

27th IASL Congress

The Football Industry

Rome, 13–11 December 2025
Rome "Foro Italico" University

A Global Gathering of Sports Law, Governance & Football Innovation

The 27th International Association of Sports Law (IASL) Congress, 13–11 December 2025 - Rome "Foro Italico" University successfully brought together an exceptional international network of sports law experts, academics, arbitrators, football executives, institutional leaders, and commercial stakeholders in Rome, Italy.

Held under the central theme:

"The Football Industry"

The Congress created a high-level global platform dedicated to the future of football governance, legal regulation, investment, innovation, integrity, media rights, women leadership, arbitration, and international cooperation.

The event demonstrated the growing strategic importance of football as one of the world's most influential industries, connecting law, technology, governance, education, and investment.

Key Focus Areas

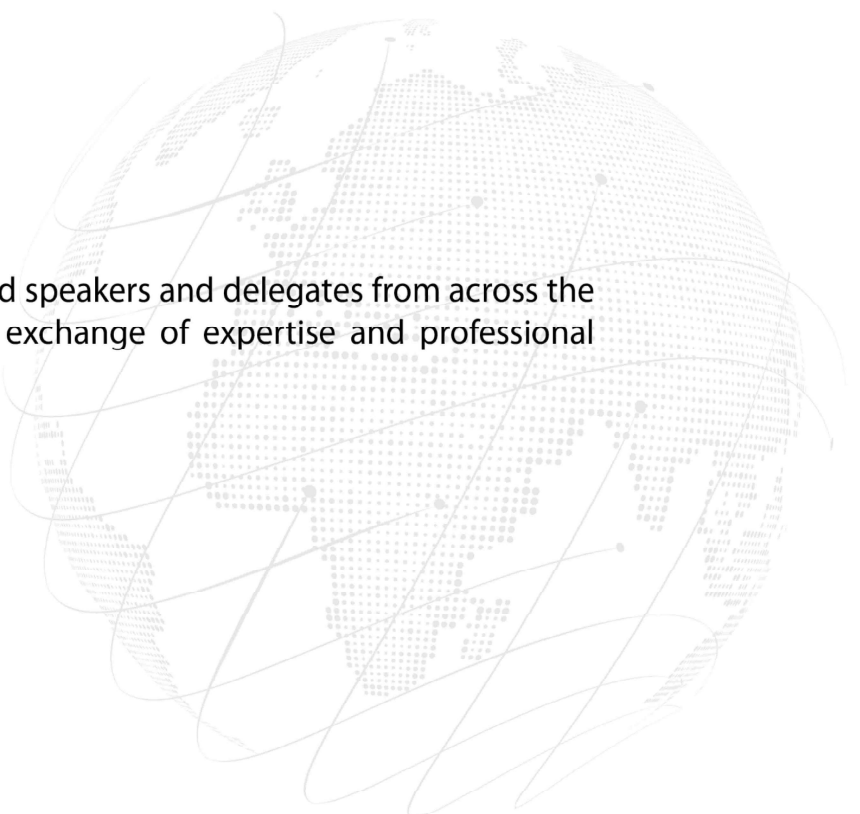
- Football Governance & Finance
- Sports Arbitration & Dispute Resolution
- Women in Football
- AI & Digital Transformation
- Media Rights & Broadcasting
- Club & Federation Governance
- Athlete Protection & Regulations
- Commercialization & Investment
- Football Integrity & Compliance

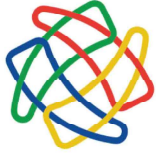
INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

The Congress welcomed distinguished speakers and delegates from across the globe, creating a truly international exchange of expertise and professional collaboration.

Participating Regions

- Europe
- Middle East
- Asia
- Africa
- North America





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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Featured International Speakers Included:



Mr. MAJED GAROUB
President of the International Association of Sports Law (IASL)



Mr. LUCIANO BUONFIGLIO
President of the Italian Olympic committee - CONI



Prof. MASSIMO SACCHETTI
President of the University of Rome Foro Italico



Dr. KAMAL ABDULLAH AL-HAMAD
Secretary General of the GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre



Prof. DIMITRIOS P. PANAGIOTOPOULOS
Professor of Sports Law at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens



Prof. DANIEL JOSÉ GANDERT
Clinical Professor of Law at Northern Iowa University and School of Law at the USA



Atty. RAÚL RODRÍGUEZ PORRAS
Director General of Legal Regime of Sport at the Spanish Sports Council



Prof. VINCENZO ZENO-ZENCOVICH
Professor of comparative law in the University of Roma Tor Vergata



Atty. ALKIS PAPANTONIOU
Founder - Managing Lawyer at A.P. Sports Law Firm



Prof. ALEXANDRU VIRGIL VOICU
Honorary president of the Romanian Association for the Protection of the Fundamental Rights of Athletes



H.H. Dr. DOAA BINT MOHAMMED
CEO of the Education, Consensus and Reform Supreme President of the Arab Women's Authority



Dr. SAHAR HAWARY
Former Member of the FIFA Women's Committee



Mr. SAMI HOUSERI
Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration



Dr. PHILIPPE FORTUIT
Professor of Law at the University of Paris-Panthéon-Sorbonne



Atty. OLIVIA BABIARI
Vice President Foundation Law Medicine Sport Research and Consulting



Prof. KAI-LI WANG
Dean of the College of Management at National Tsing-Tung University



Atty. ANDREW MERCER
General Counsel & Director of Legal Affairs



Dr. GOCE NAUMOVSKI
ICC Certified Mediator University Sports Arbitration Law Faculty



