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5TH INTERNATIONAL DRY EYE CONGRESS

A WORLD OF INNOVATION FOR THE OCULAR SURFACE

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

08.30 OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

09.00-12.00 SESSION I: DRY EYE, CORNEAL DISEASES AND REFRACTIVE SURGERY

Pathophysiology, classification and management of dry eye disease; interactions between corneal pathology and refractive surgery outcomes

MODERATORS: ***Vincenzo Florio, Luca Vigo***

PANEL: ***Liliana Nobrega, Andres Benatti, Antonio Moramarco***

09.00 Artificial intelligence in the diagnosis of dry eye – ***Alfredo Di Giovanni***
09.08 Hypotensive eye drops and ocular surface – ***Carmela Sannace***
09.16 Upper lid meibography: what we knew and what we think now - ***Cristina Patricia Pac***
09.24 Biomarkers, diagnostic-therapeutic protocols and physical therapy. Contemporary approach to diagnosis and treatment of DED in compliance with timing and effectiveness – ***Igor Di Carlo***
09.32 Allergice eye disease and dry eye eyes – ***Tam Connan***
09.40 Nutrition, Nutraceutica Microbiota and Inflammaging: a holistic approach to dry eye – ***Giorgio Francesco Pacelli***
09.48 Pediatric dry eye – ***Aldo Vagge***
09.56 What's new in immumodulation for dry eye therapy – ***Antonio Moramarco***
10.04 Automated measurement vs "human" measurement in tear film analysis: is it time to change? Clinical study and literature review – ***Raffaele Piscopo***
10.12 Dry Eye in the Emergency department – ***Silvia Sonego***
10.20 Dry Eye and systemic disease - ***Liliana Nobrega***
10.28 Inherited corneal dystrophies and dry eye – ***Fabiana D'Esposito***
10.36 Discussion
10.56 Dry Eye in keratoplasty: what evidence says - ***Carlos Rocha de Lossada***
11.04 Dry eye after infectious keratitis – ***Antonio Moramarco***
11.12 Reducing oculare surface disease in glaucoma patients – ***Michele Lanza***
11.20 Severe DED leading to corneal perforation. What to do? – ***Mohamed Saad***
11.28 Tfos Dews III: new evidence in the literature on the dry eye – ***Luca D'Andrea***
11.36 Post-vitrectomy dry eye: a prospective study of ocular surface changes and associated risk factors – ***Nemer Sayed Ahmad***
11.44 Discussion

12.00-13.00 SYMPOSIUM FB VISION
DRY EYE... BEYOND THE OCULAR SURFACE

FB VISION
OPHTHALMIC PHARMACEUTICALS

MODERATOR: ***Giovanni Scapagnini, Igor Di Carlo***

12.00 Is dry eye treated only with topical therapy? – ***Giovanni Scapagnini***
12.15 Proteases, ocular surface alterations and keratoconus. Therapeutic approach 2.0 – ***Cosimo Mazzotta***
12.30 Dry eye in diabetic patients: how to comprehensively manage symptoms. The DIAMOND study – ***Giovanni Tedesco***
12.45 Discussion

13.00-14.00 BREAK

14.00-15.24 SESSION II: INNOVATIONS 1

Novel technologies, AI-based diagnostic tools, new biomarkers, and future perspectives in ocular surface disease management

MODERATORS: ***Manuela Pulvirenti, Marco Zeppieri***

PANEL: ***Giovanni Tedesco, Luca Vigo, Samer Hamada, Luca Gualdi, Cosimo Mazzotta***

14.00 Dry eye in special cases: diagnosis, management, and current treatment – ***Ana Hervas***
14.08 IOL premium and dry eye – ***Andrea Bedei***
14.16 Phakic IOLs in patients with dry eye – ***Luca Gualdi***
14.24 Laser presbyopic treatments and dry eye – ***Luigi Conti***
14.32 Influence of the dry eye on biometrics – ***Domenico Schiano Lomoriello***
14.40 Smile and Dry Eye – ***Marco Fantozzi***
14.48 Crosslinking Antiprotease Activity and Dry-Eye, First Clinical Evidences – ***Cosimo Mazzotta***
14.56 Dry Corneal tunnel and dry eye – ***Massimo Mammone***
15.04 Discussion

