

MAY
18-24
NAZZANO

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XIX CONGRESS

CONTEMPORARY MOSAIC

The language of mosaic
between art and craftsmanship

MON
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WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

Multipurpose Hall (Theatre), Nazzano
10:30 – 12.30 Member registration

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 19TH AIMC CONGRESS 2026

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INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

15.30 – Patrizio Gianferro, Mayor of Nazzano
15:45 – Umberto Pessolano, Director of the River Museum of Nazzano
16.00 – Riccardo Luciani, President of the Nazzano Tevere-Farfa Regional Nature Reserve
16.15 – Nikos Tolis, AIMC President

CONGRESS PRESENTATIONS

16.30 – Alessandro Lugari, President of the 19th AIMC Congress: **Mosaic between art and craftsmanship: a story of material, technique, and vision**
16.45 – Scharling Todd Helle, AIMC member: **Mosaics/craft**

COFFEE BREAK 17:00 – 17:30

17.30 – Luca Chiesura, Technical Manager, Orsoni Furnace Venice 1888: **The magic of fire: history and tradition of the Orsoni furnace**
17.45 – Francesca Fiorentini, CEO and Technical Director of Fiorentini Engineering Srl: **Mortar as a constitutive element of the mosaic structure, not only as a binder: current state between experimentation and research**
18.00 – Almuth Schöpfs, AIMC member: **Goethe, the moon and... jazz**
18.30 – 19.00 Discussion

20.00 AIMC EXHIBITION OPENING

Temporary Exhibition Hall, River Museum, Nazzano

21.30 BUFFET AND CONCERT

Multipurpose Hall (Theatre), Nazzano
Mediterranti Concert (traditional Mediterranean music)

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CONGRESS PRESENTATIONS

10.00 – Rosetta Berardi, AIMC Vice President: **9th edition of the “Works from the World” exhibition within the Contemporary Mosaic Biennale in Ravenna**
10.15 – Luisa Decorti, curator of *Mosaic Today and Beyond*: **Fernanda Tollemeto. For the innovative freedom of mosaic art: MOSAIC TODAY**
10.30 – Antonio David Fiore, Art Historian Officer SABAP AQ-TE: **Rome 1935 – Ravenna 2025: mosaics on display between nostalgia, evocation, and irony**
10.45 – Maria Grazia Marini, Head of Tourism Service, Municipality of Ravenna: **Copies of Ancient Mosaics of Ravenna: a contemporary story**

COFFEE BREAK 11:00 – 11:30

11.30 – Carolina Zanelli, AIMC member: **What is art? History of a concept**
11.45 – Alina Baikova, Eugeniusz Geppert Academy of Art and Design in Wrocław, Poland: **Practice before theory: Building mosaic education through material experiment and project work**
12.00 – Karen Ami, Founder and Creative Director of The Chicago Mosaic School: **Mosaics as an Interdisciplinary Practice**
12.15 – 12.45 Discussion

LUNCH BREAK 13:00 – 15:30

15.30 – Janusz Sobczyk, Agnieszka Sobczyk-Kiolou, *Ars Antiqua Studio*: **“I will not die, but live...” Some observations on mosaic in sacred spaces based on designs and projects of Ars Antiqua**
15.45 – Sue Giannotti, Founder, *Mosaic Opus Studio Mosaic*: **Dichotomy in St. Louis; large installations that show the range of this medium**
16.00 – Bizen Art, *Higher art colleges in China*: **Localized Growth and Aesthetic Practice**
16.15 – Elena Kuznetcova, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Arts: **Pedagogical Aspects of the Development of Contemporary Mosaic**

COFFEE BREAK 16.30- 17.00

17.00 – Hájek Thomas, *Sexological Society of J.E.P. Czech Medical Society*: **HIV/AIDS Pandemic and the Art of Mosaic**
17.15 – María Amalia Beltrán, Marga Court, Raquel Sita, AIMC members: **“RESEARCH PRACTICES: progress and setbacks...”**
17.30 – Mac Cormaic Alison, AIMC member: **An Investigation of Mexican Smalti**
18.15 – 18.45 Discussion

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10.00-12.30 AIMC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The morning is free to allow you to visit the medieval village of Nazzano (Church of St Antimo, contemporary mosaics by Pictor Imaginarius)

13.00-15.30 GALA LUNCH

Ecotourism “Tevere Farfa,” in the Nature Reserve

16.00 BOAT EXCURSION IN THE TEVERE-FARFA RESERVE

POST-CONGRESS EXCURSIONS

21 - 22 - 23 MAY 2026

THU 21 OSTIA ANTICA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

09:00 Departure by private coach from Nazzano to Ostia Antica. Stop along the way.
11:00 Arrival and guided visit of the mosaics at the Archaeological Park of Ostia Antica.
13:30 Lunch in the village of Ostia Antica.
16:00 Departure for return to Nazzano. Arrival around 18:30.

FRI 22 FIANO ROMANO – VILLA DEI VOLUSII

09:00 Departure by private coach to Rome.
09:30 Arrival at the excavations of Lucus Feroniae and guided visit to the mosaics of the Villa dei Volusii.
11:00 Departure for Rome. 12:30 Arrival at the National Roman Museum (Palazzo Massimo alle Terme), guided visit of the mosaic collection (about 70 mosaics from the 2nd century BC to the 5th century AD). Lunch and free afternoon. Return around 19:30.

SAT 23 TIVOLI – VILLA ADRIANA

09:00 Departure by private coach to Tivoli.
10:00 Arrival at Hadrian's Villa with guided tour in Italian and English. 12:30 Lunch in a typical restaurant. 16:30 Departure for Nazzano.

