

**Exhibition “A life in sport. The faces and achievements of “100 female experts”
[# 100esperte project]
Short biographies of the women featured in the photo portraits**

NAJLA AQDEIR

Middle distance runner and running coach

Najla began her running career in 2015 and showed special talent for middle-distance races. Over the years she has made a competitive name for herself over various distances, both on track and on road, and achieved remarkable results in national and international competitions.

Her list of achievements includes high placings in the Italian Championships in her category and successes in international competitions. Her determination and resilience are evinced through her commitment to and passion for her sport.

Najla sees sport as far more than mere competition. It is also a vehicle for personal and social growth, and for inspiring people to overcome their barriers and believe in their abilities.

ANTONELLA BELLUTTI

Member of and activist for the National Association of Athletes. Former track cyclist, multiple Olympic medallist

Antonella Bellutti, born in 1968, achieved an impressive string of records and national titles in the heptathlon and 100-meter hurdles, but was forced by a knee injury to abandon athletics at the age of twenty-one. During her rehabilitation, she took up cycling, which, as fate would have it, led her back to the track—this time in a velodrome—where she won track cycling gold medals in two different events at consecutive Olympic Games (Atlanta '96 and Sydney 2000). In her brief but intense cycling career, she also won three World Cups, a European Championship (1997), 16 Italian titles, and set two world records and an Olympic record.

After retiring from cycling, she was invited to promote a new women's Olympic discipline: the two-person bobsleigh. Together with Olympic luge champion, Gerda Weissensteiner, they achieved a seventh-place finish at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games.

She is the only Italian athlete to have been part of the national team for three different federations and to have competed in both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games.

On 18 April 2001, she was elected to the National Board of the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI), and in January 2003 she entered, as the sole representative of athletes, the Ministerial Anti-Doping Commission and the Ministerial Commission for Equal Opportunities in Sport. She is the first and only woman to run for the Presidency of CONI in 2021 but has not been elected.

Antonella Bellutti is a physical education teacher, manager, lecturer, and consultant. She is also the author of: *La vita è come andare in bicicletta. Autobiografia alimentare di una vegatleta*. (“Life is like riding a bicycle. Food autobiography of a Vegan Athlete”). Edizioni Sonda, 2018.

Awards and Recognitions: (1996) Cavaliere della Repubblica [Republican Knighthood], (2000) Commendatore della Repubblica, (2004) Fairplay Award, (2018) Ambassador for Italy for the European Week of Sport, (2018) Walk of Fame (2018).

She currently writes for the newspaper *Domani* and the publication *The SpoRtlight*. She is the coordinator of the dual career programme at the University of Verona. Her activism includes work with Assist, the national association of female athletes, on national and international projects.

ENRICA BERTOLINI

President of Pro Patria Volley Milano. Former volleyball player

After graduating in Law from the University of Milan and enrolling in the Milan Bar Association, Enrica began her legal career, focusing particularly on the rights of women, minors, and vulnerable individuals. She also held the position of Support Administrator.

Having discovered her passion for volleyball at a young age, which led her to compete up to Serie C, she has, since 2008, successfully combined her career as a lawyer with her role as a sports manager.

She is currently President of ASD Pro Patria Volley Milano, a historic Milanese women's volleyball club.

DIANA BIANCHEDI

Chief of strategy, planning, and legacy of Fondazione Milano Cortina 2026. Former fencer, multiple Olympic medallist

Diana began fencing as a child. In 1992 she took part in the Barcelona Olympics, securing Italy its first Olympic gold medal for a women's team. She repeated the success eight years later in Sydney 2000. Her list of honours includes five gold medals at the World Championships with the women's foil dream team, as well as numerous continental titles.

During her sports career, she graduated in Medicine and Surgery and specialized in Sports Medicine. At the end of her competitive career, she was elected Vice President of the Italian National Olympic Committee, becoming the first woman to hold this position.

Over the years, she has served as President of the Italian Athletes Commission and held various roles in the Health Supervision and Protection Commission, the Anti-Doping Scientific Commission, and the Anti-Doping Tribunal.

Diana was a member of the Vatican Consulta for six years and director of a rehabilitation centre for high-level athletes for fifteen. Most recently, she has directed the candidacy for the Olympic Games, first for Rome 2024, and then for Milan-Cortina 2026.

