IPCE STORY: A BRIEF PROFILE OF PREVIOUS EDITIONS

2017 – Stresa (Lake Maggiore) – 1st Edition
Skin Care-Makeup-Sun Care

The 1st Conference, created to connect cosmetics Associations from different countries through an international format, was held in Stresa, a pearl of "Lago Maggiore", near Milan

The Main Conference was accompanied by monographic courses on different topics, ranging from "Molecular Biology and Gene Expression" to "The Essential Role of Lipids in Skin Health," and "Regulatory Differences between EC, US, and Japan"

"The Opening Ceremony, held after a short cruise to the charming "Isola dei Pescatori" in the middle of Lake Maggiore, was particularly appreciated, and created the right networking moods for the next days!

2018 – Sestri Levante, 2nd Edition
The future of cosmetics is now: Innovations & Technologies

The format was consolidated and the international debate expanded. The 4 scientific sessions covered the following topics: Emotional Cosmetics; High-tech in Personal Care; Future-land Ingredients; Functional Cosmetics

The Educational Courses were dedicated to: Microbiome and Microbiota; How to test Cosmetics; Sustainability and Cosmetics; Cosmetics and in-vivo Safety Evaluation

The most popular social event was a nautical tour around Tigullio Gulf (Portofino, Cinque Terre, Portovenere), but also the "cooking experience", dedicated to the preparation of "Pesto Ligure" was appreciated!

2019 - Hong Kong – 3rd Edition
Bridging the beauty intelligence of East and West

The 3rd conference opens to the Asian Cosmetics community through the collaboration with the ASCS. The strengthening of the intercontinental dimension was the main strength of this edition!

The scientific sessions covered the following topics: Cosmetics and Skin Biology; Ingredients Innovation: from tradition to distinction; Balancing Safety and Efficacy; Advanced Technologies in Personal Care

The Gala Dinner was particularly well received, featuring a performance by the Italian soprano Silvia Colombini and the exhibition of a Chinese group in the "Dance of the Chinese Dragon (Long Wu)"

2020 - Online – 4th Edition

Contactless Cosmetics: Shaping the Future of Personal Care Sciences

The Conference, originally foreseen on a prestigious location of Trieste, the European “Science” Capital for that year, had to be organized remotely due to the pandemic; nevertheless event served to allow the continuity of scientific cosmetic exchange during the health restrictions

Therefore Its importance was primarily in terms of preserving the continuity of the project and in terms of the high level of the Lecturers that were able to participate thanks to the on-line organization

The topics were in line with the emerging approach of addressing biological processes related to human skin, the efficacy of formulations, and evaluation methodologies, on the skin surface and its external boundaries,

The “round table”, dedicated to microbiology, the ban of animal testing, and the controversies of the use of sunscreens, provided a high-level conclusion thanks to the contributions of leading experts in the field

2021 - Online – 5th Edition

Safety, Efficacy, Pleasantness, Stability: the pillars of product excellence

This Edition, originally scheduled on a prestigious residence in the Lake Como area, by necessity continued the on-line organization

The 4 sessions were dedicated to the four pillars of cosmetic excellence through presentations covering the following topics:

Safety: Skin Self-Defense Mechanisms; Ingredients and Product Safety; Safety Tests; Alternative Methods

Efficacy: Ingredients and Product Efficacy; Efficacy Tests; Skin Self-Improvement Mechanisms; Genomics

Pleasantness and Sensory: How to Gratify the 4 Senses; Sensory Tests; Neuro-cosmetics; Market Tests – Artificial Intelligence

Stability: Microbiological, Physical, and Chemical Stability: Improve Product & Ingredients Stability; Durability & PAO Tests

This is when the "SPES" concept of SICC Academy was launched, aimed at creating a new profession in cosmetics: **Cosmetic Performance Enhancer**

2023 – Villasimius (Sardinian Island) 6th Edition
Cosmetic Technology Transition: The Dawn of a New Era

This edition marks the return to in-presence conference. The main themes regarded: Sustainability, AI and Digital Technologies, Neuro- and Sensory-Sciences

The environmental context ensured the strengthening of networking initiatives amongst speakers, participants, and sponsors, who were able to enjoy the enchanting setting of the Sardinian Mediterranean coast during 4 residential days, enhanced by convivial events such as the gala dinner, held around the village's stunning pool improved by the performance of a top-notch local band.

2024 – Venice, 7th Edition

Biodiversity & Sustainability: Rethinking Beauty

The theme highlights Biodiversity, Responsible use of natural resources, and holistic sustainability (Environmental, Economic and Social)

The idea of beauty is reconsidered as a tool for the well-being of the skin and the entire human organism, and as a goal of the intrinsic quality of products and their impact of production choices

This edition represents the best example of the realization of the IPCE founding aphorism: "A melting pot of fusion between Cosmetic Science, Beauty, Art, and Culture"

In Venice, the Gala Dinner in the Music Room of the "Ca' Sagredo" Hotel, overlooking the Grand Canal and enlivened by the notes of pianist R. Paroletti, represents the most convincing synthesis

2025 – Verona, 8th Edition
Measure and Innovate

The theme emphasizes that innovation must be accompanied by reliable measurements. To demonstrate the performance of a cosmetic and to guide it on a path of continuous improvement, reliable and validated methods to assess safety, pleasantness, efficacy, and stability are mandatory

The SPES approach synthesizes these four requirements and strengthens the link between research, formulation, quality, and communication

The artistic-cultural component culminated in participation to the opening event of the opera season at the Verona Arena with Verdi's Nabucco, a performance that will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to attend

2026 – Tirrenia, Pisa, 9th Edition

Beyond the Future: Science Leading Change

The theme connects cosmetic science, emerging technologies, sustainability, and human well-being. Topics discussed include artificial intelligence and personalization, hair structural analysis, sunscreen technologies, advanced skin models, neuroscience, and robotics.

The presence of the empathic robot ABEL, in the City of Sciences, birthplace of Galileo Galilei and in the shadow of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, characterized this edition, which will be remembered as An example of the "empathetic" dialogue between technology and communication

An unforgettable experience was the visit to the Carrara Marble Quarries, with an aperitif and a gala dinner at the Bistrot dell'Opera del Duomo, overlooking Pisa's splendid Piazza dei Miracoli

THE 2027 EDITION – CELEBRATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Balancing the Beauty Algorithm: Ten Years of Responsibility, Efficacy, and Innovation

2027 – Portonovo (Conero Riviera - Ancona)

The 2027 edition of IPCE will celebrate the 10th anniversary and will be held at the SeeBay Hotel, overlooking Portonovo Bay in the Conero area of the municipality of Ancona

Both the scientific and socio-cultural events are still to be finalized

In any case, the Steering Committee guarantees the organization of an outstanding event, even more "unforgettable" than the previous ones; it is not for nothing that the Marche region, the homeland of excellent artists in the fields of Poetry (G. Leopardi), Painting (Raffaello Sanzio; Gentile da Fabriano); Architecture (D. Bramante) and Music (G. Rossini and B. Gigli) was chosen

The steering Committee currently includes the following representatives from five geographical areas (Italy, Japan, USA, France, and Brazil):

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