

**2nd INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS**  
**&**  
**1st INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS REVISION**  
**on Beckwith-Wiedemann Spectrum (BWSp)**

**ALL IN ONE**



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**& PROGRAM**

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# Rationale of the 2nd International Congress on BWSp

**“All in one” is not just a title, but a way of being:  
together, in the same place, with a single goal.  
Taking care of children with BWSp by building authentic,  
solid and shared relationships for the benefit of everyone.**

From birth, our emotional, psychological and social well-being is shaped by the way we relate to others. The quality of the relationships we build has a decisive impact on our ability to face challenges, collaborate, grow and generate shared value. In this sense, collaboration and trust represent the essential foundations of any healthy, effective and lasting relationship capable of benefiting all stakeholders involved.

Positive relationships are never accidental, but depend largely on how each of us chooses to engage: through listening, openness, mutual respect and a willingness to build together. Positive relationships foster effective communication, reduce conflict and misunderstandings, and create an atmosphere of safety and sharing that allows even the most complex pathways to be addressed with greater awareness and serenity.

**In the world of BWSp, these principles take on even greater importance.**

Children affected by BWSp require complex care, characterised by strong multidisciplinary and often by significant and prolonged hospitalisation. In this context, **the child’s well-being does not depend solely on the quality of clinical care, but also on the quality of the relationships established around them.**

It is therefore essential that physicians, specialists, healthcare professionals and families are able to build a positive, collaborative relationship based on mutual trust. **Only through a genuine alliance is it possible to ensure that the child is not treated as a collection of protocols or diagnoses, but recognised in their entirety, as a person at the centre of a shared care system.** An informed family that feels listened to and trusts the specialists caring for their child is inevitably a more collaborative, aware and active participant in the care pathway.

In this scenario, patient associations play a key and irreplaceable role. They represent a fundamental link between families, professionals and institutions, facilitating dialogue, mutual understanding and continuity of care. Associations not only support and guide families, but also help build a network of trust, disseminate accurate information and promote a culture of collaboration that extends far beyond the single clinical setting.

**Meeting in person: for doctors and specialists, seeing the children they follow outside a clinical setting means going beyond clinical data, records and tests, strengthening professional motivation and the deeper meaning of their scientific and human commitment.**

For families, meeting in person the many experts who work with science and conscience on BWSp and their children allows them to understand the complexity and quality of the work being done, further strengthening trust in the multidisciplinary team accompanying them along the care pathway.

An International Congress therefore represents a rare but fundamental opportunity to foster these encounters, consolidate relationships and create an authentic space for dialogue and sharing. It is a place where expertise, experiences and lived realities meet, and where multidisciplinary and international dialogue becomes a concrete tool to improve care for children and support for families.

**The 2nd International BWSp Congress thus represents a crucial moment to reaffirm that the quality of relationships is an integral part of care.**

Investing in collaboration, trust and direct encounters means investing in the well-being of children, in family support and in the growth of an increasingly cohesive, aware and common-good-oriented scientific and human community.

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# INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS 1st REVISION PROGRAM

Access reserved only for professionals and PAOs  
already involved in the works

**Thursday, 28 May 2026**

H. 13.00 Welcome lunch  
H. 14.30 Plenary Session

**Friday, 29 May 2026**

All day: separate Working Groups  
WG1 Molecular Diagnosis  
WG2 Clinical Diagnosis  
WG3 Management

**Saturday, 30 May 2026**

H. 09.00 Plenary session to discuss new proposals  
H. 12.00 Conclusions

Afternoon:

- If work is completed in the morning, the afternoon will be free
- If more time is needed, meeting in the plenary hall at 14.30

**H. 20.00 Gala Dinner with authorities and families**

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# PROFESSIONIST & PAOs INVOLVED ON INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS 1st REVISION on BWSp

(alphabetical order)

