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politician, activist,
and Canada's first black female
member of a provincial legislature

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ICCO AIR CANADA BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

September 24, 2020

The Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario Canada (ICCO) is a private, independent, not-for-profit organization whose aim is to enhance and promote investments, business, trade and cultural relations between Canada and Italy.

The ICCO Canada Business Excellence Awards (BEA) are prestigious awards presented to the most outstanding and innovative leaders from the business, scientific, academic and cultural communities.

Previous celebrations have attracted more than 500 people, including VIPs, leaders from the business community, and government dignitaries, making them highly successful.

The Business Excellence Awards are a great opportunity to honour those recognized for their excellence, in addition to engaging with top corporate executives and distinguished politicians.

2020 marks the 18th anniversary of the Business Excellence Awards, bringing together ICCO members, friends, local, and not-so-local inspirational leaders in business, politics, and culture every year.

1. ICCO Business Excellence Award sponsored by AIR CANADA

This is the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario Canada Award, which honours individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement in all categories – entrepreneurialism, innovation, philanthropy and community involvement, as well as a contribution to the arts.

2. ICCO Italy-Canada Award sponsored by Pizza Nova

The Award honours individuals for their outstanding contribution to building bridges between Italy and Canada. This award aims to develop new and existing relationships between Canadian and Italian professionals for long-term

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Letter from ICCO CANADA

co-presidents, Tony Altomare and Pat Pelliccone



Distinguished guests:

As Co-Presidents of the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario CANADA (ICCO), we welcome you to the 18th edition of the ICCO Business Excellence Awards. This certainly is a different experience.

Thank you for taking the time to join us here tonight.

This year, the ICCO BEA is a unique virtual edition and represents an opportunity to bring our patrons and supporters together; a special opportunity to connect with you.

While many things have been affected by the pandemic in one way or another, our mission and commitment to the community we serve have not. Since its inception in 1961, the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario - Canada (ICCO Canada), has been a facilitator of business, a seeker of investment, and a builder of commercial relationships.

The ICCO is a catalyst for developing business and cultural alliances among visionaries, entrepreneurs, and global organizations in Canada and Italy.

We recognize the impacts of COVID-19 and understand the challenges facing our members, but now more than ever before is the time to work together tirelessly as a valuable resource, and a trusted voice for the business community.

Please show your support by renewing your membership or sponsoring the ICCO's activities. Your support is vital and will help the legacy of almost 60 years make it into the 61st year.

Every year, the annual ICCO Business Excellence Awards Gala is about coming together as a community and celebrating the incredible achievements of individuals and businesses that have changed the economic landscape of Ontario and given a competitive edge to their business.

But this year's edition of the ICCO Business Excellence Awards differentiates itself not only because of the unusual virtual edition. It differentiates itself for even something more meaningful. Today we celebrate

women entrepreneurship and leadership.

Celebrating women's achievements and increasing visibility are key. It's important to remember that all of us are a crucial part of the environment influencing our world's future generations.

Our sincere congratulations to the winners of the 2020 ICCO AIR CANADA BEA. Bold, brave, and bright women driven by ambition have pushed themselves to the top of the ladder. They are women who lead their businesses with strong values such as loyalty and determination, but also with kindness and empathy. This prestigious group of women has been selected out of an impressive list of nominations, based on strong business know-how and an ability to both influence and inspire within their industries.

In closing, we'd like to thank the ICCO Board of Directors for their support and guidance, in addition to thanking all of you who are with us tonight. Your participation has made this edition of the Business Excellence Awards another truly successful night.

Finally, thanks to Corrado Paina and his staff for having brought the ICCO Canada through these troubled waters without losing their commitment and vision.

Sincerely,


Tony Altomare


Pat Pelliccone



In conversation with the ICCO's Executive Director, Corrado Paina on pivoting into a new reality during COVID-19, and making women the central focus of this year's BEA

As we adapt to a new reality with COVID-19 and to imagine the new world, companies are continuously adjusting and shifting their operations in order to keep up with technology and the transformation of the labour market and environment.

