Closing remarks by the President of the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine & Public Health (SItI)

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I have the honor and the pleasure of closing this Conference by presenting to this audience the 8th EPH Conference to be held in Milan from 14th to 17th October 2015. The EPH Conference will be held in conjunction with the 48th National Congress of the Italian Society of Hygiene Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI), which I have had the honour of chairing since last month.

Although this is maybe known to some of you, please allow me to spend few words to introduce to this honourable international audience our Association. SItI is a scientific society that has historically contributed significantly to the activities of EUPHA and brought here in Glasgow over 100 participants and many scientific contributions. As of today, the association counts over 3000 members.

Scheduling the EPH Conference and a National Congress in the same programme is not a novelty, as it was already the case in 2003 in Rome and in 1997 in Pamplona, Spain. Yet, our Italian members will have the opportunity to attend EPH Conference sessions, to exchange with international peers, to learn about the manifold skills required to Public Health professionals, as well as to follow the developments of the operational methods used in other EU countries.

The two events, will take place at the new MiCo conference centre, which is one of the most modern and functional venues in Europe. Timing will be just about perfect, as our events will take place in the context of the World Expo 2015 whose main theme – "Feeding the Planet, Energy for life" - relates to topics that are very familiar to many of us for their public health and educational activities ramifications.
Organising the 2015 edition of our Conference will be challenging and we will take it, of course, very seriously; but we will count on the great accessibility of Milan as a location and on the incredible opportunity to be right in the spotlight of global attention. I am sure you will agree with me that this will be an unmissable chance to experience a city known for history, art and fashion in an atmosphere which - I bet - will be something out of the ordinary.

We have felt during these days spent in Glasgow that there are great expectations both from the scientific and the hospitality point of view. We will do everything to get a great reception worthy of a country with history, culture and tradition even in public health activities.

I would like now to share with you a short video presentation of the city of Milan and the MiCo Convention Center.

I look forward to welcoming you in Milan next year.

Thank you very much for your attention.