

Press release

FOUNDING OF WAIDID, THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND IMMUNOLOGICAL DISORDERS

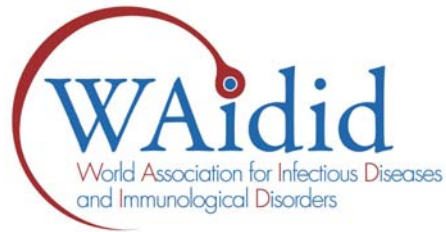
**UNVEILED AT THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES WORLD SUMMIT
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*WAidid, the new **International Scientific Society** presided over by **Prof. Susanna Esposito**, has the objective of promoting scientific research and the dissemination of information on infectious and immunological diseases on both the national and international levels while raising public awareness with regard to such diseases, which can prove to be very widespread among both adults and children.*

Milan, 7 July 2014 – On the **international** panorama there was no scientific society specialised in infectious and immunological diseases and involving all the different organ specialists who treat children, adults and the elderly.

“I am pleased to announce the founding of **WAidid** – states Prof. **Susanna Esposito, President WAidid and Director of the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit of the Polyclinic of Milan**. This is the fulfilment of a project I have always believed in, and I am proud to present the new association for the first time at the *Respiratory Experts Forum* in Shanghai. Our objective is to promote scientific research and the dissemination of information regarding illnesses pertinent to a number of different medical disciplines and which affect all the different age groups, as do infectious and immunological diseases. We will achieve this by developing educational initiatives and on-going professional training meant to benefit all those healthcare professionals involved in the treatment and cure of these pathologies”.

The association will soon be on-line with the site www.waidid.org, where healthcare professionals, the media and the public will be able to consult information and documentation on infectious and immunological pathologies. Specific consulting on the part of specialists in the field (including pulmonologists, rheumatologists, gastroenterologists and renal experts) and by physicians specialised in the treatment of the different age groups (neonatologists, paediatricians, internists and gerontologists) will be available, plus major international events and news of the principal scientific news in the field.



The international debut of WAidid occurred on the occasion of the *Respiratory Experts Forum* in Shanghai, which reached its conclusion yesterday, having been attended by all the top international experts at Infectious Diseases, who gathered to discuss new developments and breakthroughs in the field of **recurrent respiratory infections (RRI)** and their prevention.

The first WAidid congress will be held in 2016 in Milan (site of the association's headquarters), bringing together the leading experts from all over the world.

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