



XVI CONGRESSO INTERNAZIONALE CITTÀ MURATE LIONS  
ROMA 7-8-9 GIUGNO 2019

## LIONS CLUB ROMA URBE

### XVI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF LIONS WALLED CITIES

Rome, 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> of June 2019

#### FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019

**10.00** Transfer from Ciampino and Fiumicino airports (fixed time: 12.00 and 15.00) to reserved hotels. The Congress takes place at Crowne Plaza Hotel (Aurelia Antica street n. 415).

**17.00** Meeting at Crowne Plaza Hotel. Transfer by bus with a guide to Piazza Venezia, IV Novembre street, Palazzo Valentini, headquarter of the provincial Administration of Rome (now Metropolitan City). The participants could see what life was in ancient Rome and they can appreciate a guided tour to Domus Romane, patrician villas dating back to IV century B.C., decorated with frescoes, mosaics, marble floors, and including remains of thermal baths.

Greetings of the Mayor of Rome

**21.00** Light dinner in Palazzo Valentini

**22.30** Departure to the Roman Walls, Saint Paul's area or Gianicolense Walls, illuminated for the Congress by ACEA of Rome; affixing of a memorial plaque of the founder Melvin Jones.

**24.00** Back to Hotels



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## SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019

**8.30** Registration of participants

**9.00** Opening of the Congress. Video of the Roman Walls presented in Malta

Greetings of the President of L.C Roma Urbe Stefano Borgiani

Greetings of the President of the International Association of Lions Walled Cities Giuseppe Guerra

Greetings of the President of the Organizing Committee Sandro Margaroli

Greetings of L.C. Authorities

**9.30** Start work on the topic:

***"Care and maintenance of the Walls: a heritage to conserve and enhance. The Walls of Rome: art, functions and techniques"***

Speakers:

Professor Enrico Bruschini: *"The Roman Walls in the the history of art"*

Professor Rossana Mancini, University of Rome La Sapienza *"The Aurelian walls of Rome: the construction site and the construction techniques"*

Archaeologist Guglielmo Villa, University of Rome La Sapienza: *"Forms of defense of the walls of Rome"*

Chairman: President of the Organizing Committee Sandro Margaroli

**11.30** Speech of the President of the International Association of Lions Walled Cities Giuseppe Guerra

Presentation of the new Clubs of the International Association of Lions Walled Cities



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For the attendants: short guided tour to “**Il Mitreo del Circo Massimo**” (*to be confirmed to the organizing committee*) a place destined for mystery rites of the god Mithras, Babylonian Iranian deity whose cult found its maximum diffusion in the Roman Empire, between III and IV centuries A.D. The central act of the myth is the killing of the cosmic bull that, dying, creates the universe. Back at about 13.

**13.30** Light lunch at Crowne Plaza

**15.30** Board of Directors of the International Association of the Walled Cities

A guided tour to “**Diocleziano's baths**” (*to be confirmed to the organizing committee*) the most marvellous thermal complex ever built in the Roman world. Built between 298 and 306 A.D., the Baths were transformed by Michelangelo who realized there the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri Cristiani and la Certosa.

**18.00** back to Hotels

**19.15** Departure from Crown Plaza for the **Gala dinner** at the exclusive Villa Veientana, a prestigious Roman house of the Saudi prince Kashoggi (dress code black tie or dark suit)

**24.00** back to Hotels

## SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019

**10.15** Guided tour to the Roman Walls for a visit to the Passetto di Borgo, which links the Vatican City to Sant'Angelo Castle, and to the Walls museum in Porta San Sebastiano

**13.15** Sunday Brunch at Crowne Plaza

Farewell and gifts

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