

Dear Graham,

Greetings of the day,

Thank you for your detailed email and cautious notice about few of our speakers. Firstly we sincerely appreciate your efforts of raising the alarm and bringing to our notice so that you can learn more about our intentions towards 4th World Conference on Climate Change. After reading your email we thought of answering all your questions sequentially so that every question that you have raised would be answered.

Nils-Axel Morner and Franco Maranzana hijacked “4th World Conference on Climate Change”

Ans: No one can hijack our congress as our conferences are self-funded events hence involvement of private agencies are denied. The conference functions on the sole discretion of independently formed scientific committee board that screens and monitors every paper that is being submitted to our congress before it goes for publication in our proceedings. Stringent peer reviews will be conducted including the committee members abstracts for presenting at our congress. There are more than 20 scientific committee members for our congress representing from best institutions in the world hence 2 or 3 persons with their self-driven agenda can't be your conclusion that they have hijacked our congress.

1. Were you aware that Morner and Maranzana appear to be using your conference to push their discredited views on human-caused climate change and gain a forum for their colleagues? Does this concern you?

Ans: Till date we are completely unaware of this, before we further comment on this we need to check the facts and figures about the comments that you have made. We would investigate through our panel into this and also from other websites before we can comment on this. Our congress will never encourage for those who wants to spread the unnecessary science.

2. Until a few days ago, staff from the World Meteorological Organisation and the European Environment Agency, were both listed as conference organisers. Both organisations have issued statements to me disassociating themselves from the conference, saying their names should not have appeared. Why were their names (Annemarie Bastrup-Birk and Alexander Baklanov) used to add credibility to the conference when they say they had virtually no involvement?

Ans: Our congress doesn't specifically require any face to sell our registrations. In our fourth edition congress every year we have progressed with scientifically driven agenda that made us to have good number of attendees to our congress. For your information the scientific committee board is a voluntary activity anyone who is interested to serve in our panel can be part of this. The eligibility criteria to serve in our board includes they should be at least in the rank of Associate Professor, willing to spend time to screen abstracts submitted, should at least have 10 publications in reputed journals and few others. The committee members can withdraw at any time during the conference without any prior notice and as the conference organizers we

respect their decision; with immediate effect the photographs and biographies would be removed from our congress website. It has nothing to prove about the credibility or something we have supporting emails of confirming the acceptance of Dr. Brik and Baklonov and their with drawl email if required we can send that.

3. Your conferences promise “world leading speakers” but the views of several of the speakers run against all credible scientific findings from academies around the world. Will you make efforts to inform those ready to fly in to Europe from countries around the world about the true nature of several of the speakers?

Ans: Our congress provides a platform for every speaker a voice to present their research findings through presentations orally or poster boards. Every speaker would only speak on the abstract that they have sent to us earlier and published in the proceedings. The sessions are guided by chairs and co-chairs of the congress who would be the eminent personalities backed with years of academic and research expertise hence if any speaker wants to spread deceptive theories without any scientific evidence just on empirical basis the sessions chairs/co-chairs would immediately oppose and they even take stringent actions of terminating their abstract published online in the special editions of our journals. As committed we promise to bring the best minds around the world to meet, share and network on the recent happenings in Climate Change around the world and we commit for what we promise. Yes, if we find from our investigation we would certainly alarm the attendees about the real faces of those who are looking to make a platform for spreading the nonsense through our forum. It is not too late to raise our voice and reach every attendee of our congress about those members through emails and phone calls.

4. Your company is facing charges of deceptive marketing from the US Federal Trade Commission. My story finds that at least two people promoted as speakers never agreed to appear at the conference. How could this happen?

Ans: We feel this is not the point of discussion for this congress. Every upcoming organization during their transformation to a big-giant will undergo this doldrums. The point that you are raising is about the organization and the result of questionable attributions are yet to declare hence it is too early to comment. We extend invitations to many renowned and eminent researchers around the world to speak at our congress those who have committed first and did not turn up to the congress happens in every event because of their last minute schedule change or for other commitments.

5. I state in the story that OMICS is denying the FTC charges and I link to the initial “motion to dismiss”. Do you have any more to add to this?

Ans: US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) files at least 10 complaints per week on different companies. Similarly they filed compliant on OMICS, and there is no truth on FTC complaint. We have replied and submitted the truth to the Nevada Court. FTC regular activity is to get some money through settlements but in our case it was failed.

Our reply: <https://www.omicsonline.org/pdfs/OMICS-Group-Lawyer-Response-to-FTC-Allegations.pdf>

Documents submitted to the court:

<https://www.unitedstatescourts.org/federal/nvd/117196/10-0.html>

6. Promotional material released as part of the conference states you anticipate “more than 500” participants for the Rome conference. Is this still your claim?

Ans: As stated our current edition conference would certainly anticipate more number attendees as we are extending free participations for the local universities around Italy we are sure that we would be reaching the claimed number of attendees. However as you are aware of that events industry is unpredictable, there are many factors that would affect the attendance of conference like disease outbreak, terror threat, natural disaster, flights delay, community riots hence it is too early to speak about the attendees number.

For any further queries, please feel free to contact me.

We appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you.

With Regards,
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