



Hot springs owners, operators, senior managers and researchers from across the globe meet to discuss a range of industry issues and opportunities to collaborate and grow together.





## Wednesday October 3

3pm-3.30pm

Welcome and introductions

• 3.30pm-4pm

History of Italian hot springs, past, present and future.



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Presentation by

Dr Nicola Angelo Fortunati

– General Director Terme e Spa, Italian Hotel Collection

• 4.pm-4.30pm

Question and answer session.

• 4.30-4.45pm

### Wellness in the hot springs environment

by Brook Ramage, General Manager, Peninsula Hot Springs, Victoria, Australia.

4.45pm-5pm

#### Innovations in hot springs

by Marion Schneider, Co-owner and CEO of Toskanaworld (Hotel an der Therme Bad Sulza, Hotel Resort Schloss Auerstedt, Hotel an der Therme Hotel Bad Orb and Klinikzentrum Bad Sulza).

• 5pm-5.15pm

Question and answer session.

• 5.30 pm

Guided facility tour, behind the scenes hosted by Dr Fortunati.

• 7pm

Welcome dinner

## Thursday October 4

• 9am -9.15am

# Introduction to World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy (FEMTEC)

by FEMTEC President, Professor of Medical Therapy and Thermal Medicine Umberto Solimene, Medical School of the State University of Milan, Italy, and Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Traditional, Complementary & Integrated Medicine.

9.15am -9.30am

#### Introduction to EAPTC

by Dr Natalia Chaurskaya, President of the

European Association of Patients and Users of Thermal Centers.

9.30am-10am

Discussion: Collaboration with FEMTEC, EAPTC and

Global Hot Springs Initiative.

• 10am-10.30am

# 2018 world hot springs research update; hot springs and mental health

by James Clark-Kennedy – PhD Candidate, Complementary Medicine, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia.

10.30am-11am

Discussion: shared experiences of mental health/hot springs. Potential collaboration.

• 11am-11.30am

Tea break.

• 11.30am-11.45am

Hot springs sanitation practices in Germany by Jürgen Kannewischer – Water hygiene expert.

• 11.45-12 noon

#### Hot springs sanitation practices

by Kenneth Shular, Managing Director, Oceanis International.

12 noon -12.30pm

Discussion: potential collaboration.

• 12.30pm-1.30pm

Lunch.

• 1.30pm-1.45pm

#### World Bathing Day update

by Prof of Health Sciences Marc Cohen, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia.

• 1.45pm-2pm

#### Bathe the World event update

by Charles Davidson, Chairman, Peninsula Hot Springs, Victoria, Australia.

• 2pm-2.30pm

Discussion: potential collaboration.

• 2.30pm-3.30pm

#### Region/country updates:

15 minutes each, nominate.

• 3.30pm-4pm Tea break.

 4.30pm-5pm Discussion.

5pm-7pm

Free time, bathing, massage etc.



## **SPEAKERS**



#### Professor Umberto Solimene

Professor of Medical Therapy and Thermal Medicine, at the Medical School of the State University of Milan (Italy). He is Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Traditional, Complementary & Integrated Medicine; President of the World Federation for Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy (FEMTEC,); President of the European Association of Medical Wellness (AEMB), and; Author of more then 350 publications and 8 monographs in the field of medical Hydrotherapy and Bioclimatology and Complementary Medicine.



#### Professor Marc Cohen

Professor Marc Cohen is a registered medical practitioner who has been promoting wellness for more than three decades through teaching, events, publishing, research, clinical work and community engagement. He is currently Professor of Health Sciences at RMIT University where he supervises research into wellness and holistic health including studies on nutrition, herbal medicine, yoga, meditation, saunas, hot springs, lifestyle, elite athletic performance, and the health impact of pesticides, organic food and detoxification.



### Dr Nicola Angelo Fortunati

Spa general director of the Italian Hospitality
Collection, which runs three Tuscan spas:
Fonteverde Natural Spa Resort, Grotta Giusti
Natural Spa Resort and Bagni di Pisa Medical Spa
Resort. Dr Fortunati is president of the Tuscan
Thermes Technical & Scientific Committee and
a member of the Italian Thermal Properties
Federation



#### Marion Schneider

Marion Schneider is co-owner and CEO of Toskanaworld with its Hotel an der Therme Bad Sulza, Hotel Resort Schloss Auerstedt, Hotel an der Therme Hotel Bad Orb and Klinikzentrum Bad Sulza. She is the CEO of Toskana Therme Bad Sulza, Bad Schandau and Bad Orb, with its unique Liquid Sound. Together with Micky Remann she owns TTS Product & Service GmbH.



Dr Natalia Tchaourskaia

President of the European Association of Patients and Users of Thermal Centres.

Spa Management Chair: International Russian Academy for Tourism. Specialist of the Ministry of Health of USSR and Russian Federation in the Field of Medical Biological Problems with special activity in many European, North and Central Africa and Far East Countries. Expert consultant of the Russian State Social University of Moscow. Editor of various medical handbooks in psychology, surgery, anatomy, hydrotherapy.



Charles Davidson

Founder, Chairman of Peninsula Hot Springs, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria, Australia. Co-owner Maruia Hot Springs, New Zealand. Chairman of the Victorian Tourism Industry Council since 2016. Chairman of the Global Hot Springs Initiative.



Jürgen Kannewischer



**Brook Ramage** 

General Manager of Peninsula Hot Springs.
Previously Founder and Managing Director of the
Golden Door Australia for 16 years and General
Manager of Cabarita Ocean Health Retreat. Has a
BSc in Human Movement Studies from Vic Uni.



James Clark-Kennedy

Formerly a journalist of 16 years, then hot springs marketing and communications for 11 years.

Completed a Health and Biomedical Sciences Honours degree by hot springs research with RMIT University, where he is now midway through his PhD in Complementary Medicine, with a balneotherapy focus.



#### Kenneth Shular

Managing Director of Oceanis International, an Australian based consultancy specialising in water-related tourism, leisure and science projects. Ken is a professional engineer who has led the design of hundreds of major aquatic projects around the world.

He regularly engages in industry forums with many international technical associations, and is often requested to bring his experience to international projects.