Begemann Mathias	genetista molecolare	Germany
Bertoletti Monica	PAO	Italy
Bliek Jet	genetista molecolare	Holland
Brioude Frédéric	endocrinologo	France
Brzezinski Jack	oncologo	USA
Butti Niccolò	psicologo e psicoterapeuta	Italy
Carli Diana	genetista clinica	Italy
Cielo Christopher	medicina del sonno	USA
Cioara Paula	PAO	Romania
Coze Carole	oncologa	France
Davidson Richard	ortopedico	USA
Deardoff Matthew	genetista clinico	USA
De Leon - Crutchlow Diva	endocrinologa	USA
De Pellegrin Maurizio	ortopedico	Italy
Eggermann Thomas	genetista molecolare	Germany
Eggermann Katja	genetista molecolare	Germany
Elbracht Miriam	genetista clinica	Germany
Eskew Christopher	PAO	USA
Ferrari Mario	chirurgo maxillo-facciale	Italy
Ferrero Giovanni B.	genetista clinico	Italy
Ganguly Arupa	genetista molecolare	USA
Glatts Carlyn	pediatra dello sviluppo, psicologa	USA
Grønskov Karen	genetista molecolare	Denmark
Hathaway Evan	genetic counselor	USA
Kalish Jennifer M.	genetista clinica	USA
Kratz Christian P.	oncologo pediatrico	Germany
Lapunzina Pablo	genetista clinico	Spain
Lauffer Peter	genetista clinico	Holland
Ligh Cassie	chirurgo plastico	USA
Maas Saskia M.	genetista clinica	Holland
MacFarland Suzanne	oncologa	USA
Mackay Deborah JG	genetista molecolare	UK
Maher Eamonn	genetista clinico	UK
Martin Muñoz Pablo	PAO	Spain
McClelland Louise	genetista molecolare	UK
Michaeli Orli	oncologa	Israel
Milani Donatella	pediatra	Italy
Mussa Alessandro	genetista clinico	Italy
Netchine Irène	endocrinologa	France
Quarello Paola	oncologa	Italy
Riccio Andrea	genetista molecolare	Italy
Russo Silvia	genetista molecolare	Italy
Shipster Caroleen	logopedista	UK
Somma Makaela	logopedista	USA
Soupre Veronique	chirurgo plastico	France
Tatton-Brown Katrina	genetista clinica	UK
Tenorio Jair Antonio	genetista molecolare	Spain
Tümer Zeynep	genetista molecolare	Denmark
Weksberg Rosanna	genetista clinica	Canada

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Open to families and/or professionals who have registered in advance.

SIMULANEOUS TRANSLATION ITALIAN/ENGLISH AND VICE VERSA

**Saturday, 30 May 2026**

- H. 18.00 Registration and Fhatters' aperitif (open to all men)  
H. 20.00 Opening of the Congress

## H. 20.00 Gala Dinner

**Sunday, 31 May 2026**

**Moderator: Guido Cocchi**

- H. 09.00 Introduction and welcome- PAO

### Part 1: The ABC of BWSp - basic level

- H. 09.15 What does BWSp mean? - Jair Tenorio e Arupa Ganguly  
H. 09.30 Etiopathogenesis of BWSp - Pablo Lapunzina e Diana Carli

### Part 2: Management of BWSp

- H. 09.45 Who is a Genetic Counselor and what do they do? - Evan Hathaway  
H. 10.00 Oncology - Christian Kratz e Michaeli Orli  
H. 10.15 Macroglossia - Makaela Somma e Mario Ferrari  
H. 10.30 Orthopecis - Maurizio De Pellegrin e Richard Davidson  
H. 10.45 Coffee Break

### Part 3: Reflections, new perspectives and preview of the International Consensus revision—intermediate & advanced level

- H. 11.15 Growth charts for BWSp - Saskia Maas e Donatella Milani  
H. 11.30 Is prenatal diagnosis possible? - Thomas Eggermann e Zeynep Tümer  
H. 11.45 Hyperinsulinism - Diva De Leon Crutchlow e Roberta Pajno  
H. 12.00 Anaesthesia - Ezio Gulli  
H. 12.15 **Questions**  
H. 13.00 **Lunch**  
H. 14.30 Our Doctors' Performance  
H. 15.00 Myofunctional therapy - Irene Valeriani  
H. 15.15 Somatic memory - Niccolò Butti  
H. 15.30 Maternal-effect variants – Silvia Russo e Andrea Riccio  
H. 15.45 Methylation analyses - Jet Blik  
H. 16.00 Wilms tumour predisposition in BWS: a circulating tumour DNA test - Rosanna Weksber e Jack Brzezinski  
H. 16.15 Preview of the results of the 1st International Consensus revision - Kalish Jennifer, Eamonn Maher & Alessandro Mussa  
H. 16.30 **Questions**  
H. 18.00 Mothers' aperitif (open to all women) Segreteria organizzativa

