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90th anniversary of *the* start of activities of *the* International Radio Medical Center (C.I.R.M.) April 7, 2025 at Fondazione C.I.R.M. - Via deI'Architettura, 41 Rome

GREETINGS MESSAGE

Good morning, I am pleased to extend cordial greetings to all the participants in this important ceremony on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the activities of the International Radio Medical Center (C.I.R.M.), an Italian excellence that stands out on the international scene. Institutional commitments already undertaken some time ago did not allow me, unfortunately, to take part in this day of celebration, but I would nevertheless like to express my gratitude to Francesco Amenta, President of the Foundation, for the invitation.

For 90 years, the International Radio Medical Center has played a crucial function in ensuring medical care; it is a symbol of a tradition of solidarity, innovation and high competence.

A project born visionary intuition *clie*, thanks to the contributions of Guglielmo Marconi and Professor Guido Guida, changed the history of maritime and air rescue operations forever.

Guglielmo Marconi's wireless telegraphy revolutionized communications, breaking down the barriers of isolation and making possible what was previously unthinkable: long-distance connection. Marconi blazed the trail for global communication, and his genius was not limited to the world of telecommunications, but extended to numerous other fields, including health care. 11 indissoluble bond that united Marconi to the sea, the privileged field of his research, experiments and achievements, made possible the overcoming of distances, the elimination of! isolation and the possibility of offering help even in the most remote places on the planet.

In the context of this scientific revolution, Professor Guido Guida had 1 intuition to apply Marconi's technology to offer medical care to those traveling at sea and in the skies, combining 1 scientific innovation with the humanitarian mission to save lives. His project, which took shape in the C.I.R.M., was a natural evolution of Marconi's thinking, bringing a fundamental contribution to the protection of travelers' health.

Today, ninety years later, C.I.R.M. continues to carry on Marconi's and Guida's dream, thanks to the unceasing work and dedication of its staff. From that distant April 7, 1935, when it received its first request for assistance by radio, until today, C.I.R.M. has faced and overcome with courage and professionalism every challenge imposed by the sea and the sky, always remaining faithful to the ideals of solidarity and innovation that are at heart of its mission.

I would like to express sincere thanks to all the people who, with unwavering commitment and extraordinary expertise. contribute every day to making the name of Guglielmo Marconi and Professor Guido Guida great, carrying on 1 legacy of two visionaries who changed our world.

Sen. Lucia Bergonzoni