



15 January 2024

**WFTGA Convention 2024
PARTICIPANT COMMUNICATIONS**

In person attendance special invitation

Dear Participants,

This will be the first time that many of you will meet in person after several years and is sure to be a joyous occasion. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the Welcome Ceremony will take place at the *Municipal Theatre auditorium*. The welcome ceremony will be attended by all participants, including those who have purchased virtual tickets. Our hosts and guest speakers will welcome participants, with the ceremony being concluded with a 'Sicilian themed cocktail reception' on the first floor of the venue.

As participants from over 50 countries, we encourage you to use this opportunity to network, meet new and old friends and colleagues, grow your skills by attending the workshops and increase your knowledge from the contributions of our guest speakers and presenters. It is important that you share this gained knowledge with your colleagues on your return home. The first Keynote and Plenary speakers will present on Monday morning at the *Municipal Theatre auditorium* following the Opening remarks.

Do not forget the highlight of the week, the Gala dinner taking place on Thursday evening, 25th January at *Castello Maniace* at the tip of Ortigia island. In typical fashion of a WFTGA Gala dinner, you may wear your traditional clothing celebrating your heritage, country, and city. This night will be filled with great food, dancing, and the 2026 Host country announcement. In addition, an auction will be held raising funds for the Jane Orde Scholarship recipients.

The final event to earmark during the Main Convention week would be the Closing Ceremony taking place on Friday morning, 26th January starting promptly at 09:30am and taking place in the *Municipal Theatre auditorium*. Included in the closing ceremony are the official introductions to the new Executive Board, a farewell to the outgoing President and a welcome to the incoming President. A ceremony of certificates, raffle draws and a special personal invitation from the 2026 host country are also on the agenda, and one final Guest speaker wrapping up the session.

We appreciate your in-person attendance and look forward to a successful 20th WFTGA Convention in Italy.

WFTGA Executive Board

Alushca, Sebastian, Viola, James, Maricar

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