As Corrado Paina, Executive Director of the ICCO explains, with that change, comes opportunity and the need for prescient vision, "As difficult as it's been with the cut in revenue and all the obstacles in place, we have to find a way to surmount them. It's incumbent on us to evolve, while looking toward the future. Otherwise, we run the risk of becoming outdated and irrelevant.

The Italian chambers are well-positioned to adapt due to their strong presence abroad, in addition to having offices in Italy; they have the flexibility that allows them to make changes and to embrace transformation.

As the pandemic rages on, the staff at the ICCO have been

working tirelessly in order to exemplify just that. They continue to plan a variety of events, such as the 'True Italian Taste Project', which highlights authentic Italian products through various initiatives, and a forthcoming book chronicles the development of the Italian business community in Canada.

They're also in the process of building a technological platform where the United States, Mexico and Canada – the signatories of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) – and Italian companies, can interact with one another, with the aim of creating new opportunities to work together. It'll emulate a trade show environment, complete with a range of products to be showcased and promoted in a variety of sectors. The platform will bring Italian and Canadian companies closer and will enable the ICCO Canada to set up meetings at any time.

It will be launched at the end of October, or in early

INTERVIEW

A CONVERSATION WITH

ICCO Canada Executive Director Corrado Paina

November, amid much anticipation.

As Paina points out, the health care and pharmaceutical industries have been booming, but there's also been a great deal of growth in industries such as machinery and sectors like artificial intelligence, "Businesses are innovating and they want to invest in Canada. Given our prevailing reality, the process is taking longer, so we're seeking to facilitate it."

Planning the BEA is another prime example. Having women as the central focus is especially significant due to the current chasm we're witnessing. Around the world, women have been exiting the workforce in what's being referred to as a 'SHE-cession', and many other women are in precarious situations due to the ongoing instability.

The very notion of what constitutes a workplace is shifting, along with the sense of collegiality that tends to take root in such settings, so honouring the various roles women take on in society and recognizing their accomplishments remain important, "This year, five awards and three plaques will be given to inspiring women of outstanding calibre," says Paina.

He also adds that it's imperative for businesses to continuously work toward greater equality and the representation of women, "With regard to hiring practices, merit is important, and having the voices of women on boards put us at an advantage because of the invaluable perspectives and directions they bring." He stresses this must also translate into pay equity, "This has been an ongoing issue; it's imperative women are remunerated fairly."

The business world believes that it's time to examine our attitudes and to work toward creating a more just and equitable society now, and in a probable post-pandemic future, "Diversity is truly Canada's greatest strength", says Paina, "I believe in the people here and that's why I



chose Canada as my home. However, we must undergo constant change and transformation."

Despite the rapidly changing situation, women are leading the charge: Countries with women at the helm have been recognized for their extraordinary pandemic responses, particularly with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern in New Zealand; President Tsai Ing-wen in Taiwan; and Chancellor Angela Merkel in Germany.

And here in Canada, last month, Deputy Prime Minister Chystia Freeland was sworn in as the nation's first female Finance Minister and this month, Lawyer and Civil Servant Lisa Campbell became the first woman to head the Canadian Space Industry, just as the nation prepares to participate in a new lunar mission.

Notable as well is Dr. Leslyn Lewis's candidacy for the Conservative Party of Canada's recent leadership election; she was the first Black woman to run for the federal party's leadership. These are all significant achievements and the award recipients embody this change and progress, which they bring to their respective professions.

As we live through the pandemic, we can't help but wonder, will a handshake among business associates ever feel normal again? What about mingling at events and the sharing of appetizers – would you care for a squirt of hand sanitizer? And what to say about the clinking of wine glasses? We hope a sense of ease will return, but until then, the ICCO is dedicated to reinventing itself in every possible way. As Paina emphasizes, "Our commitment to the work we do will remain and be strengthened."