She is currently a contract university professor.

Awards and Recognitions: (1995) Collare d'oro Atleti CONI (CONI Athletes Golden Collar), (2000) Commander of the Italian Republic, (2003) Bellisario Award, (2001) Ambrogino d'oro ("Golden Ambrogino") of the City of Milan, (2000) Honorary Citizenship of the City of Milan, (1998) Medaglia d'oro di Riconoscenza (Gold Medal of Recognition) of Milan.

MARTINA CAIRONI

Athlete Representative of the International Paralympic Committee and the Athletes Council of the Milano Cortina 2026 Foundation. Multiple Paralympic medallists in long jump and 100m for the "Fiamme Gialle" (Finance Police Sports Corps)

Active as a Paralympic athlete since 2010 and with the "Fiamme Gialle" team since 2012, Martina holds the world record in the T63 category for long jump (5.46 meters) and the Italian record and best world performance in the T63 category for 60 meters indoor (9.05 seconds) and indoor long jump (5.23 meters).

She was the flag bearer of the Italian Paralympic delegation at Rio 2016, member of the National Council, the Executive Board and the Athletes Council of the Italian Paralympic Committee.

Her list of honours includes twelve Italian titles in the 100 meters and long jump; gold or silver medals in the 100 meters and long jump at **World Championships** (Lyon 2013, Doha 2015, London 2017, Paris 2023) and **European Championships** (Stadskanaal 2012, Swansea 2014, Grosseto 2016, Berlin 2018, Bydgoszcz 2021); and podium finishes in the last four **Paralympics** (gold in the 100 meters at the 2012 London Paralympics, gold in the 100 meters and silver in the long jump at the 2016 Rio Paralympics, silver in the 100 meters and silver in the long jump at the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics, gold in the 100 meters and silver in the long jump at the 2024 Paris Paralympics).

She is currently the representative of athletes at international level (IPC) and of the Athletes Council of Milan-Cortina 2026.

In addition to her competitive activity, she has devoted herself to social issues and works with Fondazione Fontana and Sportfund on projects of inclusion. She gives talks in schools about her career and works in the corporate world as a motivational speaker.

Awards and Recognitions: Golden Collar for Sporting Merit 2012, Commander of Merit of the Republic 2012, Mangiarotti Award 2013, FairPlay Award 2013, Athlete Award Gazzetta Sport Awards 2015 Paralympic Athlete of the Year, Athlete of the Month for May 2015 by the International Paralympic Committee, Golden Collar for Sporting Merit 2016, "Candido Cannavò" Athletics Award 2018, ResPublica Award 2022, Fiamme Gialle Athlete of the Year 2022, Standout Women Award 2023, City of Rome Award 2024, Golden Collar for Sporting Merit 2024.

MANUELA CLAYSSET

Head of Gender and Rights Policies and Coordinator of UISP Association Policies

APS (Italian Union of Sports for All)

Manuela has been committed to grassroots associations since a young age, beginning her career with the UISP of Ferrara in the late 1980s. In 1990, she collaborated in the creation of the National Assembly of Women of UISP and began focusing on gender and rights issues, eventually becoming responsible for Gender Policies at UISP. In this role, she initiated collaborations with various associations on projects aimed at combating violence against women and advocating for the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals.

Over the years, she has been responsible for and coordinated numerous social, environmental, and sports projects at both national and regional levels, including: *Differenze* [Differences], a national project to combat violence against women aimed at high school students, in collaboration with the Rete Dire (Women in Network against Violence), *Differenze in Gioco. Sport Libera Tutt**, a regional project (Emilia Romagna) for a sport that is increasingly attentive to language and respect for the body.

Editorial activities and publications: (2018) Claysset, Manuela. "Sport e contrasto alle discriminazioni di Genere: l'esperienza della UISP", in Università degli Studi di

Ferrara. *Bilancio di genere 2017*; (2018) Claysset, Manuela. " I Diritti nello Sport per le persone LGBTI: l'esperienza della UISP", in Francesca Muzzi. *Giochiamo anche noi. L'Italia del calcio gay*. Rome: Ultra, pp. 125-129; (2017) (with Giuliana and Paolo Valerio) (edited by). *Terzo tempo. Fair play. I valori dello sport per il contrasto all'omofobia e transfobia*. Milan: Mimesis.

