Speech by the President of the Formigine Municipal Council

Good morning, everyone.

It is a great honour, as President of the Municipal Council, to welcome you to Formigine for the international workshop **"Women, Sport and Respect."**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Giovanni Cantu, President of AGWA**, the organisation coordinating the Halloween Bowl 2026, and thank him for choosing our community to host this important international event.

I also warmly welcome the authorities, international delegations, local associations, and all participants here today.

Special thanks go to **Erika Bonettini, President of the Honey Badgers Formigine**, co-organisers of this event, for their valuable commitment to promoting sport, inclusion, and positive social values.

I would also like to welcome **Walter Sabbioneda, General Manager of AGWA**, who will present the international initiatives planned for 2026 and 2027.

The theme of this workshop reminds us that promoting respect in women's sport means supporting equality, overcoming prejudice, and fighting all forms of discrimination and violence.

Every time women gain new opportunities and greater recognition in sport, society as a whole takes another step towards equality and progress.

Formigine is proud to support this journey and to contribute to building a fairer and more inclusive society.

I wish everyone a productive workshop and great success in the sporting challenges of 2026 and 2027.

Thank you.