

AIISA Recap from FARE Congress 2023

AIISA recently participated in the FARE Congress for the first time. The Annual Congress involves a collection of Italian professionals in charge of buying goods and services involving healthcare facilities — such hospitals and smaller structures scattered all over the country called ASL, USL.

With over 500 participants, the Congress' main theme was *Il Nuovo Codice Degli Appalti*, or the New Procurement Code, which are updated guidelines on buying procedures during public bids and the never-ending reflection between respecting procedures and a quicker achievement of the goal. While not necessarily the field for AIISA, we dipped into that ocean of healthcare professionals to spread the key words for AIISA and NADCA as a whole: cleaning, restoring and maintaining airducts for a better indoor air quality and, above all, for

protecting the health of people living in conditioned spaces.

We held a session titled, "Air duct Sanification Services in Healthcare Facilities: An Important Activity for Public Healthcare"

Our speakers were:

- Valentina Russo, Director of buying facility in Catania, Sicily, who served as moderator
- Daniela D'Alessandro, Engineering Dept Sapienza University, Rome, who showed various examples of how a poorly controlled HVAC system can hurt the health of hospital patients
- Gaetano Settimo, ISS National Healthcare Institute, Rome, who authored important European documents on indoor air quality,

coordinated a national study on indoor pollution and coauthored recommendations for the Italian government during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Gregorio Mangano, AIISA President, who demonstrated the reality of cleaning air duct systems and highlighted the only companies with qualified and well-educated personnel

AIISA staff present was: Raffaele Caruso, Secretary, Gregorio Mangano, Manuel Ragusa, Giusi Pulizzi, and Pietro Borgognoni, Members of the Board.

A few AIISA NADCA Members popped in: Mario Gulisano A&G Multiservice and Gerardo Lamesta NTA TS and Member of the Board. ●



(From left) Manuel Ragusa, Raffaele Caruso, Giusi Pulizzi and Gregorio Mangano



Mario Gulisano and Gerardo Lamesta



(From left) Gregorio Mangano, Daniela D'Alessandro, Valentina Russo and Gaetano Settimo