ANNA DE LA FOREST

Lawyer. Member of the Board of Directors of Fondazione Milano Cortina 2026. Ice hockey champion, former national team player.

After combining sports and studies throughout her life, Anna graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Turin with honours (110 cum laude and dignity of publication). Without abandoning sports, she pursued a legal career, passing the bar exam in 2015. She followed in the footsteps of her grandfather and father, managing the family law firm alongside her husband.

As an athlete, she played as a forward for the Italian national ice hockey team from 2003 to 2019, participating in the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics. Her achievements include four silver medals and two gold medals at the World Championships.

She has competed in 13 ice hockey world championships and two inline hockey world championships, and has been crowned Italian inline hockey champion nine times.

Professionally, she received the Optime Award in 2013, a recognition of academic excellence awarded by the Industrial Union of Turin. In 2016, she won the Toga d'Oro, an award given by the Council of the Order of Lawyers of Turin to the top five candidates in the bar exam.

In sports, she has won several MVP (Most Valuable Player) awards at both national and international levels, particularly during the World Championships.

MARIA LUISA GARATTI

Lawyer specializing in civil and sports law and gender issues. Marathon runner and Paralympic Athletics Champion

After graduating in Law from the University of Pavia, Maria Luisa passed her bar exams in 1999 and registered to practise in the district of Brescia. In 2012, she began a career in sports law and justice, participating in numerous academic and professional courses, as well as focusing on issues relating to gender and equal opportunities. In 2018, she was elected and appointed President of the Equal Opportunities Committee of the Brescia Bar Association, a position she held until September 2020.

In 2019, she received the highest number of votes in the election for the Council of the Brescia Bar Association. In 2020, she joined the Women and Sports Commission of the Italian Association of Sports Lawyers. Since 2021, she has been a member of the Federal Court of Appeal, Section III of the FIGC.

In 2023, she became President of the CPO (Equal Opportunities Committee) of the Brescia Bar Association. Since 2024, she has been part of the sports law department of Lexpert Legal Network based in Milan.

She has participated in numerous conferences and courses as a speaker, including at La Sapienza University of Rome, on topics such as sports reform, the history of women's sports, and safeguarding policies.

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2006, she began running in 2014 and, in 2018, achieved national classification as a Paralympic athlete in the T38 category. That same year, she competed in the Italian Paralympic Championships in Nembro, becoming the Italian champion in the 1500 meters and 800 meters, setting an Italian record in the latter.

On February 9, 2020, she became the Italian Paralympic champion in the half marathon at the Italian Paralympic Championships in Barletta (BA). In July 2021, she competed in the Italian Paralympic Championships in Concesio (BS), winning the Italian Paralympic title in the T38 category for the 400 and 800 meters. In April 2022, during the Italian Paralympic Championships in Ancona, she won 3 Italian titles, in the shot put, in the 200 and in the 400 meters, all in the T38 category. In 2023, she won the Italian 10 km road title in the T38 category. In January 2024, she won three medals in Ancona: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. In June 2024, she won Bronze in the shot put.

She has run 17 marathons to date. Her first was in Brescia, her hometown, in 2016, followed by others in Italy and around the world, including the New York Marathon four times in 2016, 2019, 2023, and 2024.

LUISA GARRIBBA RIZZITELLI

President of Assist (National Association of Athletes)

Expert professional in Communications, Institutional Relations, Events, and Sports Marketing, Luisa is a journalist and trainer, specializing in gender policies and activism for the rights of women and LGBTIQ+ individuals.

With thirty years of experience in institutional communication and press offices, she has managed large clients and prestigious institutional and associative entities.

Currently, she heads the press office of Differenza Donna Aps and the 1522 national helpline of the Department of Equal Opportunities.

Since 2000, she has been the President and founder of Assist Associazione Nazionale Atlete, an organization dedicated to protecting the collective rights of women in sports. She also serves on the board of the Italian Organizing Committee for One Billion Rising, the Italian coordination of the global event against violence against women promoted by American playwright Eve Ensler.

Luisa has held marketing management positions in numerous professional sports organizations and has organized major volleyball and beach volleyball events.