15.24-15.54 WORKSHOP GMV

GMV MEDICAL INNOVATION

15.54-16.54 SESSION III: ESCRS ACADEMY DRY EYE SYMPOSIUM

PANEL: ***Carlos Rocha de Lossada, Artemis Matsou, Laura Maubon***

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15.54 Preparing the surface for surgical success – ***Laura Maubon***
16.09 Cataract Surgery in OCP/MMP: Pre-op Control to Post-op Protection – ***Artemis Matsou***
16.24 Neuropathic pain after corneal refractive surgery – ***Carlos Rocha de Lossada***
16.39 Discussion

16.54-17.30 SESSION II (bis): INNOVATIONS 2

MODERATORS: ***Manuela Pulvirenti, Marco Zeppieri***

PANEL: ***Giovanni Tedesco, Luca Vigo, Samer Hamada, Luca Gualdi***

16.54 MMP 9 and OSDI in DED treatments prior in cataract surgery – ***Carlos Ruiz Lapuente***
17.02 Efficacy and advantages of an eyedrop combinazion of HA and Aloe vera in DED patients – ***Simone Bruzio***
17.10 Possible use of exosomes for the ocular surface and periocular region – ***Sandra Weinfurter***
17.18 Discussion

17.30-18.30 WORKSHOP MEDINOVA

MEDINOVA

17.30 New protocol Optilift microneedling device – ***Paris Hatzianastasiadis***
17.50 My experience with Optilift clinical case – ***Giovanni Tedesco***
18.10 Discussion

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

08.45-10.06 SESSION IV: DIAGNOSTIC PLATFORMS

(Featured: Meibography, OCT, Tear Film Analysis, MOA)

Emerging technologies for ocular surface evaluation and tear film assessment.

MODERATORS: ***Marco Zeppieri, Fedele Russo***

PANEL: ***Anna Maria Roszkowska, Jesus Merayo, Anoud Al-Saati, Samer Hamada, Liliana Nobrega, Caterina Gagliano***

08.45 Chronic cicatricial conjunctivitis – ***Caterina Gagliano***
08.53 Conjunctival Microvilli: A Critical Indicator of Early Ocular Surface Dysfunction – ***Mario Troisi***
09.01 Intense Pulsed Light in several disorders of ocular surface – ***Maria Gessa***
09.09 Dry eye, Ocular surface pain and headaches. Could they be related? – ***Sònia Travé Huarte***
09.17 Aerosol and the Ocular Surface—Vaping and Dry Eye Disease – ***Caterina Gagliano***
09.25 Dupilumab-associated ocular surface disease - ***Anna Maria Roszkowska***
09.33 The effects of dysbiosis on surface disease and dry eye in children – ***Samer Hamada***
09.41 Ultrastructural effects of tear substitutes on ocular surface epithelia – ***Salvatore Troisi***
09.49 Discussion

10.06-10.41 SYMPOSIUM URSAPHARM
EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION:
PERFLUOROHEXYLOCTANE THE CHAMPION OF THE DRY EYE

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MODERATORS: ***Giuseppe Giannaccare, Carlo Maria Santucci***

10.06 A record-breaking molecule in the dry eye – ***Giuseppe Giannaccare***
10.21 Short- and long-term effects of a lipid substitute on signs and symptoms – ***Carlo Maria Santucci***
10.36 Discussion

10.41-11.11 WORKSHOP GMV

GMV MEDICAL INNOVATION

11.11-12.15 SESSION IV (bis): DIAGNOSTIC PLATFORMS

MODERATORS: ***Marco Zeppieri, Fedele Russo***

PANEL: ***Anna Maria Roszkowska, Jesus Merayo, Anoud Al-Saati, Samer Hamada, Liliana Nobrega***

