

Greeting from the incoming President

Dear President, dear general secretary,

dear past presidents,

dear colleagues,

I am truly honored by the prestigious role that has been conferred upon me and I hope to be able to repay the trust that Federunacoma has placed in me.

As incoming President I have a clear path to follow, the one that has been traced in recent years by those who preceded me, professors Gasparetto, Bodria and Paolo Balsari. With them I have always collaborated with great pleasure, trying to learn as much as possible from their experiences and their great knowledge.

I truly thank them, with affection, for what they have done for the Club and for the example they have given me.

I also thank professor Marco Fiala, a lifelong friend, who has accepted the proposal to continue to play the central, strategic, I would say decisive, role of general secretary. His presence is a guarantee for me and the Club of continuity and efficiency.

A special thanks also to Patrizia Menicucci, Administrative Secretary, for the daily, continuous and qualified support to the Club's activities: from the website to the LinkedIn group, to the MW magazine, to the logistical organization of our events.

The next MC will be renewed in many of its members, my thanks in advance to the new arrivals for everything, together, we will be able to do in the coming years. A special thanks to the outgoing members of the Management Committee, prestigious colleagues, who have brought prestige to the Bologna Club during their mandate. To them I renew once again the feeling of gratitude and the prayer to continue not to let the Club lack their suggestions, proposals, experience, friendship.

The Bologna Club was established in 1988 for the study and definition of strategies for the development of agricultural mechanization at a global level, taking into account the progress and technical, economic and social changes in agriculture at an international level. The Club works to achieve its goals through the exchange, discussion and sharing of experiences and knowledge of scientists, researchers, technicians, managers, agricultural machinery manufacturers and farmers who deal with the fundamental problems of this sector.

This sector is strategic, I would say fundamental, for the agriculture of the future, an agriculture that will have to face important challenges: producing more food, doing it sustainably, dealing with the risks deriving from climate change.

The depopulation of rural areas will mean that machines will take on a strategic role in achieving these goals. They will be smarter, more intelligent machines, where technological innovation, robotics, automation, artificial intelligence, IOT will take on an increasingly important role. There will be no shortage of issues to address for the Club, starting with the next meeting in Bari 2025.

Thanks again to everyone.

Thanks Paolo: you have been an extraordinary President, please continue to not let me miss your advice.

Long life to the Club of Bologna