



## **Eni signs agreement with Poison Control Centre at the ICS Maugeri Clinical Scientific Institute to make partnership global**

*The Centre and Eni will use their respective competencies to protect Eni employees in every country where Eni operates.*

*San Donato Milanese (MI), 18 June 2018* – Eni and ICS Maugeri have signed an agreement to expand their partnership in toxicological emergency research, prevention and treatment to all the countries where Eni operates.

The partnership is already active in Italy and will now be expanded to over 70 countries where Eni operates. The expansion will begin in twelve African countries (Algeria, Angola, Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia) where a total of 3,500 Eni employees work. Full coverage in these countries is expected by the end of 2018.

Through this new agreement, Eni and ICS Maugeri are renewing and strengthening a partnership which dates back to 1996, bringing together experience and know-how with the shared goal of applying their respective skills to benefit Eni's employees and the populations of the countries where the company operates. Toxicological risks are an important element of preventive medicine and clinical treatment. For this reason, the ICS Maugeri Poison Control Centre and the 200 Eni doctors working at the various Company sites will be given the tools to ensure the highest level of protection to employees and all who live in the vicinity of the Eni facilities.

Dr Carlo Locatelli is the director of the ICS Maugeri Poison Control Centre, which over the years has provided a broad spectrum of toxicological consultancy work for healthcare professionals based at Eni's plants in Italy. The Centre has offered support ranging from preparing emergency plans to immediate consultation regarding industrial incidents or minor intoxication cases for individuals. To achieve this, the Centre and Eni manage antidotes at the individual industrial sites, ensuring their monitoring and replacement. As the Centre is a point

of reference for the national antidote database, public hospitals have referred individual cases of poisoning to an Eni plant on more than one occasion. In these cases, the Eni plant served as the first source for the supply of antidotes that were impossible to find anywhere else in the country. Also, on multiple occasions the National Health Service made use of antidotes stored by Eni for emergency situations.

Not only does the Poison Control Centre work to prevent emergencies, it also provides expertise in toxicology, including for regulatory issues, and routine training activity. Furthermore, the Toxicology department that the Centre manages at IRCCS Maugeri in Pavia can admit personnel that might have been involved in cases of intoxication once the emergency has been dealt with. This service is offered to carry out suitable assessments of the health conditions of those affected.

The progressive expansion of the Centre's services to the over 70 countries Eni operates in will require significant effort in updating data and information regarding the Centre itself. This will offer staff working in those facilities the best possible protection against toxic products. The Centre is creating new dossiers on existing healthcare networks in each new country, as well as on local pharmacopoeia and non-industrial toxicological risks that are typical of the specific area, including animal bites or stings, poisonous plants, accidental contact or ingestion, and common causes of food poisoning.

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