By Ayah Victoria McKhail

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In conversation with the ICCO's Business Excellence Awards (BEA) Keynote Speaker, Camilla Lunelli, Communication and PR Director, Lunelli Group

As the Communication and PR Director of the Lunelli Group, Camilla Lunelli is passionate about gender equality. "By increasing the representation of women in the workforce, we're all at an advantage, as women bring invaluable perspectives to the table." Based in Trento, Italy, the Lunelli Group is a leader in the beverage, wine and spirits industry. Its storied brands are comprised of Ferrari Trento, which includes an array of renowned sparkling wines; Surgiva mineral water, which is the official water of the Italian Sommeliers' Association; Segnana Distillery, which has reinvented grappa with a contemporary edge; Tenute Lunelli, which features a range of wines from Trentino, Tuscany and Umbria; and Bisol, which boasts a variety of Prosecco.

Currently, the third generation of the Lunelli family is at the helm of the company, which carries on the legacy started by Giulio Ferrari, who sought to create a wine in Trentino capable of competing with the best French champagnes.

A company with global reach, it exports wine to Canada through Dandurand; greater growth potential has been identified, and will be explored.

Lunelli mentions that the corporate governance and management structure of the Lunelli Group are strong, and that the partnerships the company has embarked on have made it a great success, in addition to the employees, "Real strength comes from having the right people in place, who truly believe in a project

Camilla Lunelli

Camilla Lunelli



SPECIAL GUEST

and carry it out with dedication and commitment.”

She believes merit is important and the talents of a dynamic team should be leveraged when working toward a company’s objectives, “Men and women are absolutely equal and should be treated as such. Although social change occurs over generations, and breaking through the glass ceiling is an ongoing attempt, we need to be at the forefront of change.” She points to Manuela Savardi, the company’s Export Director, who excels in her role by ushering in new and exciting opportunities for the company.

She also acknowledges an alarming trend that has emerged as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as women around the world exit the workforce in what’s being dubbed a ‘SHE-cession’. She envisions a world where progressive policies increase the entry and retention of women to the workforce. She points to the Nordic countries, Canada and the U.S. as examples to aspire to, but acknowledges a cultural shift needs to occur as well, “Gender roles are still very much entrenched, with men largely seen as the ones who have to be the breadwinners, and women who are often tasked with childrearing. Having sound social policies for daycare are also important.”

With regard to workplace culture, she recognizes the existence of a widely-held notion that women don’t tend to be supportive of one another. However, she emphasizes that unity does emerge, and women should be at the forefront of creating open and inclusive environments, “There’s a lot of mentoring and networking that take place, and a great deal of solidarity that flourishes.”

As she reflects on the progress that’s being made, her message to a new generation of young women is to stay the course, “Don’t

give up; it’s possible to succeed. You might have to exert more of an effort in order to prove yourself, but don’t be deterred; you can do it.”

Lunelli is honoured to be the Keynote Speaker at this year’s BEA and welcomes the spotlight that’s being placed on women. She notes they often have a quiet confidence to them, but that their self-assuredness shines through with their steadfast approach, “These women lead by example and inspire us to accelerate progress with every step we take.”

She’s also pleased to be participating in an event with a Canadian connection. As a high school student, she had attended a cultural exchange in Georgian Bay, Ont., and learning about Canadian history, culture and English were meaningful experiences, “It really marked my personal growth as an individual, and I still recall being completely mesmerized by the maple tree leaves that changed colours during the fall season. The majestic beauty of nature is something I’ll always remember about Canada.”


By Ayah Victoria McKhail



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all places where
decisions are
being made.”*

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Currently, Rina is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Mackenzie Health Foundation; having been a part of Mackenzie Health since 2013. She is passionate about her leadership, particularly as it pertains to the \$250 Million Dollar 'Ultimate Suits You Campaign' that will provide health care services to more patients and their families in the growing community of Vaughan and York Region at large. She is also an active Board Member of the Mackenzie Health Hospital and was previously Treasurer of the McMichael Art Gallery Foundation.

