

**6<sup>^</sup> Conferenza Internazionale**  
**Alpha-Alpha-Beta Chapter Sigma Nursing**  
 Biblioteca Universitaria, Università di Genova  
 Via Balbi, 40 - Genova, Italy  
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**Nursing Science for the Future of Health: Leading Change Together**

9.00	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Liz Westcott <i>President Sigma Nursing – UK</i></li> <li>- Marie-Louise Luiking <i>Sigma Europe Regional Coordinator – The Netherlands</i></li> <li>- Milko Zanini – <i>President Alpha Alpha Beta Sigma Nursing - ITA</i></li> <li>- Loredana Sasso – <i>Vice President Alpha Alpha Beta Sigma Nursing – ITA</i></li> </ul>
09:30	<p>Keynote lectures</p> <p><b>Leading Change Together: Nursing Leadership for the Future of Health</b>          Joyce Fitzpatrick <i>Case Western Reserve University – USA</i></p>
10:00	<p><b>Nursing Research for the Future of Health: Generating Evidence, Guiding Change</b>          Susan Gennaro <i>Connell School of Nursing - Boston College – USA</i></p>
10.30	<p><b>Leading Change Together: The Role of Nursing Sciences in Shaping the Future of Health</b>          Duilio Manara, <i>Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, ITA</i></p>
10.45	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
11:15	<p><b>Leading Change in Care Systems: The University’s Strategic Role</b>          Annamaria Bagnasco, <i>Università di Genova, Italy</i></p>
11:30	<p><b>Lead Together: Sigma Nursing’s Call to Action in Italy — Proposals and Perspectives</b>          Milko Zanini, <i>Università di Genova, Italy</i></p>
11:45	<p><b>From Reflection to Practice: The Contributions of “5 Minutes of Insight” to the Future of Health</b>          Marina Vanzetta, <i>Publisher Manager L’Infermiere Journal</i></p>
12.00 – 12.30	<p><i>Chair</i>  <i>Sigma Ambassadors</i></p> <p><b>Oral Communication</b></p>
12.30 – 13.00	<p><i>Chair</i>  <i>Sigma Ambassadors</i></p> <p><b>Poster Presentation</b></p>
13.00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14.00	<p><b>Parallel Sessions</b></p> <p><b>Leading Nursing Innovation for the Quality and Sustainability of Services</b></p> <p><b>Session 1.</b> Deborah Cesura Granara, <i>Leading Change in Wound Care: Research and Innovation for the Quality and Sustainability of Care</i></p> <p><b>Session 2.</b> Maria Mongardi, <i>Preventing Infections, Leading Change: The Contribution of Nursing Science to Patient Safety</i></p> <p><b>Session 3.</b> Monica Guberti, <i>Nursing Leadership and the Management of Care Processes: Leading Change in Healthcare Organizations</i></p> <p><b>Session 4.</b> Alessio Rizzo, <i>Innovative Perioperative Pathways for the Future of Health: The Nursing Contribution to ERAS Protocols</i></p>

15.00	<p><b>Parallel Sessions</b></p> <p><b>Innovation and Partnerships for the Evolution of Nursing Practice</b></p> <p><b>Session 1.</b> BEPI: Innovation Supporting Care Practice</p> <p><b>Session 2.</b> HARG: Technologies and Solutions for Nutritional Care Needs</p> <p><b>Session 3.</b> COMARK/FALPI: Hygiene Practices in Clinical Settings</p> <p><b>Session 4.</b> CONVATEC: Advanced Care and Innovation for Quality Outcomes in Wounds Care</p>
16.00	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>

### Faculty

- Annamaria Bagnasco  
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- Angela Durante  
*Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy*
- Joyce Fitzpatrick  
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- paying the GNHS fee of €15, electronically on site during the conference.

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### **Scientific Committee**

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