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# **BERNARDINO RAMAZZINI ENDURING LEGACY:** *Shaping Health in the Workplace and Communities of Tomorrow*

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## **23 October 2025 09:00–17:00 (CEST)**

Livestream: UniMoRe [YouTube channel](#)



Join us for a unique event celebrating the legacy of Bernardino Ramazzini, the founding father of Occupational Medicine. Explore how his visionary work continues to shape modern public and occupational health in a world facing new challenges.

Featuring world-renowned experts in Occupational and Environmental Health, the event also offers a rich cultural experience:

- Dive into Ramazzini's life through captivating talks by leading historians
- Enjoy live music from the 1600s and 1700s
- Explore rare exhibitions and artifacts from Ramazzini's time, including the De Morbis Artificum!

Celebrating science, history, and the enduring impact of a true pioneer in public health.

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## PROGRAM

### 09:00 Introduction

Roberto Lucchini (UniMORE, FIU), Alberto Modenese (UniMORE), Carlo Adolfo Porro (Rector UniMORE), Melissa McDiarmid (President Collegium Ramazzini), Daniele Mandrioli (Scientific Director Ramazzini Institute)

**09:30 Overture:** Vocal and instrumental ensemble of UniMORE directed by Maestro Antonella Coppi with music from the Ramazzini period

### 10:00 - Lessons from History (Chair Berenice Cavarra)

- **Giuliano Franco**, *Revisiting Ramazzini's Legacy: From his 1690 course on De Morbis Artificum to Contemporary Education in Occupational Medicine*
- **Francesco Carnevale**, *The Illustrated De Morbis Artificum Diatriba: An Iconographic Study of Ramazzini*

### 10:50 - Challenges of the Present - Part 1 (Chair: Fabriziomaria Gobba)

- **Florencia Harari**, *Occupational exposure to metals in EV batteries manufacturing and recycling*
- **Arthur Frank**, *Ramazzini and Asbestos: How he would have approached this issue*
- **Kurt Straif**, *Climate crisis, public health and strategic actions for ambitious policy*
- **Evgenia Oustromova**, *Nuclear accidents and cancer risk in the general and working population*

### 14:00 - Challenges of the Present - Part 2 (Chair: Alberto Modenese)

- **Giorgio Assennato** *The underreporting of occupational cancer*
- **Sara De Matteis** *Occupational factors of Long-COVID in a population-based cohort in Catalonia*
- **Sergio Pecorelli**, *Rationale and new perspectives for Total Workers Health® approach*
- **Yohama Caraballo-Arias** *Workplace Happiness: What Works and What Doesn't: Evidence-Based Intervention*

### 16:00 - Challenges of the Future (Chair: Nicola Murgia)

- **Maria Teresa Cella** *Health promotion at the workplace: the Region Emilia-Romagna experience*
- **Maurilio Missere** *Ramazzini into the future. From observational to proactive medicine*
- **Antonio Baldassarre** *AI applications in occupational health and safety*

### 16:50-17:00 - Q&A and Wrap-up (Chair: Roberto Lucchini)

*“When you come to a patient’s house, you should ask what type of work they do.”*  
*Bernardino Ramazzini, De Morbis Artificum Diatriba*

*De Morbis Artificum Diatriba (Treatise on the Diseases of Workers)* (1700; rev. 1713) was the first systematic textbook of occupational medicine, mapping the diseases of trades and making the worker’s history central to diagnosis and prevention. The Magister linked work and social conditions to health, arguing for prevention at the source, before harm occurs.

His approach still guides today’s challenges—from chemical mixtures and precarious work to radiations and climate risks—and will remain vital as new technologies and labor forms reshape exposures and inequities.

## **SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS**

- **Giorgio Assennato**, Epidemiologist, Bari, Italy
- **Antonio Baldassarre**, Occupational Health, University of Florence, Italy
- **Yohama Caraballo-Arias**, University of Bologna, Italy, FACOEM, ICSOEM, IOMSC
- **Francesco Carnevale**, Occupational Physician, Florence, Italy
- **Berenice Cavarra**, History of Medicine, UniMORE, Italy
- **Maria Teresa Cella**, Regione Emilia-Romagna, Italy
- **Sara De Matteis**, Occupational Health, University of Turin, Italy
- **Giuliano Franco**, Collegium Ramazzini Fellow
- **Arthur Frank**, Drexel University, Philadelphia
- **Fabriziomaria Gobba**, Occupational Medicine, UniMORE, Italy
- **Florencia Harari**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- **Roberto Lucchini**, Occupational Medicine, UniMORE, Italy, Environmental Health Sciences, Florida International University, USA
- **Daniele Mandrioli**, Scientific Director, Ramazzini Institute, Bentivoglio (BO), Italy
- **Melissa McDiarmid**, President Collegium Ramazzini, Carpi (MO), Italy
- **Maurilio Missere**, Director, Giardini Margherita Clinic, Occupational Health, Ferrari, Maranello, Italy
- **Nicola Murgia**, Occupational Medicine, University of Ferrara, Italy
- **Alberto Modenese**, Occupational Medicine, UniMORE, Italy
- **Evgenia Oustromova**, International Agency for the Research on Cancer
- **Sergio Pecorelli**, Lorenzini Foundation, Milan, Italy, New York City, USA
- **Carlo Adolfo Porro**, Rector UniMORE, Italy
- **Kurt Straif**, ISGlobal Barcelona, Spain & Boston College, USA

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