In her previous role as the National Director for

Small Business & Women's Markets, Rina led the implementation of national strategies for small businesses, working with a number of partners and clients across the RBC network, domestically and globally.

Rina has been part of the RBC team for 33 years. She has held numerous leadership positions in Retail Banking, Commercial Financial Services, and at the National Office.

Rina's educational background includes accreditations with the Institute of Canadian Bankers Fellowship Program, the Canadian Securities Commission, and Dalhousie University.

Rina has gained a great deal of recognition for her dedication and commitment. In 2012, she received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal for Community Leadership; in 2017, she received the National Congress of Italian Canadians Ontario Spirit Award; and in 2019, she received the Global Citizen Award for her community commitment and volunteer efforts that span many years.

Rina lives in the town of Kleinburg in the city of Vaughan with her husband Sal and two adult children, Richard and Julia.

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Filomena Frisina is co-leader of the Firm's Financial Services Regulatory Group, co-leader of the InsurTech Group, and co-leader of the Firm's Italy Desk.

As a senior member of the Firm's Business Law Group and Corporate and Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) practice, she has had extensive experience throughout her career leading transactions relating to private merger and acquisition matters and advising in respect of financial services regulatory matters.

Filomena's practice background has focused on M&A, insurance regulation and general business matters. She is sought out for her expertise in representing domestic and multinational businesses in various industry sectors, including financial services, food distribution, real estate, and healthcare.

Filomena is highly regarded for her leadership skills in managing large and small complex projects and transactions. During her career, she has led a number of multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional Gowling WLG client teams and applies these skills to achieve successful outcomes on complex project work. Filomena demonstrates strategic acumen and sets a co-operative but rigorous tone in bringing together the required expertise of other disciplines and practice areas to a transaction.

Filomena has been ranked by Chambers Canada for her expertise in M&A transactional and insurance regulatory work. Legal 500 Canada 2020 recommends Filomena as a 'Leading Lawyer for Insurance'. In the 2020 edition of the Canadian Legal Lexpert



Directory, Filomena is recognized as 'Repeatedly Recommended' in the areas of Corporate Mid-Market and Financial Institutions Regulation - Ontario.

During her career and as leader of the firm's Italy desk for Canada, Filomena has been a collaborator in her legal endeavours and cultural interests and continues to promote strong relationships between professionals, organizations and students in Canada and Italy, including participating in hosting initiatives for young Italian lawyers.

Filomena seeks excellence in every aspect of her work, as well as outside of her professional life. She enjoys working in the arts where she can apply her creative abilities and has leveraged her legal expertise in advising art collectors in their acquisitions of valued pieces.

Throughout her career, she has served as a member on numerous boards for both public and private companies, including not-for-profits. Until recently, these have included the Travelers Insurance Company of Canada and the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH). She was a former member of the Columbus Centre and while on the board, served as a member of the committee of the Italian Canadians as Enemy Aliens, Memories of World War II project. She is currently the Chair of the Council of Governors of the AGH, and a member of 'Women Get On Board'. Within Gowling WLG and outside of the firm, she continues to be an avid mentor to students and young professionals in their career development and aspirations.



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Stephanie Ciccarelli is a founder of Voices.com, the industry-leading website that connects businesses with professional voice talent. Voices.com has over one million business and voice actor registered users, and is the largest marketplace for audio and voice over products and services in the world.

A respected mentor, industry speaker, and branding expert, Stephanie is considered one of the most connected people in the industry. Stephanie has been listed on the PROFIT magazine 2013, 2015, and 2016 W100 lists, a ranking of Canada's top female entrepreneurs. She is also the author of Voice Acting for Dummies®.