11.11 Blepharitis as a Systemic Ocular Surface Disorder: From Brazilian Consensus to Integrated Clinical Excellence – ***Liliana Nobrega***
11.19 The Dry Anophthalmic Socket Syndrome: Dry Eye in Patients Wearing Prostheses – ***Alessandra Modugno***
11.27 The rule of Mucins in dry eye – ***Jesus Merayo***
11.35 Diagnosis as dry eye but they are not – ***Anoud Al-Saati***
11.43 Deep learning-based analysis of corneal plexus ivcm images – ***Antonio Fratini***
11.51 An Integrated Therapeutic Approach in Cataract Surgery: Optimizing Topical Treatments and Ocular Surface Health Today to Protect Tomorrow – ***Giuseppe Giannaccare***
11.59 Discussion

12.15-13.15 SYMPOSIUM ESPANSIONE
REDEFINING OCULAR SURFACE DISEASE MANAGEMENT: THE ROLE OF LM™ LLLT PHOTOBIOMODULATION

MODERATORS: ***Giovanni Tedesco, Luca Vigo***

12.15 Photobiomodulation in Dry Eye Disease: From Biological Mechanisms to Clinical Evidence – ***Jennifer P. Craig***
12.30 Integrating Photobiomodulation into Ocular Surface Care: Expanding Therapeutic Applications – ***Carmela Sannace***
12.45 Optimizing Cataract and Refractive Surgery Outcomes: The Role of Photobiomodulation in Real-World Practice – ***Davide Borroni***
13.00 Discussion

13.15-14.00 BREAK

14.00-15.56 SESSION V: PARASURGICAL AND SURGICAL THERAPY

Innovative energy-based treatments, IPL, RF, LLLT, LipiFlow, QMR, and surgical management of severe DED.

MODERATORS: ***Luca Vigo, Antonio Pascotto***

PANEL: ***Carlo Orione, Ana Hervas, Paolo Fogagnolo, Luigi Marino, Jennifer P. Craig, Romina Fasciani, Pedram Hamrah***

14.00 Efficacy of Low-Level Light Therapy in Combination with Topical Non-Steroidal Immunosuppressants for the Treatment of Dry Eye Disease – ***Davide Borroni***
14.08 Electroporation-Guided Biostimulation with PRP: A Regenerative Strategy for Severe Ocular Surface Disease – ***Meriem Harouch***
14.16 Rosacea-associated MGD: clinical characteristics and meibography features – ***Samer Hamada***
14.24 New developments in the treatment of blepharitis – ***Carlo Orione***
14.32 The long-term results of IRPL in refractory MGD – ***Paolo Fogagnolo***
14.40 The use of insulin in neurotrophic keratopathies – ***Romina Fasciani***
14.48 Vitreo-retinal surgery and dry eye – ***Gregorio Lo Giudice***
14.56 SLT a valid help for glaucomatous dry eye – ***Federica Gualdi***
15.04 Meibomian gland dysfunction. Current diagnostic approach and new targeted therapies – ***Ana Hervas***
15.12 NCP (neuropathic corneal pain) – ***Pedram Hamrah***
15.20 Dry Eye in gamers: possible treatments – ***Andres Benatti***
15.28 Gravity: The Unmet consideration in thr Dry eye Treatment Algorithm – ***Giovanni Tedesco***
15.36 Discussion

15.56-16.26 WORKSHOP FIMAS
MEET THE EXPERT: *Giovanni Tedesco*

16.26-17.45 SESSION V (bis): PARASURGICAL AND SURGICAL THERAPY

MODERATORS: ***Luca Vigo, Antonio Pascotto***

PANEL: ***Carlo Orione, Ana Hervas, Paolo Fogagnolo, Luigi Marino, Jennifer P. Craig, Romina Fasciani***

16.26 High-Tech Diagnostics: Technology And Artificial Intelligence Redefining Standards In Dry Eye Disease – ***Luigi Marino***
16.34 LLLT photobiomodulation therapy: expanding the therapeutic landscape of ocular surface care – ***Jennifer P. Craig***
16.42 Choice of IOL in patients with dry eye – ***Domenico Boccuzzi***
16.50 QMR in Neuropathic Corneal Pain: Corneal Nerve regeneration – ***Andres Benatti***
16.58 Silk proteins + cross-linked CMC: a case series that opens up new treatment horizons for corneal surgery – ***Romina Fasciani***
17.06 Improving ocular surface optizing tear film clearance – ***Luca Vigo***
17.14 Innovative systems & targeted nutrition for dry eye treatment – ***Laura Castellini***
17.22 Discussion

17.45-18.45 WORKSHOP E-SWIN
WITH LIVE PATIENTE EXPERIENCE AND NEW MODALITIES IN PATIENT DRY EYE MANAGEMENT

ROUND TABLE: ***Liliana Nobrega, Luca Vigo, Anoud Al-Saati, Cristina Patricia Pac, Paolo Fogagnolo***

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

09.00-12.30 SESSION VI: MEDICAL THERAPY

Advances in pharmacological and biological treatments for ocular surface diseases. From anti-inflammatory approaches to regenerative and neuroprotective strategies.