Mr. BRANDON MALONE
Founding Chairman of the Soccer Arbitration Centre



Dr. XIANG HUIYING
PhD, Professor, Doctoral Supervisor, Deputy Dean of the School of Sports Law of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law



Prof. ANDRÁS NEMES
President of the Hungarian Sports Law Association and a legal consultant in the field



Dr. ANA PATRICIA SOUSA BORGES
Invited Assistant Professor in the Law School of University of Brasília; Research Group JurGov - Research Center of Justice and Governance



Atty. PENNY KONITSIOTRIZOU
Vice President, Board of Directors Olympic Athletic Center of Athens (OACA)



Atty. MANAL SALMAN
Head of Sports & Investment Law at the Law Firm of Maged Garoub



Prof. ELISE PILLOOT
Full professor of Civil Law, Head of the Research Unit in Law



Atty. ABDULRAHMAN GAROUB
Managing Partner at the Law Firm of Maged Garoub



Prof. ANTONIO BARONE
Full professor of administrative law in the University of Catania



Prof. MARCO DUGATO
Full Professor administrative law, University of Bologna



Dr. PIETRO PAOLO RAMPINO
Chairman of Joint Italian Arab Chamber of Commerce



Prof. FRANCESCO CARDARELLI
Full Professor of Administrative and Public Law at the University of Rome Foro Italico



Atty. ZOGRAFENA KALLIMANI
President of the Disciplinary Committee Hellenic Weightlifting Federation



Atty. GIULIA VIGNA
Sports Lawyer



Prof. GENNARO TERRACCIANO
Full professor of administrative law and general member of the University of Rome "Foro Italico"



Eng. LUCA STABILE
Director at A.B.P. Commercial Arbitration Law Firm Italia Group



Prof. MARIA BEATRICE DELI
Secretary General of the Italian Arbitration Association



Prof. GIULIO NAPOLITANO
Professor Deliberative University Roma Tre



Prof. PIEREMILIO SAMMARCO
Full Professor of Comparative Law at the University of Bergamo



Prof. GUIDO CLEMENTE DI SAN LUCA
Professor of the Legality of Football, at the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli



Dr. MASSIMILIANO ATELLI
Chairman of the Council of Governance of Professional Clubs - COVIOC



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Prof. STEFANO BASTIANON
Full Professor of EU Law and EU sports law Department of Law, University of Bergamo, Italy



Atty. ANDREA MARCO COLARUSSO
Assistant professor in Administrative and Sports Law at the University of Rome "Foro Italico"

And many additional distinguished global experts.



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LOOKING FORWARD TOWARDS THE 28TH IASL CONGRESS

Building on the outstanding success of Rome 2025, the upcoming 28th IASL Congress aims to further expand international participation, industry partnerships, and global impact.

The Next Edition Will Continue To:

Connect global sports leaders / Advance football governance dialogue / Promote sports law excellence / Encourage international investment / Strengthen institutional cooperation / Support innovation and sustainability / Expand women leadership in sports

Closing Statement

"Uniting Sports Law, Football Governance, Innovation & Global Leadership."

JOIN THE FUTURE OF THE FOOTBALL INDUSTRY

The IASL Congress continues to establish itself as one of the leading international platforms shaping the future of sports law, football governance.

I transformed the booklet into a more complete congress profile publication with:
Premium editorial design direction / Cover and back cover concepts / Speaker spread layout structure / Partner/sponsor visual hierarchy / Luxury FIFA/UEFA-inspired styling guidance.

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Professional Representation

International Sports Lawyers / University Professors / Arbitrators / Football Executives / Federation Officials / Sports Investors / Media & Commercial Experts / Legal Advisors

CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

High-Level Sessions & Discussions

The Congress featured impactful discussions addressing the future of football and sports law.

Main Sessions Included:

- Governance & Financing of Clubs
- Women in Football Leadership
- Management of Clubs, Leagues & Federations
- AI & Digital Football Evolution
- Media Rights & TV Broadcasting
- Sponsorship & Commercial Rights
- Legal Challenges in Football
- FIFA & Sports Arbitration
- Football Player Protection
- Commercial and Investment Strategies

GLOBAL IMPACT & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- International Visibility

The Congress significantly strengthened international dialogue surrounding football governance, sports law, commercial rights, and institutional cooperation.

- Strategic Networking

The event created meaningful partnerships between:

Sports institutions / Arbitration centers / Universities / Football organizations / Legal associations / Commercial entities / International investors / Knowledge Exchange.

The Congress encouraged multidisciplinary collaboration and advanced professional development within the global football ecosystem.



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WOMEN IN FOOTBALL & LEADERSHIP

The Congress highlighted the growing importance of women leadership within football, sports law, governance, and international sports institutions.

Female legal experts, academics, executives, and professionals actively contributed to discussions focused on:

Leadership opportunities / Equal representation / Governance inclusion / Women empowerment in sports / Commercial and professional growth

This important focus reflected the global movement toward greater diversity and inclusion within the sports industry.

SPORTS LAW, ARBITRATION & GOVERNANCE

The Congress reinforced the importance of legal integrity and dispute resolution mechanisms within modern football.

Key discussions explored:

Sports arbitration systems / FIFA regulations / Club governance frameworks / Athlete rights protection / International compliance standards / Commercial dispute resolution / Ethical governance and transparency.

The Congress served as a bridge between academia, legal practice, and sports industry implementation.

MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY & AI - THE FUTURE OF FOOTBALL INDUSTRY

The Congress examined how technology and innovation are transforming the football ecosystem.

Key Themes:

Artificial Intelligence in Sports / Digital Governance / Media & Broadcasting Rights / Data & Analytics / Fan Engagement / Digital Commercialization / Technology-driven operations.

These discussions positioned the Congress at the forefront of football industry transformation.