For over 25 years, Stephanie has used her voice to communicate what is most important to her through the spoken word, written word, and song. Possessing a great love for imparting knowledge and empowering others, Stephanie has been a contributor to The Huffington Post, Backstage magazine, and the Voices.com blog. Her podcasts, Mission Audition and Sound Stories, delve into the world of voice over and speak directly to creative professionals.

Classically trained in voice, piano, violin, and musical theatre, Stephanie graduated with a Bachelor of Musical Arts from the Don Wright Faculty of Music at the University of Western Ontario (known now as Western University). Over the years, she has found a unique way to apply her music education to the field of voice over by bringing a fresh perspective to the industry.

Stephanie loves speaking to students and being connected to them gives her great joy. Whether she's visiting as a speaker, panelist, alumni networker, or mentor, giving back to her local community matters to her tremendously. She is often a guest speaker at the Richard Ivey School of Business, the Don Wright Faculty of Music at Western University, and the Ontario Institute of Audio Recording Technology (OIRT).

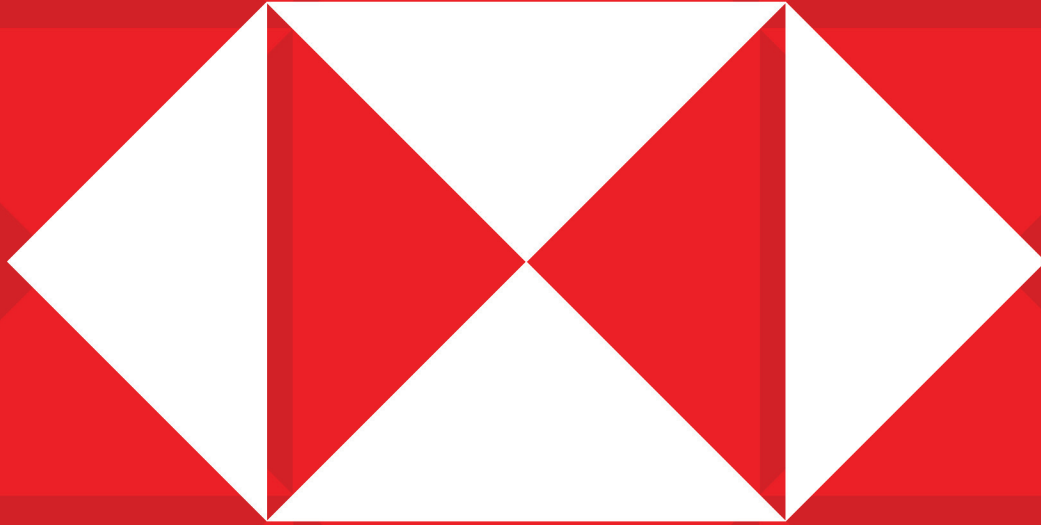


For several years, Stephanie mentored through the Larry Myny Mentorship Program at Fanshawe College and is currently mentoring a Loran Scholar at Western University through the Loran Scholars Foundation. She looks forward to the 'Just Own It' event at Brescia University College each year where she, along with other inspiring female entrepreneurs, facilitate workshops for promising high schoolers who are future business women in their own right.

Stephanie has participated in many developmental programs for Canadian women in business and technology, most recently with the Lazaridis ScaleUp Program through the Lazaridis Institute at Wilfrid Laurier University. Past programming Stephanie has participated in includes TechWomen Canada and belonging to cohorts at two Canadian Technology Accelerators in San Francisco and New York. These opportunities were pivotal in Stephanie's career development and helped her draw nearer to customers and nurture the voice over community.

Stephanie serves as a board director for non-profit organizations and for profit companies, including the London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC), the London Health Sciences Foundation, and Voices.com.

Voices.com's clients include radio and television stations, advertising agencies, and Fortune 500 companies such as Google, the Discovery Channel, and Electronic Arts. These clients rely upon the Voices.com marketplace to search for, audition, and hire voice talent for their various projects. Voices.com's innovative work has been written about in The New York Times, CNNMoney, Forbes, Entrepreneur magazine, Fast Company, and The Wall Street Journal's Accelerators Blog, and has been the recipient of numerous awards.



