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**SECOND  
CHILE - ITALY  
ACADEMIC FORUM  
SEPTEMBER 21 - 23,  
2021  
BOLOGNA,  
ITALY**

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# INTRODUCTION

The relationship between Chile and Italy is based on a long history of collaboration and cooperation that has taken place, both politically and academically, strengthened by the presence of important Italian communities in Chile and Chilean communities in Italy. In recent years, this relationship has intensified in the political, commercial and cultural terms.

The "Chile-Italy Joint Action Plan", signed in Santiago on March 26, 2009, was a significant step forward towards bilateral cooperation and coordination in the political, commercial, environmental and cultural spheres. This plan was implemented on January 27 and 28, 2011, when the First Meeting of the Chile-Italy Joint Working Group was held in Rome, which allowed to launch a major initiative between the two countries, establishing a general framework for its development.

The Memorandum of Understanding establishing the Chile-Italy Mega-Project was signed on March 2, 2011. Its main objective was to promote reciprocal understanding and knowledge through the development of cultural, educational, scientific and technological relations. To this end, the REUCHI Network (consisting of 9 universities from both countries) was established in order to carry out joint activities with particular attention to inter- and trans-disciplinarity, in the fields of science, technology and innovation in the areas of: renewable energies (specifically, geothermal energy), design and management of environmental resources.

After a series of visits between academic delegations from both countries, it has been possible to establish a list of new potential lines of action, such as those surveyed in 2015 by the National Council for Italian Research (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - CNR) that includes food production.

# INTRODUCTION

In this scenario, several conversations have been held - mainly stimulated by the Embassies of Italy in Chile and the Chilean in Italy - to generate a binational academic forum that encourages the deepening of the academic work already developed, focusing on priority areas where both countries have experience.

Following the First Chile-Italy Academic Forum which was held on May 22-24, 2019, in the city of Concepción (Chile), Italian and Chilean partners are organizing the Second Chile-Italy Academic Forum on September 21-23, 2021 in Bologna, Italy. **The event will have a hybrid format (online and in presence).**

## Italian University Hub:

Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna (Unibo)

Sapienza Università di Roma (Uniroma1)

Politecnico di Milano (Polimi)

Politecnico di Torino (Polito)

## Chilean University Hub:

University of Chile (UCHile)

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)

Universidad de Concepción (UdeC)



# GOALS

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The main purpose of the Chile-Italy Academic Forum is to strengthen cooperation between Chilean universities and their Italian counterparts, with special emphasis on priority multi-disciplinary themes that present pre-existing collaborations.

In this way, its specific objectives are:

- To strengthen multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary scientific cooperation to address issues of global and binational interest.
- To encourage the processes of academic mobility among the participating institutions that allow, especially, the development of young researchers from both nations.
- To position the importance of scientifically based science and innovation for the design of public policies, the generation of business value and the development of citizenship.



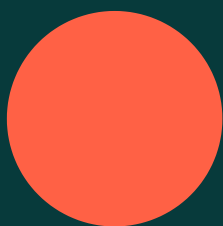
**Academic and research collaboration is a very valuable tool that not only accelerates the progress but also enhances the quality of the work and extends the repertoire of the partners.**

# ORGANIZATION

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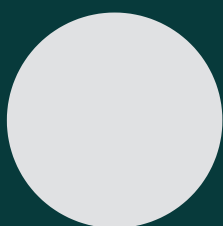
The organization of the Second Academic Forum Chile - Italy, is led by the Universities of Chile (UCHile) with the support of the Chilean University Hub (PUC and UdeC) and the Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna (Unibo) in collaboration with the Italian University Hub (Uniroma1, Polimi, Polito).

The Forum will be hosted by the University of Bologna. Due to the pandemic situation, there will be limited indoor spaces to attend the event. **Thus, the conference will have a hybrid format (online and in presence). Universities and Institutions are very welcome to participate online. The event will take place via Microsoft Teams. Meeting links will be available in September.**



## Institutional Counterparts

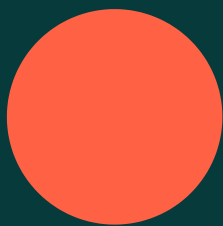
Seeking to generate institutional counterparts, UChile and Unibo have invited Italian and Chilean universities to be the institutional counterparts of this initiative, according to their degree of participation in previous international cooperation instances, and their active collaboration with partner institutions. It should be understood that this invitation is only of an institutional nature; therefore, it does not exclude the participation of Faculty members and researchers from other universities and institutions.



