontics.

LECTURES "ON-LINE"

All Participants in the Congress will have the opportunity to review and listen (in original language) all the lectures of the Congress (Friday and Saturday) and the Pre-Congress Course (if participating in).
Access will be active starting 21 days after the Congress end.

CONGRESS DINNER & AIE NIGHT PARTY

Friday, 27 February from 9:00pm

A special occasion to experience the spirit of the Academy with great food, music, and fun.

Participation fees:

- € 75 Dinner & Party
- € 65 Dinner & Party (under 35)
- € 50 Dinner & Party (students)
- € 25 Party Only (admission from 11:00pm, includes 1 cocktail)
- € 15 Shuttle bus service (round trip) from Savoia Hotel Regency

AIE EXECUTIVE BOARD 2025-2026

President: **Gianluca Plotino**
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