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AISMI (Italian Association for Infant Mental Health)
is proud to announce the Rome 2018 WAIMH World Congress

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challenges for a 3rd millennium infant mental health

Rome's foundation myth encompasses many of the core themes developmental sciences address. The legend of the rivalry between Romulus and Remus, twin brothers of divine origin abandoned at birth, saved by a series of miraculous interventions and raised by shepherds, defines a narrative where biological and environmental forces alternate in determining development and identity.

The Nature <> Nurture theme is then intrinsically inherent to Rome, as well as probably the most heated and challenging controversy in our fields. Depending on how we see developmental outcomes more as function of our biology or the environments we encounter as we grow, the very idea of a child's needs, resources, coping abilities will change.

It can hardly be disputed that the future of our disciplines will have to face great challenges with this respect. Not only prevention, intervention and clinical treatment, but also the overarching idea of child development are already being revised as we gather research data on the basic determinants of human development.

WAIMH 2018 World Congress appears, then, to have no better scenario than Rome. The place where nearly 3000 years ago we learned to think of children as an ongoing intriguing development of interwoven different forces.

The place from where to move towards a new era for our allied disciplines.

AISMI

was founded in 1998 as a WAIMH affiliate and it shares its institutional objectives. The specific aims of AISMI are: to promote study and research in the field of children's psychological development and mental disorders from birth to three years; to analyze the effects of mental development in early childhood on normal and pathological development in a child's subsequent development; to facilitate national and international collaboration in promoting research and study into the mental health of parents, families and all those who take care of children in this age group; to promote the development of evidence-based preventive intervention programs for parents at risk with the aim of improving the socio-emotional development of children and reduce psychopathological risks. www.aismi.it info.aismi@gmail.com

See you in Rome!