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**Former Ontario Parliamentarian and
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Laura Albanese is presently an Associate with Sonderbloom, a social service and health care consulting firm. A trusted former legislator and veteran journalist with over 30 years of experience, Laura has a solid understanding of the workings of government and public policy. She served as Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of York-South-Weston, from October 2007 to June 2018.

Laura also served as Ontario's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Deputy Government House Leader from 2016 to 2018. Prior to being appointed Minister, she held the positions of Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, the Premier, as well as to the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Labour and Tourism, Culture and Sport. During her tenure, Laura championed policies that promote local jobs, community safety, increased services for seniors, protecting day care subsidies, and was active in improving local health care.

Prior to her career in politics, Albanese enjoyed working in broadcast journalism for over two decades. She played a central role in the realization of multicultural broadcasting, holding key responsibilities with Italian language programming at OMNI TV. Among the myriad broadcast roles that she excelled in, Laura was best known and beloved by her viewers as Co-Ancor of "OMNI News - Italian Edition", a one-hour daily Italian language newscast. The relationship that she established and nurtured with her audience, has made Laura an integral part of the fabric of the community.



Throughout her life, Laura has devoted countless hours of free time to hosting events and/or volunteering for various organizations, community groups and non-profit organizations.

Laura is married to the contemporary visual artist, Germinio Pio Politi. She has two adult children and is the proud grandmother of two young grandchildren.



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Maria Cristina Nostro

**Harry Rosen Chair, Diabetes and Regenerative
Medicine Research Principal Investigator,
McEwen Stem Cell Institute, UHN Associate
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Dr. Nostro joined the McEwen Stem Cell Institute (formerly the McEwen Centre for Regenerative Medicine) in September 2012 as Principal Investigator and currently holds the Harry Rosen Chair in Diabetes Regenerative Medicine Research. The objective of her research is to differentiate pluripotent stem cells to pancreatic cells, with the ultimate goal of generating functional insulin-producing β cells for transplantation in patients with type 1 diabetes and eliminate the need for daily insulin injections.

Dr. Nostro obtained a Laurea in Biology (BSc and MSc equivalent) from the University of Florence, Italy in 2000. As an undergraduate student, she participated in the Erasmus Exchange Program and joined Professor Chris Potten's laboratory at the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research, in Manchester, UK. Her stay in his laboratory sparked her interest in stem cell biology and her desire to pursue an academic career.

In 2000, with a Fellowship from the Italian National Research Council, she enrolled as a PhD student at The University of Manchester and under the supervision of Dr. Gerard Brady, studied blood stem cells and became an expert in gene expression profiling of these cells at the single cell level. After obtaining her PhD in 2004, she was drawn to study a new model system and applied for a postdoctoral position in the laboratory of Dr. Gordon Keller at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, where she focused on understanding the earliest stages of blood cell formation using embryonic stem cells. After relocating to Toronto in 2007, she progressed to her scientific



independence by initiating a project on pancreatic development.

In her independent research career, Dr. Nostro has defined critical pathways leading to the efficient generation of Human Pluripotent Stem Cell-derived pancreatic progenitors in vitro (Nostro et al., Stem Cell Reports 2015) and recently, through the use of a proteomics approach, identified a specific marker that allows the purification of these β cell progenitors (Cogger et al., Nat. Communications 2017), as well as improving their development (Yung, Poon et al., Nat Communications 2019). Since 2015, Dr. Nostro has been leading a multi-investigator team aimed at developing novel transplantation approaches for type 1 diabetes therapy.



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by their own hands..”*

Rita Levi-Montalcini,

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Milena Bertolini

Milena Bertolini



Head coach & Manager of the Italy Women's National Football Team

Milena Bertolini was born in Correggio (Reggio Emilia) on June 24, 1966. In August 2017, she reached a milestone by leading the Italian National Soccer team, following a brilliant career, first as a player and then as a coach, during which she won numerous trophies.