CRISTINA LENARDON

Member of the Steering Committee of the CONI National Athletes Commission. Ice hockey champion, former national team player

Cristina Lenardon has been a handball and beach handball athlete for over 25 years. She began practising her sport at the age of 10. After graduating, she moved to Ferrara, where she was hired by the local Serie A1 team. At the same time, she enrolled in the faculty of law.

Her sporting career led her to play for several top-flight clubs, participate in major European cups, and become a member of the senior national handball team, competing in a University World Cup and two Mediterranean Games.

In 2011, she was appointed captain of the federal team, formed by the Italian Handball Federation in collaboration with Centro Sportivo Olimpico dell'Esercito (of the Italian Army) as part of the Olympic project called "Rio 2016". She stayed with the team for two seasons, during the second of which she competed in the Slovenian Top League championship.

She achieved noteworthy results in beach handball, winning three Italian titles and two second places, two Champions Cups, and three European championships.

In 2013, she graduated in law with a thesis on the oversight of the administrative judge in sports disciplinary disputes. Despite several job offers, she prioritized her "post-career" prospects and began practising law while continuing her sporting activities at a lower level of intensity. In 2015, she obtained a master's degree in Sports Law & Management with top marks and registered with the Ancona Bar Association in 2016.

Always passionate about the rights of athletes, she has held various managerial roles: first as a federal advisor for athletes (in the Olympic interval of 2012-2016), then as a member and President of the Federal Athletes Commission (2018-2024) and as Team Manager of the national beach handball team.

Since 2021, she has been part of the Steering Committee of the National Athletes Commission at CONI and contributed to organizing the first forum of athletes' representatives ("Stronger Together"), which took place in October 2022 in the CONI Hall of Honour. She has personally dealt with the project to increase the number of federal athlete commissions to ensure maximum representation within the National Sports Federations, and is active in other initiatives on dual careers, sport and motherhood reconciliation, and the physical and psychological wellbeing of athletes of both sexes.

She is a speaker at various events and conferences on the subject.
She is also a federal coach and currently trains a team of young athletes.

ELENA MIRANDOLA

CEO of Women's football club FC Como Women

Elena graduated in history from the University of Padua in 2006 and obtained a Master in Business Management from the CUOA Foundation the following year. She began her professional career in a large-scale Italian distribution company within the marketing office before moving to London in 2008, where she entered the world of digital marketing and media as a Client Partner at Unique Digital, a WPP group agency.

After six years in England, she moved to Dubai to take on a new professional challenge as Deputy Head MENA for Artefact, a French consultancy with offices around the world and a strong focus on digital issues. There, she had the opportunity to work with some of the world's biggest brands, including Emirates Airline.

In 2017, she moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as Managing Director for Artefact, aiming to establish the company's presence in Asia by opening offices in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, and Melbourne.

Between 2020 and 2021, she served as Director of Business Development APAC for Expedia Group based in Singapore. In 2021, she returned to Italy as Managing Director for Alkemy Spa, a leading Italian digital consultancy services company.

Since August 2024 she has been CEO of FC Como Women, a women's soccer club competing in the Women's Serie A and part of the Mercury/13 portfolio.

Awards and Recognitions: Elena holds a Google Squared Big Thinker award. In 2021 she was nominated for Inspiring Fifty as one of the Top 50 inspiring women in tech in Italy.

ERIKA MORRI

National Councillor of the Italian Rugby Federation, representing Italy in the World Rugby Federation. Founder of Wo*men's sport land of freedom. Rugby champion, former national team player

Erika Morri is a former rugby player who, during her 21-year career, 12 of them on the national team, took part in two World Cups and seven European Championships. After retiring from competitive play in 2012, she ventured into politics, serving as a Regional Councillor in Emilia Romagna, and later as a National Councillor until 2021. In 2019, she was part of the Committee for the Development of Women's Rugby in Europe. In the autumn of 2024, she was re-elected as a National Councillor of the Italian Rugby Federation and as Italy's representative on the Board of the World Rugby Federation.

In 2022, she founded *Wo*men's Rugby Land of Freedom: chi semina sport raccoglie futuro*, an international project based on the four Sustainable Development Goals of the UN 2030 Agenda (quality education, health and well-being, gender equality, and peace) that argues for sport as a fundamental tool of community growth.

