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The 9th edition of the **Global Junior Challenge** ^[1] begins today in Rome. The international competition that rewards the creative use of technology for youth education will be held in Rome on **December 11-13, 2019**. The GJC database now houses nearly 4000 projects from around the world and 700 best cases selected by an international jury of experts.

The opening conference will present inclusive stories in contexts of high educational poverty to reflect on the role of school for the overall growth of communities, as per the message we inherited from Prof. **Tullio De Mauro** ^[2]. The showcase area will host over 60 projects that reveal a new way of learning. School administrators will enjoy a special session with the Lego® Serious Play® Methodology. Finally, the Awards Ceremony will be held on December 13 at the Rome Campidoglio [see [programme](#) ^[3]].

The decision to host the ninth edition of the **Global Junior Challenge** at **Biblioteche di Roma** ^[4] is significant. Linguist Tullio De Mauro, a firm believer and supporter of libraries in his civic battles for culture as participation, was also the first President of the Rome Library System.

Global Junior Challenge ^[1]

Final Event | Day One

Rome, Dec. 9, 2019

Biblioteche di Roma | Civic Zoology Museum



AGENDA

9 - 9.45 | INAUGURATION

Speakers

- Giancarlo BABUSCI, Director, Civic Zoology Museum of Rome
- Alessandra DONNINI, President, Fondazione Mondo Digitale
- Mariarosaria SENOFONTE, Director, Biblioteche di Roma

10 – 11.30 | SCHOOL AND OVERALL GROWTH

Round table moderated by Journalist Antonella DE GREGORIO (*Corriere della Sera*)

Introduction

- Mirta MICHILLI, Director General, Fondazione Mondo Digitale
- Francesco ZAMBOTTI, School Director, Erickson

A [video](#) ^[5] will present four experiences of inclusive and quality school in Italy. From the North to the South, the experience is portrayed by teachers, students, parents and school administrators in areas affected by high educational poverty.

- Anna Maria AJELLO, President, Invalsi
- Carlo BORGOMEIO, President, Fondazione CON IL SUD
- Alfonso MOLINA, Personal Chair in Technology Strategy and Scientific Director,

Fondazione Mondo Digitale

- Carmela PALUMBO, Director General for School Programmes and Evaluation of the National System (MIUR)
- Maria Chiara PETTENATI, Research Director, INDIRE
- Davide TONIOLI, Digital Planning Director, Erickson

11.30 – 12 | THE CHALLENGE FACED BY THE CITY OF ROME

An interactive session with the audience. From the Rome suburb of the Quadraro, the Phyrtual Innovation Gym model is spreading throughout the city's schools. This is the challenge that the Fondazione Mondo Digitale is launching to local institutions to drive the growth of Rome's educational community, urban development and economic progress.

Introduction: Mirta MICHILLI, Director General, Fondazione Mondo Digitale

Various representatives on Rome Council Commissions have been invited. The following have confirmed their presence:

- Giovanni ZANNOLA, Councillor, Commission VI – Culture, Youth Policy and Labour, City Council
- Eleonora MATTIA, President, Commission IX – Work, Education, Youth Policy, Equal Opportunities, Education, Right to Study, Lazio Regional Council

10 – 4 | SHOWCASE AREA

Exhibition of Global Junior Challenge finalist projects. Demos and labs will be held throughout the day for visitors by the project creators. Besides the project stands, there will also be special corners, ranging from Google's CS First to focuses on the main challenges of education (artificial intelligence, lifelong learning, custom-tailored education, etc.).

10.30 - 4 | INTERACTIVE VISITS AND PLANETARIUM SHOW

Didactic visits to the Civic Zoology Museum organised by the Myosotis Association and a show at the Rome Planetarium organised by Zetema.

2 - 4 | CREATIVE LSP SESSION FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Collective planning session with the Lego® Serious Play® Methodology to achieve a common outlook on quality education and produce a manifesto to share with civil society and decision makers. Participating school administrators will be selected by a jury of experts as those who

have best interpreted "School according to De Mauro" for accessible, inclusive, quality and open schools. The work session will be coordinated by Cecilia Stajano, Lego® Serious Play® Trained LSP Facilitator and School Innovation Coordinator and Community Manager at the Fondazione Mondo Digitale.

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