## Collaboration

The organizing institutions are expected to contribute to:

1. Disseminate and promote the realization of the Forum in their academic units;
2. Provide the necessary facilities for the participation of their Faculty members;
3. Consider their institutional representation during the development of the Forum through the presence of its authorities.



## Embassies

Both Embassies - Chilean in Italy and Italian in Chile - have continuously supported the establishment of scientific relations between our countries, facilitating the visits of numerous delegations, fostering dialogue between counterparts of both countries and promoting the development of this Forum substantially.

# PROGRAMME

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The binational forums are based on workshops held in parallel and addressing issues of a transversal nature and of special relevance to both countries and of global interest, according to the research and creative capacities existing within the Universities. Each thematic workshop is developed in specific sessions and consecutively, addressing particular issues related to the expertise of the participants.

Finally, each of the sessions is based on short presentations (15 minutes of lecture-style presentation including dialogue with workshop attendees) where Faculty members grouped in sessions present their research and discuss among each other.

## 21 SEPT. 2021

14:00 – 14:30

09:00 – 09:30 CLT

Opening Ceremony

Venue: Sala VIII Centenario, Rectorate, Via Zamboni 33, Bologna)

Welcome words:

- o Francesco Ubertini, Rector Università di Bologna
- o Bruno Botta, Deputy Rector for the Internationalization  
La Sapienza Università di Roma
- o Ferruccio Resta, Rector Politecnico di Milano
- o Guido Saracco, Rector Politecnico di Torino
  
- o Carlos Saavedra, President Universidad de Concepción
- o Ignacio Sánchez, President Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- o Ennio Vivaldi, President Universidad de Chile

14:30 – 16:00

09:30 – 11:00 CLT

Workshops 1 & 2

16:00 – 16:30 (Break)

16:30 – 18:00 (In parallel)

11:30 – 13:00 CLT

Workshops 1 & 2

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**22 SEPT. 2021**

09:00 – 11:00  
Authorities Meeting  
11:00 – 13:00  
Bilateral meetings

13:00 – 14:30  
Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 (In parallel)  
09:30 - 11:00 CLT  
Workshops 3 & 4

16:00 – 16:30  
11:00 – 11:30 CLT  
Break

16:30 – 18:00 (In parallel)  
11:30 – 13:00 CLT  
Workshops 3 & 4

**23 SEPT. 2021**

10:00 – 12:30  
Bilateral meetings

13:00 – 14:00  
Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00  
09:00 – 10:00 CLT  
Workshop's Plenary  
Final conclusions by each chair

15:00 – 15:30  
10:00 – 10:30 CLT  
Break

15:30 – 17:00 Closing Activity  
10:30 – 12:00 CLT

Round table  
Lessons from COVID-19: what  
have we learned about  
international collaboration?

Participants: Representatives  
from the organizing universities

(5') Closing remarks:  
o Ambassador of Chile in Italy  
o Ambassador of Italy in Chile  
o María Laura Bolognesi,  
Delegate for International  
Relations to Latin America,  
Università di Bologna

# PROGRAMME

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## WORKSHOP TOPICS

### I. Health and Food

- Biomedical sciences
- Food and Bioprocesses
- Human Health
- Animal Health
- Plant Health
- Evolution

### II. Human-Nature relations

- Energy
- Environment
- Sustainability
- Risk & Disasters
- Climate change & biodiversity
- Geodynamics

### III. Design, Arts and Heritage

- Design
- Arts
- Heritage
- Design and Project Development
- Materials, experience, and innovation

### IV. Human Sciences and Humanities

- Humanities
- Education
- Social and Political Sciences

### V. Data Science & Information Technologies (cross-cutting theme)

- AI & Machine Learning
- Computer sciences
- Data Analytics
- Astroinformatics
- Physics



**We thank you for your participation!**

## Contact

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