

# Challenges **2025** in Laparoscopy & Robotics

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Challenges in  
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**D**ear Friends & Colleagues,  
we are thrilled to invite you to Florence for the 21st annual edition of the world's leading live surgery meeting in laparoscopic and robotic urologic surgery, *Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics (CILR)*.

*Reaching this milestone is a true testament to the outstanding live surgeries and dynamic discussions we've shared over two decades, constantly learning from one another.*

*Since its inception, our vision for this event has only grown stronger and more relevant to the evolving field of surgery.*

*In 2004, we began with *Challenges in Laparoscopy (CIL)*, and as robotic technologies advanced, we expanded into *Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics (CILR)*.*

*Now, 20 years later, artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the medical world, and we are excited to introduce *Challenges in Laparoscopy & Robotics-AI (CILR-AI)* for this year's event.*

*We have prepared a rich, comprehensive scientific program for you.*

*As always, the highlight will be our signature live robotic and laparoscopic surgeries with the world's top urologic surgeons, displayed concurrently on three large screens.*

*These will be complemented by 25 "semi-live" complex and uncommon surgeries, recorded over the past year and presented by the surgeons themselves.*

*You'll be equipped with headphones to tune into the screen and discussion that interests you most, with live moderation to guide the experience.*

*Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to introduce cutting-edge AI applications with immediate relevance to your daily practice, no matter where in the world you work.*

*This year's live surgeries will push the boundaries of modern urology, featuring advanced procedures such as robotic kidney transplantation and auto-transplantation, bladder transplantation, complex partial nephrectomies, inferior vena-cavectomy with prosthetic grafting, radical nephrectomy with en bloc distal pancreatectomy and splenectomy, radical and salvage prostatectomies for locally advanced cancers, gender reassignment surgery, and much more.*

*These procedures will not only enhance your skills but also expand the horizons of robotic and laparoscopic urologic surgery.*

*The 21st edition of CILR-AI promises to be our best yet. We eagerly await your arrival in the stunning city of Florence, set against the breathtaking landscape of Tuscany. Together, let's experience a high-tech surgical spectacle like no other.*

*CILR-AI 2025 is set to be nothing short of magical—the Super Bowl of Surgery, and the premier live urologic surgery meeting in the world.*

*The future is now!*

*Join us and be part of it!*

*Warm regards.*



*Inderbir Gill*



*Andrea Minerwini*



*Vito Pansadoro*



*James Porter*



*Giuseppe Simone*



*Xu Zhang*

# Challenges in Laparoscopy since 2004

## Challenges in Laparoscopy

### Advanced Urologic Laparoscopy in 2004

Four among the best Laparoscopic Urological Surgeons are going to perform, in live surgery, the full spectrum of urological procedures available today.

**Ingolf Türk**  
**Inderbir Gill**  
**Bertrand Guillonneau**  
**Richard Gaston**

**June 2-3-4 2004**  
 Rome, Italy  
 Palazzo dei Congressi

**Rome**

Directors of the Course  
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Program

## Challenges<sup>2005</sup> in Laparoscopy

### Advanced Urologic Laparoscopy in 2005

Three among the best Laparoscopic Urological Surgeons are going to perform, in live surgery, the full spectrum of urological procedures available today.

**Jens Uwe Stolzenburg**  
**Claude Abbou**  
**Richard Gaston**

**June 3-4 2005**  
 Rome, Italy  
 Torre Rossa Park Hotel

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## Challenges<sup>2006</sup> in Laparoscopy

### Advanced Urologic Laparoscopy in 2006

Four of the most prominent Laparoscopic Urological Surgeons will perform innovative live surgery demonstrating the full spectrum of urological procedures.

**Peter Schulam**  
**Inderbir Gill**  
**Richard Gaston**  
**Renaud Bollens**

**June 4-5-6-7 2006**  
 Rome, Italy  
 Torre Rossa Park Hotel

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## Challenges<sup>2007</sup> in Laparoscopy

### The European Congress of Laparoscopy 2007

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**June 7-8-9 2007**  
 Bordeaux, France  
 Palais des Congrès

**Bordeaux**

Surgeons  
**Claude Abbou**  
**Renaud Bollens**  
**Vincenzo Disanto**  
**Richard Gaston**  
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**Giorgio Guazzoni**  
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## Challenges 2008 in Laparoscopy & Robotics


The European Congress  
of Laparoscopy 2008

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June 5-6-7 2008  
Rome, Italy  
Marriott Hotel