With the female National Soccer team, she attained one of the greatest achievements in that category: she led the team through the World Cup qualifications after 20 years, and during the FIFA Women's World Cup, which was played in France in 2019, she led the team up to the quarter finals. Additionally, she played a pivotal role in developing a tremendous amount of passionate support for this sporting event, which became the most significant one of the year. In the summer of 2019, she renewed her contract with the Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio (FIGC) until the next European Cup. Set to take place in England in 2021, the Italian team will face the qualifying round.

Career: After starting her football career with Correggese, she made her debut with her first team, Reggiana in 1984, where she had a significant impact on the promotion and advancement to 'Seria A', which occurred two years later. She completed 15 seasons in the main Italian soccer category with the following teams: Reggiana, Modena, Prato, Sassari, Bologna, Agliana, Fiammamonza, Pisa and Verona. Throughout this period, she secured three championships, one Italian National Cup, and one Italian National Super Cup.

Closing her player's career in 2001, she started on the path to becoming a coach by entering as technical staff with her last club, Verona, which, beginning in 2002, gave her the leadership of the team. In her debut, she accomplished the victory of the championship and of the Italian Super Cup. Beginning in 2004, she started coaching Reggiana, where she stayed for seven seasons, winning

the Italian Cup in 2010. She moved to Brescia in 2012 where she realized her greatest achievements as a coach: in five years, she won two championships and two Italian Super Cups, leading her team to the quarter finals of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Champions League in 2016.

Her total achievements as a coach include three championships; three Italian Cups; four Italian Super Cups; and three 'Panchina d'Oro' rewards given by the Technical sector of the FIGC, based on the votes of the other coaches.

She graduated in Physical education in 2001 in Bologna, after a diploma as a surveyor. Bertolini is a professional fitness coach and has been a pro UEFA coach since 2011. She was also a Federal advisor with FIGC from 2000-2004, and was a part of the FIGC Commission for the development of women's soccer from 2013-2016.

Notable as well is her commitment to sports outside the football field: She was a council member for Sports and Social Services for the city of Correggio (1994-1998); a council member for Reggio Emilia (1998-2002); and since 2013, she has been the President of the Foundation for Sport in the city of Reggio Emilia, as well as being a member since 2008.



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Miuccia Prada,

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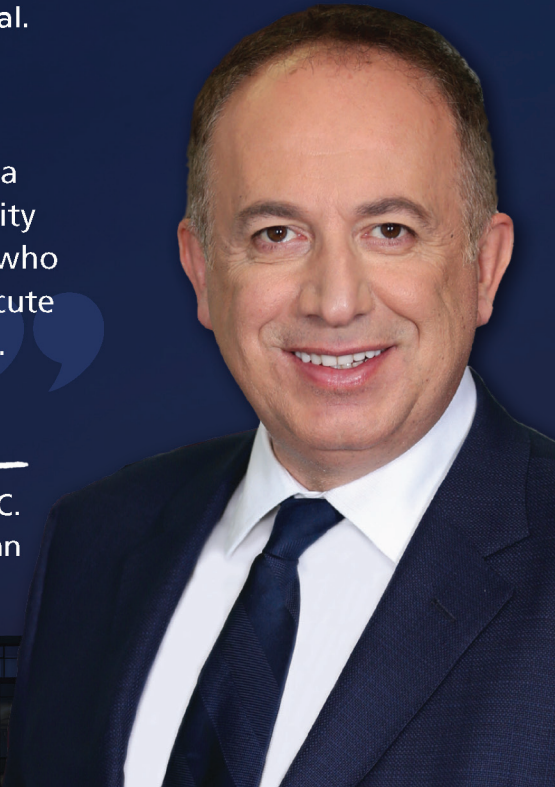


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