

ACTA BIOMEDICA - Two special issues

ROAD TO ROME 2020



The organization of the 16th World Public Health Congress in Italy is a memorable event that deserves to be enhanced and prepared in the best way. For this reason the Publisher of ACTA Biomedica (Mattioli, <https://mattiolihealth.com/acta-biomedica/>) promoted the publication of two special issues of the Journal (fully indexed by Scopus and PubMed). This as a result of the recent new Section dedicated to Public Health and health policies.

The aim of this initiative is to collect high-quality scientific contributions on various Public Health topics, with particular regard to Rome Congress main theme: "PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY: ANALYSIS, ADVOCACY AND ACTION". In particular, we call upon our colleagues involved in the most significant scientific Public Health events of 2019 (ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Retreat in Erice, SItI National Congress in Perugia, EUPHA Annual Conference in Marseille and APHA Congress in Philadelphia) to evaluate the possibility of submitting their contributions to ACTA Biomedica in order to enrich this collection.

Submitted papers should be sent to: scuola.igiene@univr.it, must follow the author's instructions (here attached) and be written in English. The editorial board can consider some short contributions in Italian ("briefing on"), especially for studies of national interest.

The deadlines for submitting the papers are **15th June 2019** (1st supplement) and **15th December 2019** (2nd supplement). The editorial staff will process the manuscript through peer reviewers, in order to be able to index the volumes on Scopus and PubMed.

With this initiative we hope to meet the needs of many colleagues and make a contribution to the success of the Rome Congress.

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Author Guidelines

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All *Original Articles* are subject to review and authors are urged to be brief. After the review of the papers by the Editors (Guest, Deputy Guest, Section and in case Internal Committee), the authors can be authorised upload the correct version personally in the corresponding section on the ACTA Biomedica website.

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