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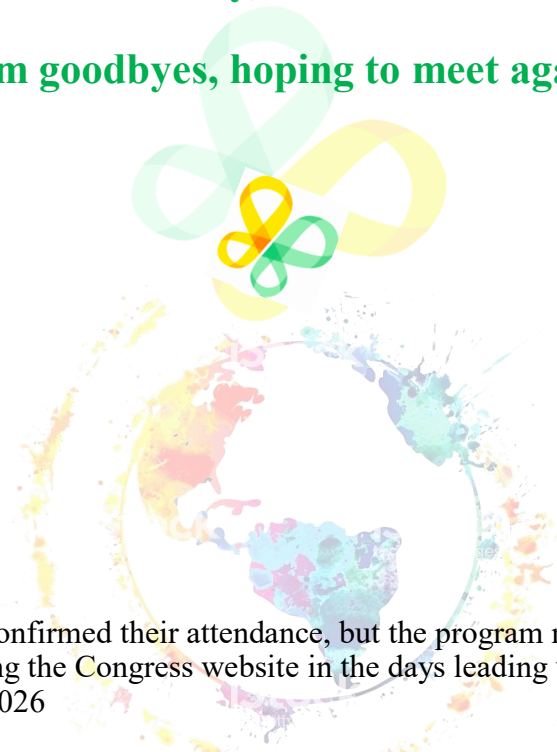
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**Monday, 1 June 2026**

- H. 09.00 Aibws Odv Members' Assembly (mandatory for members, recommended for everyone)
- H. 10.00 Inclusive team-building activities, designed to entertain both young people and adults, regardless of language level.
- H. 12.30 Lunch
- H. 14.30 Free time
- H. 17.00 2nd Aibws Beach Volleyball Tournament organized by our Papooni

**Tuesday, 2 June 2026**

**Farewells and warm goodbyes, hoping to meet again soon!!!**



## **Please note:**

The speakers have already confirmed their attendance, but the program may be subject to minor changes. We recommend checking the Congress website in the days leading up to the event:  
[www.aibws.org/congresso2026](http://www.aibws.org/congresso2026)

**May 31st will be entirely online**, live, for everyone **upon registration** through the Congress website:  
[www.aibws.org/congresso2026](http://www.aibws.org/congresso2026)

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# CONGRESS SPEAKERS

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D'Amelio Valentina  
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Eskew Christopher  
Ferrari Mario  
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Maas Saskia  
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Montirosso Rosario  
Mussa Alessandro  
Pajno Roberta  
Riccio Andrea  
Russo Silvia  
Somma Makaela  
Tenorio Jair Antonio  
Tümer Zeynep  
Valeriani Irene  
Valle Daniela  
Veronelli Andrea  
Weksberg Rosanna



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# VENUE

## The entire Congress will take place at Club Hotel Dante di Cervia

The Club Hotel Dante Cervia \*\*\*\* offers concierge services, room service, and shopping services, as well as a seasonal outdoor pool, a sun terrace, and a library. The hotel was built in an Italian style and features 244 classic rooms. Luggage storage, an elevator, and a vending machine are available on site.

### Position

Cervia's main attractions, such as the Federico Fellini Museum and Mirabilandia, are nearby. The property is a 10-minute walk from the city center.

The Cervia Milazzo bus stop is 350 meters from Club Hotel Dante Cervia.

### Rooms

Each room features individual climate control, a flat-screen TV, a stereo system, and a private bathroom with terry bathrobes.

### Food & Drink

A continental breakfast is available every morning. Guests can enjoy a variety of regional dishes at the outdoor restaurant. The hotel invites guests to the garden bar to relax with a drink. Three Star Bath 80 at 950 meters.

### Relax

The accommodation offers direct access to a private pool with a poolside bar, a hot tub and a sauna.

### Internet

Wi-Fi is only available in public areas and is free.  
Cable internet is available in hotel rooms and is free.