As a corporate trainer and coach, she conducted an experimental course titled "Le Soft Skills Prendono Corpo tra Arte Contemporanea e Rugby" at the University of Padua, based on the idea that the body offers a language of learning. She advocates for the addition of "motor competence" to the existing eight European key competences (literacy, multilingualism, mathematics, digital, social, civic, entrepreneurship, cultural awareness and expression). Erika's is the mind behind the project *Rugby e metaverso: un viaggio nelle emozioni*, the world's first "mixed technique" rugby tournament played half in real life and half in the metaverse. This school project, which involves 250 high school students in collaboration with the University of Bologna, Cluster Innovation ER, Bologna Rugby Club, Fondazioni Olitec, Cassa di Risparmio, Binnova, and AlmaGi, aims to help students understand the diversity of emotions in physical and virtual interactions.

The project will culminate in a final conference on the theme of "Not better than, but a different from", which will consider how sport and technology enable the body to be used as a vehicle for teaching and learning. Erika is creator and interviewer for the international project *La Libertà Non Ti Viene Solo Donata*, "Si Allena" Dentro Di Te", featuring 70 video interviews with rugby players from 35 nations, including the national women's team, on how the rugby mindset impacts everyday life. Twelve interviews were broadcast on Sky Sport during the World Cup. She created and hosts the column *Sorelle di Sport: Le Donne Fanno Squadra* on MS Channel – Sky 814. Erika writes the column "La Bellezza della Forza" for *Vita Magazine*, exploring the connection between mind, soul, and body in sports. In 2022, she commentated the Women's Rugby World Cup for Sky Sport. In 2023, she commentated the England-France final of the Women's Six Nations Rugby tournament for Sky Sport.

Awards and Recognitions: INCREDIBol 2012 Top 10 Creative Innovative Companies; Municipality of Bologna. Med Red 2014 Innovation, creativity, and start-up in the Mediterranean area; Aster award. Ovale d'oro and Ovale d'argento 2021; Italian Rugby Federation. Tina Anselmi 2021 alla carriera sportiva; Premio del Comune di Bologna. Milone d'oro 2022; Opes Italia. Unstoppable Women. 1000 women who are changing Italy 2023.

TIZIANA NASI

Vice President of CIP - Italian Paralympic Committee

Passionate about sports and mountains, Tiziana held the position of President of the Golf, Sporting Club Sestrières, and Sestrières Spa from 1982 to 2006, at which she organized internationally significant sporting events.

After organizing the first Italian Alpine skiing championship for athletes with disabilities in 1991, she was elected President of FISD Piemonte in 1997 and later of the Italian Paralympic Committee of Piedmont.

From 2010 to 2022 she was President of FISIP (Italian Federation of Paralympic Winter Sports), a new federation that oversees snow disciplines (alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowboarding) and parabob.

At the end of the three four-year Paralympic terms, she was elected Vice President of the National CIP.

During the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics she was President of the Committee for the Organization of the IX Winter Paralympic Games.

REBECCA NICOLI

Boxing champion. Athlete of the “Fiamme Oro” (Police) sports corps

Rebecca began her career in 2015 at the Pavia Boxing Association.

In 2017, she joined the Italian Boxing Federation.

In 2019, she became a police officer and athlete of the associated “Fiamme Oro” sports corps.

Her achievements include a bronze medal at the 2022 Mediterranean Games, a silver medal at the 2019 European Under-22 Championships, gold medals at the 2016 and 2019 Italian Championships, a gold medal at the 2018 European Under-22 Championships, and the 2018 Golden Glove.

She participated in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

FRANCESCA PORCELLATO

Para-athlete in Cycling, Cross-Country Skiing, and Athletics, Multiple Paralympic Medallist

Francesca Porcellato is an Italian Paralympian, cross-country skier, and paracyclist.

She has participated at twelve events in the Paralympic Games (nine in the Summer Games and three in the Winter Games) and has won fourteen medals.

Today she is a member of the Board of Directors of Milano Cortina and Vice President of Asd Apre Olmedo.

Nicknamed “the flying redhead”, she competes in a wheelchair because of paraplegia resulting from being struck by a lorry when she was eighteen months old. She entered the world of athletics at the age of seventeen. “When they gave me my first wheelchair, the only thing I thought about was making it go as fast as I could,” she explained. “So that’s what I did.”

