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Conferimento della Laurea Magistrale *honoris causa* in "Medicina e Chirurgia" al prof. **Bartolome Celli**

Mercoledì 2 dicembre 2026 ore 16.00

Aula Magna del Centro Servizi Didattici - Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia - Via del Pozzo 71 Modena

PROGRAMMA

Saluto della Magnifica Rettrice
Rita Cucchiara

Lettura Motivazioni
Massimo Dominici

Presentazione del Laureando
Enrico Clini

Conferimento della Laurea

Lectio Magistralis di
Bartolome Celli

"Il Corpo in Piedi: The Freedom of the Arms in the Renaissance Ideal—and the Harmony Broken by COPD"

Professor Bartolome Celli was born in Valencia, Venezuela, and earned his medical degree from the Universidad Central de Venezuela. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Boston City Hospital, followed by fellowships in Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care Medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine. He is currently Professor of Medicine at Tufts University and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Celli has authored more than 500 peer-reviewed publications and numerous books. His early research on respiratory muscles elucidated the interactions between upper-limb exercise and the muscles of the shoulder girdle, paving the way for the incorporation of upper-extremity training into pulmonary rehabilitation for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). His research group investigated the systemic responses to exercise in COPD and the effects of intrathoracic pressures on cardiac function, generating scientific evidence that has become a cornerstone of the field. To address the lack of longitudinal COPD cohorts, Dr. Celli and his colleagues established the BODE cohort, comprising more than 2,000 patients. This landmark initiative produced findings that transformed the understanding of COPD: the BODE Index has become a multidimensional prognostic tool, reflecting the disease's heterogeneous nature. Dr. Celli also played a leading role in the development of the "Rome Proposal," which redefined the concept of COPD exacerbations. He chaired the joint US–European respiratory societies committee responsible for developing disease management guidelines and serves as a member of the GOLD Scientific Committee and Board. Throughout his career, he has also held leadership positions in several professional societies. Although he derives great satisfaction from caring for patients, Dr. Celli considers mentorship to be his most enduring legacy, having trained more than 70 specialists who now hold leadership positions around the world.