



CLUB OF BOLOGNA
*strategies for the development of agricultural
mechanisation*



34th Members' Meeting of the Club of Bologna

Mechanization and Technologies for New Farmers Needs

October 11-12, 2025

Agrilevante 2025 – Bari, Italy

CLOSING SESSION

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES 2026



BOLOGNA
NOVEMBER 10-14, 2026
International Agricultural and
Gardening Machinery Exhibition

EIMA EXHIBIT VISITORS EVENTS MEDIA



November 10-14 2026

From TUESDAY to SATURDAY
from 9:00 to 18:30

35th Club of Bologna Members Meeting WILL BE HELD AT EIMA – Bologna (Italy)
Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14, 2026

35th CoB Members' Meeting (EIMA 2026, Bologna - Italy)

PROPOSED SUBJECTS

SESSION 1:

Mechanization for Emerging Countries

Coordinator Prof. Josse De Baerdemaeker



NGA	FM	ALONGE	Akindele Folarin	Univ. Uyo, Dept of Agricultural and Food Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
MAR	FM	BARTALI	El Houssine	ANAFID - National Association for Land Reclamation, Irrigation and Drainage
#	FM	HOUMY	Karim	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (consultant)
#	FM	KIENZLE	Josef	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
#	FM	Mkomwa	Saidi S.	African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT) (as Organization/Association delegate)
#	FM	MPAGALILE	Joseph Jeremia	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
@	MC	Ricci	Fabio	FEDERUNACOMA, Italian Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers Federation
#	FM	RABÉ	Yahaya	IRRI South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC)

Session 2: *Conservative soil tillage (Chairman to be defined)*

Session 3: *Other proposal*

Decision Taken by CoB MC

Commitment by the President and Secretary General to organize MC Meetings online (starting in Spring 2026), with the aim to:

- consolidate the MC Members group,
- develop and expand activities, including specific tasks assigned to certain MC Members,
- provide updates on the organization of the 35th CoB Members' Meeting (Bologna, EIMA International, Nov 2026),
- provide updates on the progress of work and proposals from the Study Groups,
- identify potential new CoB Members, particularly for areas that are currently not represented.

	RANKING	Winners
2024	W1	Lu Xun (CHI)
	W2	Zixuan He (USA)
	W3	Xin Tian (USA)
2020	W	BIRKMANN Christian (GER)
	W	GAN Hao (USA)
	W	MODI Rajesh (IND)
	W	ZHANG Xin (USA)
2018	W1	Daeun Choi (USA)
	W2	Andrii Yatskul (FRA)
	W3	Antonio Miranda Fuentes (ESP)
	W3	Marco Grella (ITA)
2016	W1	Pourreza A. (USA)
	W2	Ramm M. (Germany)
	W3	Amatya S. (USA)
2012	W1	Baguena E. (Spain)
	W2	Peets S. (Estonia)
	W3	Navalade P. (India)

PELLIZZI Prize 2026 VI edition



Proposal for next edition

3 Winners

Terms for application 31 May 2026

Call for doctoral thesis applications (Topics to be defined in a MC Online in March/April 2026)

CoB website and LinkedIn group management

In 2026, FederUnacoma will overhaul the website, making it more modern, easier to navigate, and more attractive.

The “CoB LinkedIn Group” project (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/club-of-bologna/>) started on May 15, 2023 and is mainly managed by **Patrizia Menicucci** (CoB Administrative Secretary - Federunacoma) with the support of CoB President and Secretary General.

During the last year **several news** were posted concerning CoB activities and events.

Currently, the CoB LinkedIn Group has **208 followers**.

RECOMMENDATION

Please, promote both the CoB website and the LinkedIn group within your associations /companies/groups.



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FINAL REMARKS

All the presentations will be uploaded (as .pdf) on <https://www.clubofbologna.org/en/meetings-proceedings.php> - year 2025 with the: (i) Sessions Chairmen/Rapporteurs Reports, (ii) List of Participants, (iii) **video of each Sessions and related discussion**



Please, remember to fill out the “Sessions Key-Sentences” The form (.docx file) can be downloaded from the CoB website.

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Before officially closing the 34th meeting of CoB members, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to:

- ***All the MC Members for their support, suggestions and disponibility***
- ***FederUnacoma President, Director and especially Fabio Ricci and Patrizia Menicucci for the support to CoB Activities***
- ***All the KNS, the Sessions' Chairmen&Rapporteurs and SGs Coordinators that participated at the CoB***
- ***A really special thanks to Prof. Marco Fiala – CoB Secretary General - for his friendship, experience, and incredible professionalism***

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**See you next year in Bologna at
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I wish everyone a safe return home