Athletic career. A versatile athlete, Francesca competes in distances ranging from 100 meters to the marathon, winning marathons in New York, London, Boston, and Paris. She participated in six editions of the Summer Paralympic Games, from Seoul 1988 to Beijing 2008, winning fourteen medals. Francesca was also a standard-bearer in Beijing.

Skiing career. After the Summer 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Francesca turned her attention to Paralympic cross-country skiing and took part in the Winter Paralympic

Games in Turin 2006, Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014. On March 21, 2010, she won the gold medal in the sprint race.

Cycling career. After her experiences in athletics and cross-country skiing, Francesca focused on her paracycling career, competing on handbikes in the H3 category. In 2015, at the World Road Championships in Nottwil, her first participation in the World Championships, she won two gold medals in the time trial and the H3 road race. In the same season, she won one gold and two silver medals in World Cup events. At the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, she won two bronze medals, and at the Tokyo 2020 Games, she won a silver medal.

With Paris 2024 she celebrated her 12th participation in the Paralympic Games (all told: nine summer games, from Seoul 1988 to Tokyo 2020; and three winter games: Turin 2006, Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014).

SILVIA SALIS

Deputy Vice President of CONI - Italian National Olympic Committee, Hammer Throw Champion

Silvia began her sports career on the track and field, specializing in the hammer throw, a discipline that earned her a place at the Olympic Games of Beijing 2008 and London 2012. She was a finalist at the World Championships in Daegu, South Korea (2011). She also won the Gold Medal at the Mediterranean Games in Pescara (2009) and the Bronze Medal at the Mediterranean Games in Mersin (2013). The list of her honours includes ten Italian titles.

After retiring from competitive sports, Silvia transitioned into management roles. Since 2016, she has been a Federal Councillor in the Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL) and a Federal Delegate at Casa Atletica Italiana, promoting "Brand Italy" across the world. In 2017, she created "Allenamento", to support Italian athletes in further education. She has been a member of the National Council of the Italian Olympic

Committee and the CONI Athletes Commission since 2017. In 2018, she was part of the working group for the Maternity Fund for women athletes. Since 2021, she has been Deputy Vice President of CONI and Representative of the National Council in the Coordination of Benemerite (Charitable) Associations. Since 2022 she has been a member of the Safeguarding Office of the Gymnastics Federation and the Sports Dance Federation. She has also been a member of the Advisory Board of the Lottomatica Foundation since the same year, as well as member of the Honorary Committee of the Villa Menarini Foundation. She has been a member of the "Fiamme Azzurre" Sports Corps since 2010, first as an athlete and later as Communications Manager.

Silvia has experience in the world of journalism and social media and holds a degree in Political Science.

Editorial activities and publications: She is author of the book *La Bambina più Forte del Mondo* (Salani, Genoa 2022), the proceeds of which go to the Gaslini Hospital in Genoa.

Awards and Recognitions: In 2022, she was listed among the 100 most influential women in Italy by *Forbes* magazine and among the 40 “Under-40s who are changing the country” by *Fortune* magazine. In 2023 she was awarded the honour of Commander of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy and the title of “Ambassador of Genoa in the World”.

KATIA SERRA

Technical commentator and TV pundit. Educator. Rugby champion, former national team player

Katia Serra, notable for being the first woman to hold managerial and communication roles previously closed to women in the world of football, began her career as a footballer (winger midfielder), debuting in

Serie B in 1986 with Bazzano, which later became Bologna CF. She played for numerous top-flight Italian football clubs, ending her career in the Spanish league in 2010. Her career was impacted by numerous surgeries beginning in her adolescence and frequent injuries. Her honours include 1 Scudetto (Italian league title), 3 Coppa Italia (Italian Cup), 1 Italian Super Cup, 1 Italy Women’s Cup, scoring a total of 125 goals. She played for the national team on 25 occasions and scored one goal.

In 2002, she earned a degree in Exercise Science and in football, she obtained the following qualifications: UEFA A coaching license, Director of Sport (achieving a perfect score of 110 with honours, the first and only woman to do so), Match Analyst, in addition to acquiring certifications in managerial management.

Alongside her career on the pitch, she is an athletics trainer and youth coach. She held roles in the Italian Footballers’ Association for 17 years, first becoming a councillor, and then the Head of the Women’s Sector, contributing to building professionalism. She was a Federal Councillor of the FICG and a member of the Women’s Football Development Commission.

