

Closing Ceremony

IMPMS 2026

Dear participants,

as we come to the end of the 5th Italian Meeting on Probability and Mathematical Statistics, I would like to thank all of you for helping make this conference such a success.

Over the past five days, we have listened to inspiring plenary lectures, attended many contributed sessions, exchanged ideas, discussed mathematics, and, perhaps most importantly, spent time together as a community.

The numbers are impressive: 5 plenary lectures, more than 320 talks, 81 contributed sessions, and around 400 participants (including local committee).

I was also very happy to see so many young researchers here. Silvio Micali told me that he was particularly impressed by this aspect of our meetings, and I think we can all agree that it is a very positive sign for the future.

I would like to thank our plenary speakers, all session organizers, all speakers, and all participants for their contributions and enthusiasm.

I am also grateful to the institutions that supported this meeting and to the members of the Steering Committee: Giacomo, Claudia, Paolo, Antonio, Marco, Domenico, Laura, Enrico, and Barbara.

Domenico was right. Some years ago I was alone in this adventure. But, as you can see, I am not alone anymore.

A special thank you goes to the Local Organizing Committee and to the administrative and technical staff who worked behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly.

Before concluding, I would like to say a few words about the Local Organizing Committee. Organizing a conference of this size requires an enormous amount of work, much of which remains invisible to participants. What makes their contribution even more remarkable is that most of them do not work in probability or statistics. Nevertheless, they spent months helping us organize this conference with enthusiasm, patience, and generosity.

In particular, I would like to thank Barbara Brandolini and Marco Tabacchi, who devoted an extraordinary amount of time and energy to this meeting. Unfortunately, Barbara cannot be here today because of family reasons, but I would like her to know how grateful we are for everything she has done.

I would also like to thank Angela Sciammetta, Gianmarco La Rosa, and Maurizio Cinà. As happens in every large conference, unexpected problems arise, sometimes at the very last moment. Yesterday they helped us solve two

serious issues: one involving a colleague's health problem and another involving the possibility of having the apericena. We are very grateful for their help.

I would also like to read the names of all members of the Local Organizing Committee:

Barbara Brandolini, Marco Tabacchi, Fabio Bellavia, Lydia Castronovo, Marcello Chiodi, Andrea Consiglio, Rosario Corso, Alessandro Dioguardi Burzio, Giuseppe Failla, Giuseppe Filippone, Gianmarco La Rosa, Manuel Mancini, Gianmarco Mattana, Salvatore Miccichè, Mariagrazia Palumbo, Arianna Maria Pavone, Marco Sammartino, Angela Sciammetta, Andrea Simonetti, Elisabetta Tornatore, and Michele Tumminello.

Please join me in thanking them with a round of applause.

I would also like to thank the technical and administrative staff of this building, the Department of Economics, Business and Statistics, and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

I am sure I am forgetting some names. During these months I asked many people for help, and whenever I did, I found someone willing to support me. I would also like to thank the colleagues who founded the Palermo Association of Mathematics and Computer Science: Marco Tabacchi, Giuseppa Castiglione, Marinella Sciortino, and Giosuè Lo Bosco.

This conference would simply not have been possible without all of your commitment, professionalism, and willingness to help.

Thank you once again for being here. I hope you enjoyed both the scientific program and your stay in Palermo. I wish you a safe journey home, and I look forward to seeing you again at the next Italian Meeting on Probability and Mathematical Statistics.

Thank you very much.

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On behalf of the Steering and Local Committee
Giuseppe Sanfilippo

“Il est remarquable qu’une science qui a commencé par la considération des jeux, se soit élevée aux plus importants objets des connaissances humaines”. Pierre-Simon Laplace