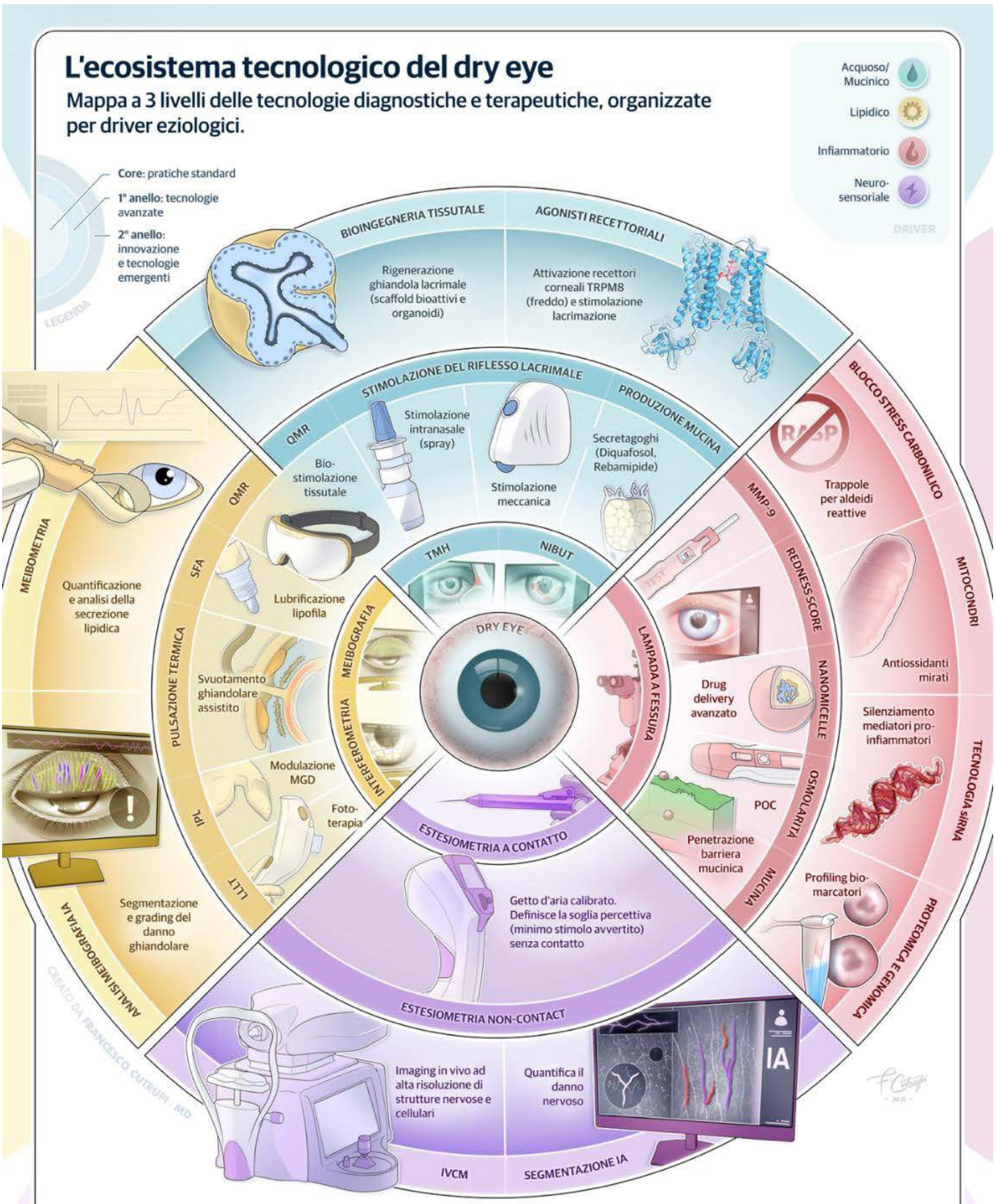
MODERATORS: ***Samer Hamada, Caterina Gagliano***
PANEL: ***Viktor Perez, Anat Galor, Jesus Merayo, Mayte Ariño, Paolo Fogagnolo, Mina Massaro Giordano***

