**Toastmasters members elect Francesco Fedele to International Board**

Rome resident becomes new director of global educational organization

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Aug. 17, 2024** — Francesco Fedele, DTM, of Rome, Italy, has been elected to the Board of Directors of [Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org), the world’s leading organization devoted to communication and leadership skills development. Fedele was elected to the 2024–2026 two-year term at the organization’s 2024 International Convention, held in Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 14-17.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Fedele is a “working ambassador” for the organization. He works with the Board to develop and support the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

Fedele is a senior consultant and European Union research project expert in the IT and research & development industries with 38 years of experience. He specializes in designing and managing research projects aligned with European development policies and priorities, business development of technological startups, and providing consulting and support to top leaders and management boards of his clients.

Fedele attended the faculty of engineering of the Sapienza University of Rome. He has also pursued continuing education in project management, strategic leadership, leading innovation, generative AI, and user interface design. Outside of Toastmasters, Fedele is proud of his involvement in defining European policies for electronic commerce and electronic invoice standards within CEN, the European Standardization Body.

A Toastmaster since 2011, Fedele is a member of his home club, Toastmasters Roma in Rome, Italy and of the online advanced club Eloquentis. He has held a number of high-profile leadership positions within Toastmasters and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in the organization.

Fedele says that any individual can benefit from Toastmasters, “By accepting challenges, by giving feedback and receiving it with open ears and mind, and by participating actively in the club meetings and in the organization’s management.”

**About Toastmasters International**

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that builds confidence and teaches public speaking skills through a worldwide network of clubs that meet online and in person. In a supportive community or corporate environment, members prepare and deliver speeches, respond to impromptu questions, and give and receive constructive feedback. It is through this regular practice that members are empowered to meet personal and professional communication goals. Founded in 1924, the organization is headquartered in Englewood, Colorado with over 270,000 members in more than 14,000 clubs in 150 countries. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit toastmasters.org. Follow @Toastmasters on X (formerly Twitter).

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