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## Challenges 2009 in Laparoscopy & Robotics


The European Congress  
of Laparoscopy 2009

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May 25-26-27 2009  
Paris, France  
Amphithéâtre Bordeaux  
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Jean Luc Hoepffner  
Mani Menon  
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Vito Pansadoro  
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Francois Rozet  
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Peter Gland Wiklund



## Challenges 2010 in Laparoscopy & Robotics

The European Congress  
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June 10-11-12 2010  
Rome, Italy  
Marriott Hotel

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Surgery will be performed at  
P<sup>2</sup> UROLOGICAL SOCIETY



## Challenges 2011 in Laparoscopy & Robotics

The European Congress  
of Laparoscopy 2011

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June 9-10-11 2011  
Leipzig, Germany  
The Westin Hotel

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**Challenges 2012**  
in Laparoscopy & Robotics

The European Congress of Laparoscopy and Robotics 2012

Some of the most prominent Laparoscopic Urological Surgeons will perform innovative live surgery demonstrating the full spectrum of urological procedures.

June 7-8-9, 2012  
Ergife Palace Hotel  
Rome, Italy

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**Challenges 2013**  
in Laparoscopy & Robotics

The joint European-Chinese Congress of Laparoscopy and Robotics 2013

Some of the most prominent Laparoscopic Urological Surgeons will perform innovative live surgery demonstrating the full spectrum of urological procedures.

June 6-7-8 2013  
International Convention Center  
Beijing, China

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Jian Huang	Xiaofeng Zou
Günter Janetschek	
Hongzhao Li	
Xin Ma	
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Jens Rassweiler	

**Challenges 2014**  
in Laparoscopy & Robotics

The European Congress of Laparoscopy and Robotics 2014

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May 29-30-31 2014  
Hotel Fira Palace  
Barcelona, Spain

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**Challenges 2015**  
in Laparoscopy & Robotics

The European Congress of Laparoscopy and Robotics 2015

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June 4-5-6 2015  
Hilton Convention Center  
Istanbul, Turkey

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## Challenges in Laparoscopy since 2004

**Challenges 2016**  
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The European Congress of  
Laparoscopy and Robotics 2016

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June 9-10-11 2016  
Lisboa, Portugal

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**Challenges 2017**  
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The European Congress of  
Laparoscopy and Robotics 2017

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June 8-9-10 2017  
Bordeaux, France  
Palais des Congrès

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**Challenges 2018**  
in Laparoscopy  
& Robotics

The European Congress of  
Laparoscopy and Robotics 2018

Some of the most prominent Laparoscopic  
Urological Surgeons will perform innovative  
live surgery demonstrating the full spectrum  
of urological procedures.

28-29-30 June, 2018  
Leipzig, Germany  
Kongresshalle

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in Laparoscopy  
& Robotics

The European Congress of  
Laparoscopy and Robotics 2019

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Urological Surgeons will perform innovative  
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July 3-4-5 2019  
Barcelona, Spain  
Crowne Plaza Barcelona - Fira Center

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**Challenges 2022**  
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18<sup>th</sup> Edition  
June 15-16-17, 2022  
Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno Italy

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19<sup>th</sup> Edition  
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Aula Medica, Nobels Väg 6  
Solna, Stockholm, Sweden

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**20 YEARS**

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in Laparoscopy,  
Robotics & AI

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Auditorium della Tecnica

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 Swedish Medical Center  
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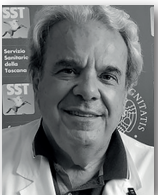
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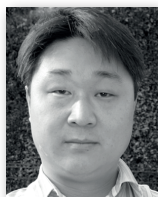


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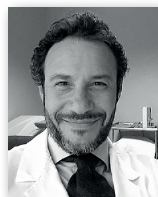


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**Emanuele Casciani, MD**



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 Stanford University Medical Center  
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 Professor of Robotic Urology and Minimally  
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 Pioneer of Robotic Surgery  
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 Director of Urology Robotic Training  
 University of Illinois, Chicago, USA



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 Cefalù, Palermo, Italy



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**Maurizio De Maria, MD**  
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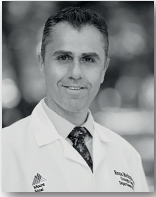
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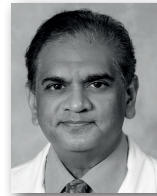
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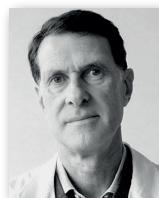
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# Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2025