09.00 How to optimize the repair of the corneal epithelium – ***Gianpaolo Carlini***
09.08 Corneal and ocular surface biomechanical evaluation: the contribution of Corvis ST – ***Giovanni Tedesco***
09.16 Autologous serum for the treatment of grade 2 and 3 neurotrophic keratitis: 1 year follow up – ***Silvio Zuccarini, Simone Alex Bagaglia***
09.24 The management of eye redness in the dry eye – ***Fedele Russo***
09.32 Cornea re-innervation with topical treatment – ***Mayte Ariño***
09.40 Management of neurodeprivative DED – ***Alfonso Strianese***
09.48 Corneal neurotization, DED and NK – ***Paolo Fogagnolo***
09.56 What's new in dry eye – ***Mina Massaro Giordano***
10.04 Use of Hemoderatives in Neuropathic Pain and Beyond – ***Viktor Perez***
10.12 Prevention of Regeneration of the ocular surface in severe dry eye with plasma rich in growth factors – ***Jesus Merayo***
10.20 Neuroinflammation and its dry eye therapy – ***Giulio Ferrari***
10.28 Esthesiometry and diabetes – ***Manuel Caro Magdaleno***
10.36 Study presentation of the value of clinical use of esthesiometry in various ocular diseases – ***Douglas K. Devries***
10.44 Ocular microbiome and probiotics – ***Anat Galor***
10.52 High Tech vs Low Tech: technologies compared to detect the effects among tear substitutes – ***Alfonso Strianese***
11.00 In Vivo Confocal Microscopy in Dry Eye and Ocular Surface Disease: A Practical Overview – ***Maria Laura Passaro***
11.08 When the eye speaks to the immune system: synergy between rheumatologist and ophthalmologist – ***Luca Cimino***
11.16 What to do in case of cataract surgery in the pc. Suffering from pemfigoid – ***Giulio Ferrari***
11.24 Impact of new aesthetic trends (extensions, lamination, tattoo) of the periocular region on the dry eye - ***Sandra Weinfurter***
11.32 Dry Eye in Patients with Glaucoma: What Do We Know and Management Strategies – ***Valentino de Ruvo***
11.40 The clinical reproducibility of High-Tech instruments in DED – ***Antonio Vagnoni***
11.48 Thyroid ophthalmopathy and dry eye – ***Sofia Lunardon***
11.56 Variations in tear osmolarity and ocular surface after glaucoma surgery: a 3-month prospective study – ***Luigi Peci***
12.04 AI and the dry eye patient journey – ***Liz Barrett***
12.12 Discussion

12.30 CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS

L'ecosistema tecnologico del dry eye

Mappa a 3 livelli delle tecnologie diagnostiche e terapeutiche, organizzate per driver eziologici.



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NIBUT: Non-Invasive Break-Up Time. **TMH**: Tear Meniscus Height. **MGD**: Meibomian Gland Dysfunction. **IPL**: Intense Pulsed Light. **LLLT**: Low-Level Light Therapy (photobiomodulation). **QMR**: Quantum Molecular Resonance. **POC**: Point-of-Care. **MMP-9**: Matrix Metalloproteinase-9. **IA**: Intelligenza Artificiale. **IVCM**: In-Vivo Confocal Microscopy. **TRPM8**: Transient Receptor Potential Melastatin 8. **siRNA**: small interfering RNA. **RASP**: Reactive Aldehyde Species (aldehyde-trapping target). **SFA**: Semi-Fluorinated Alkane (lipid-only, water-free eye drop vehicle; e.g., perfluorohexyloctane). Disclaimer: Le tecnologie riportate rappresentano una selezione esemplificativa e non esaustiva; per ragioni di sintesi grafica non sono state incluse tutte le opzioni diagnostiche e terapeutiche disponibili o in sviluppo.