### Parking

Private parking is possible on site for a fee (€ 6.00 indoors or 3€ uncovered)

### Map:

[https://www.clubhoteldante.it/dove\\_siamo](https://www.clubhoteldante.it/dove_siamo)

### Address

Viale Milazzo 81 ang. Lungomare Deledda  
48015, Cervia (RA)

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# SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING CONGRESS

**Children's Animation:** For all children aged 3 and up, from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on May 31st and from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on June 1°, animators will also be able to speak English. **If there are children who do not speak these two languages, we ask you to notify us to look for suitable animators.**

Except for special requirements, both parents are requested to attend the proceedings and **not** to take the children to the Conference room, this to allow the event to be held in a regular and optimal manner.

**Interpreters:** The official languages of the conference will be Italian and English. There is a simultaneous translation service with headphones for all people who want it.

**Hostesses:** Upon registration in Congress and during the same, multilingual Hostesses will be present for any information or needs.

**Access to Congress:** Free if in person, € 20 if online.

**Photographer:** Mr. Stefano Morelli, a professional photographer, is expected to be present throughout the event, both for institutional photography and for individual families and/or groups. Photos can be purchased directly from Mr. Morelli on site and will be provided with the Congress logo.

**Video:** Full shot scheduled for May 31st.

Additionally, Kemal Comert, the filmmaker who has worked with us on previous projects, will be present; he was requested to be present for the video footage of the most emotional part of the BWS family's first big meeting.

**Children's Snack:** Aibws will offer snacks to children on May 31st and June 1st°.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- for weaning children, for celiacs, intolerants, vegetarians or other special needs, cooks are available as long as they are reported early during online pre-registration

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# COSTS AND REGISTRATION METHODS

## PRELIMINARY INFORMATION:

The program, costs, and services can be viewed and downloaded at [www.aibws.org/congresso2026](http://www.aibws.org/congresso2026) in both Italian and English.

Access to the Congress is free if in person, a donation of 20€ is required for online access, to contribute to the costs of the live broadcast.

The stay is in full board, so that 3 meals per overnight stay are included (breakfast, lunch, dinner with water and wine).

The registration form can only be completed once. For errors and/or variations, please contact directly: [congressi@aibws.org](mailto:congressi@aibws.org)

You will be asked for (mandatory data):

- Last name, first name and date of birth of all participants
- Arrival date and time
- Date and time of departure
- Type of room/s
- For those who do not stay overnight the sessions in which they will be present
- Extra meals (people who are not staying in hotels but stop to eat or if you intend to add a meal beyond those included in the living room)
- Consent for the management of personal data carried out by means of this on-line form

You will also be asked (optional data):

- Special dietary needs (weaning, intolerances, allergies, etc.)
- Nationality
- The presence of one or more people with BWSp

## HOW TO PAY

**AIBWS ODV will take care of booking the services you request.** Within a week of completing the form, you will receive emails from [congressi@aibws.org](mailto:congressi@aibws.org) confirming your request and the costs to be incurred.

**Please wait for the email before paying for your stay.**

Payments must be made directly to the Club Hotel Dante.

The advance of 50% must be paid by March 15, otherwise the reservation will not be considered valid.

The balance is requested no later than May 15th.

Bank transfer to:

**ROMAGNA BANCA**

**IBAN IT92 M0885 2236 0100 8010 2846 36**

**current account in the name of: DANTEGEST S.R.L.**

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inserting the reason: "**Participation in ALL IN ONE - Family....**"

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The treatment is provided in FULL PENSION, therefore, including the 3 main meals for each night of stay, with water and wine (beer and other drinks will be paid)

## COSTS:

Single room: € 112,00 per night  
Double room: € 160,00 per night  
Junior suite supplement: € 100,00 per night

Children:  
0-7 years not completed € 0,00 per night  
7-13 years not completed € 40,00 per night  
13-18 years not completed € 64,00 per night

From 18 years and old, the cost is € 80,00 per night

**EXTRA MEALS** (for those who are not staying at the hotel or plan to add meals to the above):

- up to 8 years old not completed € 16.00 per meal
- 8 years and older € 32.00 per meal

**PARKING:** by reservation at € 6.00 per night in the garage, or at € 3.00 per night the uncovered parking space

## Mandatory extra costs:

- **city tax** (approximately € 3/3.5 per person aged 14 and over), from which disabled people and their companions are exempt if they have the required documentation.
- **Extra Meals** for those who do not stay overnight at € 16.00 per meal until the age of 7, over € 32.00 per meal. There is no payment for these meals but online pre-registration remains mandatory

**These costs are to be borne directly on site with the Club Hotel Dante**

For any other need or information, send an email to  
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