8:00	<b>WELCOME</b> Course directors: Inderbir Gill, Andrea Minervini, Vito Pansadoro, James Porter, Giuseppe Simone, Xu Zhang		
<b>SURGICAL SESSION</b>			
<b>TIME</b>	<b>SCREEN 1</b>	<b>SCREEN 2</b>	<b>SCREEN 3</b>
<b>1<sup>th</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
8:10 - 9:30	<b>RAPN (SP, Careggi)</b> Surgeon: Francesco Porpiglia  Moderators: Alessandro Antonelli, Francesco Curto, Costantino Leonardo	<b>RALP NS (H, Bologna)</b> Surgeon: Riccardo Schiavina  Moderators: Riccardo Autorino, Antonio Galfano, Reza Mehrazin	<b>Salvage RARP (X, Careggi)</b> Surgeon: Markus Graefen  Moderators: Benjamin I. Chung, Andrea Gavazzi, Victor Enrique Corona Montes
9:30 - 10:00	<b>Surgical atlas of kidney: Retroperitoneal vs Transperitoneal</b> Mihir Desai		
<b>SEMILIVE</b>			
10:00 - 10:30			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
10:30 - 12:00	<b>RARN with IVC Thrombectomy or Distal Pancreatectomy</b> Surgeon: Inderbir Gill  Moderators: Prokar Dasgupta, Markus Hohenfellner, Levent Turkeri	<b>Bilateral Ureteral Substitution with Ileal Loop (Broadcasting from China)</b> Surgeon: Xuesong Li  Moderators: Franco Gaboardi, Rajesh Nair, Gabriele Tuderti	<b>Laparoscopic Partial Adrenalectomy</b> Surgeon: Antonio Celia  Moderators: Daniele Amparore, Harrie Beerlage, Lukas Lusuardi
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Focus on Prostate Cancer: Relugolix</b> Alessandro Antonelli		
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Panel on SP</b> Chair: James Porter Simone Crivellaro (SP) vs. James Porter (MP) Lee Zhao (SP) vs. Daniel Eun (MP) Ketan Badani (SP) vs. Giuseppe Simone (MP)		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
13:30 - 15:00	<b>RAPN for highly complex renal mass (X, AOUC Florence)</b> Surgeon: Andrea Minervini  Moderators: Mihir Desai, Ugo Falagario, Jens Uwe Stolzenburg	<b>Laparoscopic PN (AOUC Florence)</b> Surgeon: Renaud Bollens  Moderators: Manlio Cappa, Tibet Erdogru, Agostino Tuccio	<b>Lisbon Clipless RARP (X, AOUC Florence)</b> Surgeon: Kris Maes  Moderators: Jihad Kaouk, Rosario Leonardi, Luis Martinez-Piñeiro
<b>SEMILIVE</b>			
15:00 - 15:30			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
15:30 - 16:30	<b>Vesico-vaginal fistula repair (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Jens Uwe Stolzenburg  Moderators: Lorenzo Masieri, Silvia Secco, Michael Stifelman	<b>RAPN (X)</b> Surgeon: Nina Harke  Moderators: Karen Fransis, Carlo Terrone, Levent Turkeri	<b>RARP NS (X)</b> Surgeon: Bernardo Rocco  Moderators: Sisto Perdonà, Abhay Rane, Alessandro Sciarra
<b>SEMILIVE</b>			
16:30 - 17:00			
<b>5<sup>th</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
17:00 - 18:30	<b>Retroperitoneal PN (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Alessandro Antonelli  Moderators: Simone Albisinni, Pier Luigi Bove, Mario Falsaperla	<b>RAPN (H)</b> Surgeon: Rocco Papalia  Moderators: Chris Anderson, Aldo Bocciardi, Sergio Serni	<b>Redo Vesico-urethral Anastomosis for V-U stricture (SP)</b> Surgeon: Lee Zhao  Moderators: Ketan Badani, Antonio Celia, Simone Crivellaro

Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

SURGICAL SESSION			
TIME	SCREEN 1	SCREEN 2	SCREEN 3
<b>1<sup>st</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
8:00 - 10:00	<b>RARC with Neobladder (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Richard Gaston  Moderators: Aldo Bocciardi, Jens Uwe Stolzenburg, Peter Wiklund	<b>RAPN with SP</b> Surgeon: Ketan Badani  Moderators: Filippo Annino, Benjamin Chung, Daniel Eun	<b>RARP</b> Surgeon: Xu Zhang  Moderators: Prokar Dasgupta, Markus Graefen, Levent Turkeri
	<b>SEMILIVE</b>		
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Face to face. Transbasical vs. Extraperitoneal SP RARP</b>  Juhad Kaouk vs. Francesco Porpiglia		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
10:30 - 12:00	<b>Ureteroplasty with BMG (X, AOUC Florence)</b> Surgeon: Michael Stifelman  Moderators: Luis Martinez-Piñeiro, Reza Mehrazin, Rajesh Nair	<b>Clampless and sutureless RAPN (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Giuseppe Simone  Moderators: Simone Albinini, Alessandro Antonelli, Markus Hohenfellner	<b>RAPN with SP</b> Surgeon: Simone Crivellaro  Moderators: Tibet Erdogru, Costantino Leonardo, Lee Zhao
	12:00 - 12:30 <b>Surgical atlas of prostate: from anatomy to surgical field</b> Ashutosh Tewari		
<b>SEMILIVE</b>			
12:30 - 13:00			
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Panel on AI</b> Chair: Inderbir Gill <b>1. Generative AI: Basic concepts</b> - Inderbir Gill <b>2. AI in Radiology</b> - Emanuele Casciani <b>3. Surgical AI</b> - Mihir Desai <b>4. AI for Disseminating Scientific Literature</b> - Giovanni Cacciamani <b>5. Automating Outpatient Clinics using AI</b> - Inderbir Gill <b>6. Discussion Q&amp;A (12 min)</b>		
14:00 - 14:15	<b>Focus on adjuvant treatment for kidney cancer</b> Cora Sternberg		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
14:15 - 15:45	<b>RAPN (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Ravi Barod  Moderators: Riccardo Bartoletti, Riccardo Bertolo, Francesco Curto	<b>RP RAPN (H)</b> Surgeon: James Porter  Moderators: Antonio Celia, Rocco Papalia, Giorgio Pomara	<b>Ureteroplasty with ileal loop</b> Surgeon: Peter Wiklund  Moderators: Harrie Beerlage, Renaud Bollens, Sergio Serni
	<b>SEMILIVE</b>		
15:45 - 16:15			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
16:15 - 17:30	<b>Augmentation Cystoplasty / Ureteric reimplant (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Mihir Desai  Moderators: Andrea Mari, Viktoria Schutz, Alessandro Volpe	<b>Redo Pyeloplasty (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Costantino Leonardo  Moderators: Daniele Amparore, Riccardo Mastroianni, Enrique Corona Montes	<b>RARP with DV5 (Streaming from USA)</b> Surgeon: Vipul Patel  Moderators: Antonio Galfano, Lorenzo Masieri, Abhay Rane



Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

SURGICAL SESSION			
TIME	SCREEN 1	SCREEN 2	SCREEN 3
<b>1<sup>st</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
8:00 - 9:30	<b>Bilateral Ureteral Stricture on Ileal Neobladder (Xi)</b> Surgeon: Richard Gaston Moderators: Chris Anderson, Maurizio De Maria, Michael Stifelman	<b>Redo RAPN</b> Surgeon: Andrea Minervini Moderators: Lukas Lusuardi, Francesco Porpiglia, Alessandro Volpe	<b>Trans Vaginal Ureteral reimplant with SP</b> Surgeon: Lee Zhao Moderators: Ketan Badani, Franco Gaboardi, Fabrizio Di Maida
9:30 - 9:45	<b>Surgical atlas of pelvis: radicality vs sex preserving</b> Renaud Bollens		
<b>SEMILIVE</b>			
10:00 - 10:30			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
10:30 - 12:00	<b>RALP Retzius Sparing (H)</b> Surgeon: Antonio Galfano Moderators: Karen Fransis, Lorenzo Masieri, Rocco Papalia	<b>RALP (X)</b> Surgeon: Ashutosh Tewari Moderators: Francesco Del Giudice, Ugo Falagario, Silvia Secco	<b>RPLND (Xi)</b> Surgeon: James Porter Moderators: Costantino Leonardo, Rajesh Nair, Peter Wiklund
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Focus on bladder cancer</b> Cora Sternberg		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> LIVE SURGERY SESSION</b>			
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Laparoscopic Complex Reconstructive Surgery</b> Surgeon: Renaud Bollens Moderators: Simone Albisinni, Manlio Cappa, Mario Falsaperla	<b>Adrenalectomy with SP</b> Surgeon: Simone Crivellaro Moderators: Aldo Brassetti, Benjamin Chung, Mihir Desai	<b>RAPN in horseshoe kidney</b> Surgeon: Inderbir Gill Moderators: Riccardo Bertolo, Markus Hohenfellner, Giuseppe Simone