Fonti: Tear Film & Ocular Surface Society DEWS II (2017) e DEWS III (2025) reports.

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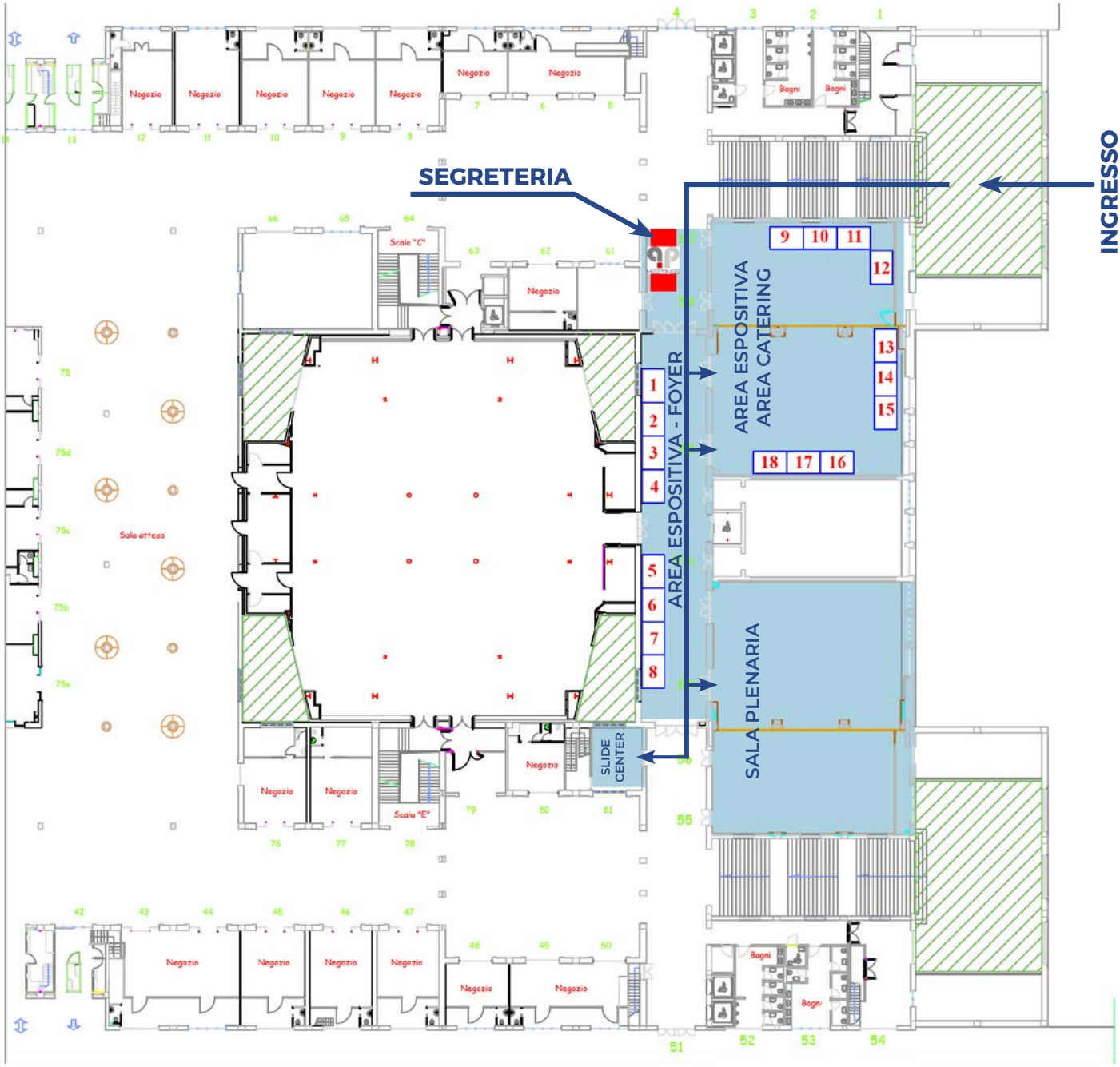

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