

SPEECH BY DIANA BIANCHEDI

Thank you Mister President and good evening everyone.

My name is Diana Bianchedi, and I am the coordinator of the Milan bid for the IOC Session.

Thanks to a great team and to a lot of fantastic work, we are here to present our project to you.

We are undertaking this together with CONI's president, Giovanni Malagò, with the mayor of Milan, Giuseppe Sala, and with the Region of Lombardy, represented here by another icon of Italian sport, three-time Olympic canoe champion Antonio Rossi, who is today the councillor for sport. We have here the Sport Councillor of Milan City, Roberta Guaineri, and deputy General Secretary of Italy NOC, Olympic medallist, Carlo Mornati.

I was born in Milan and I pursued my studies and training in this city to the point of winning two Olympic gold medals in Barcelona and Sidney and becoming a doctor.

Even at the end of my career, sports were always fundamental: I led the national athletes committee in my country; I covered various roles in the anti-doping system to the point of becoming the first woman in Italian sports elected to the Executive Board of Italian Olympic Committee and the first female vice president, the youngest ever.

I have accepted this challenge with great enthusiasm and strong determination: to bring the Olympic world and the five rings to my city for the first time.

I will now give the floor to the mayor of Milan, but before I do that, let's watch the first video.