# Information

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<b>Full Delegate</b>	Between March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025 and May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	<b>€ 1.220,00</b>
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<b>Clothing</b>	During the entire meeting, attire will be informal.
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<b>Official Language</b>	The official language of CILR 2025 is English.
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<b>Congress Venue</b>	Teatro Cartiere Carrara, via Fabrizio De André, Lungarno Aldo Moro, Florence
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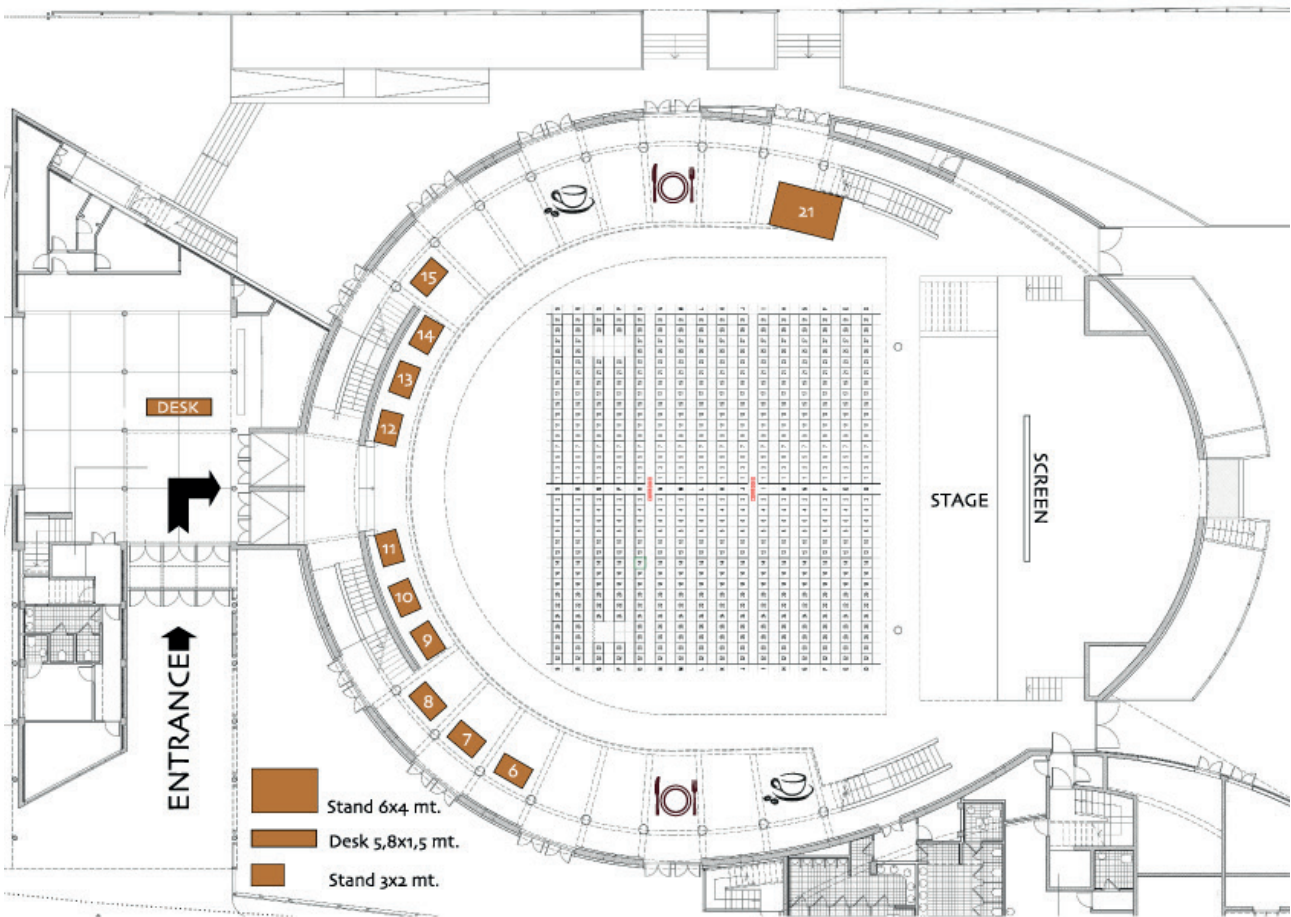
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