After retiring from competitive football, Katia began commentating on women’s football for RAI and was later promoted to commentating on men’s matches, achieving a breakthrough for women. She has commentated matches, beginning with Lega Pro games and rising to Serie A (for Sky) and national games, including the victorious final of the 2021 European Championship Italy-England and the Italy U.21 team. She is a guest on popular RAI shows such as *Il Grande Match*, *90° Minuto*, *Dribbling Europei*, *Sabato Sprint*, and *La Giostra del Gol*.

Since 2018, Katia has taught "Women's Football Management Models" at the Sports Sciences Course, Football major, at the San Raffaele Telematic University of Rome and Milan. Since 2023 she has been a professor of the Sport, Communication and Gender module of the Master in Sports Communication and Marketing at ALMA MATER in Bologna.

She is the technical voice of the national team and the women's championship and collaborates with companies as a pundit and consultant on football's technical aspects.

Editorial activities and publications: TV commercial for Nastro Azzurro beer - Filmaster - "Partitone, perché no?", 1998; *Una vita in fuorigioco. Cronache dal mondo che tutti pensano di conoscere*. With contributions from Arrigo Sacchi, Lele Adani and Damiano Tommasi. Fabbri Editore, 2023; 2023 Radio spot for TeamSystem Premium partner of the Italian national football teams - Klein Russo agency, audio production Eccetera, producer Two Men Band.

Awards and Recognitions: (2024) 47° Microfono d'argento, Premio Sport e Giornalismo. (2021) Honorary citizenship of Anzola Dell'Emilia. (2007) Best Female Soccer Player Oscar of National Soccer. (2002) CONI Bronze Medal for Athletic Valour.

VALENTINA TURISINI

Vice President of the CONI National Technical Commission. National Technical Director. Former target shooter, Olympic medallist

Valentina began her career in the national shooting team in 1986.

In 2000, she joined the Federal Board of Directors, from which she resigned in 2009.

She won the silver medal in the 50m rifle three positions event at the 2004 Athens Olympics. In 2009, she became Technical Director of the men's and women's national teams of the Italian Shooting Union, a role she continued to hold until the end of 2022.

She is responsible for the training of federal technicians as Training Manager and Teacher Trainer.

Valentina is a law graduate and has passed her bar exams.

Editorial activities and publications: *Manuale di Tiro con la carabina*, Edizioni UITS, 2010

Awards and Recognitions: (2004) Gold Medal for Athletic Valour State Forestry Corps, (2004) Gold Medal for Athletic Valour CONI, (2004) Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, (2012) Golden Palm for Technical Merit CONI, (2013) Golden Star for Sporting Merit CONI, (2014) Commander of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic

MARTINA VOZZA and YLENIA SABIDUSSI

Ski champions of the Italian Federation of Paralympic Winter Sports (FISIP)

MARTINA VOZZA

A visually impaired paralympic alpine skier with oculocutaneous albinism, Martina made her debut at the 2021 Para Alpine Skiing World Championships in Lillehammer, Norway, where she won the bronze medal in the slalom, alongside her guide Ylenia Sabidussi. She thus qualified to compete in the 2022 Winter Paralympics in Beijing, where, at under 18 years old, she was the youngest Italian athlete.

At the 2023 World Championships in Espo, she won the silver medal in the Downhill and Super-G; in the same 2022-2023 season, she won the Super-G World Cup. The 2023/2024 season was a period of recovery from a cruciate ligament, collateral ligament, and meniscus injury. It was a period during which she regained her confidence, and even took the podium several times at the World Cup.

For the 2024/2025 season, she has set her sights on the World Championships, while every other competition will be a step towards the 2026 Milan-Cortina Paralympics, which Martina wants to reach in peak condition and knowing she has done her best.

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YLENIA SABIDUSSI

Alpine skiing instructor and coach, but above all, the guide of Martina Vozza, an athlete of the Italian Paralympic Winter Sports Federation who competes in the Visually Impaired category.

This duo has been sharing emotions, challenges, and successes for over five years, achieving excellent results: podiums in the European Cup and World Cup, medals at the World Championships, and the 22/23 Super-G World Cup. Their ultimate goal is the home Paralympics, for which Martina and Ylenia, working in symbiosis, are training themselves to arrive as technically, physically, and mentally prepared as possible.

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