

ACM BCB 2026: The 17th ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics
June 30 to July 3, 2026 | University of Calabria, Rende (Cosenza), Italy

Social Events Program (preliminary)

Monday, June 29 – Hotel Domus – Registration and Welcome Party

The welcome evening, which will officially open the conference, will take place at **Hotel Domus** in Rende, a warm and elegant setting.
Starting from 7:00 PM, participants will be able to register, collect conference materials, and receive small gifts from the organizing committee.
The evening will continue with a poolside aperitif dinner, an ideal opportunity to socialize.
We look forward to kicking off the ***17th edition of the ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics – ACM BCB 2026*** together.

Participants arriving at venue early, may choose, upon booking (email with subject "RendeTour"), to join a guided walk through the ancient villages of **Rende Paese**, a medieval village in all respects, gathered around two symbolic buildings: the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore (the Mother Church), and the **Norman Castle**, home to one of the most prestigious museums in Rende: the **''Bilotti'' Museum of Contemporary Art**. The tour will start at 5:00 PM.

At the end of the tour, participants will join the Welcome Party.
Please note that the tour will be held if a minimum number of participants is reached.


Via Rossini - Rende


Rende Oldtown



Tuesday, June 30 – Old Town Cosenza – Guided Tour of the Swabian Castle and Provincial Palace or City Tour on your own

The second social event features an evocative guided visit to two iconic landmarks in Cosenza, the **Swabian Castle** (**Castello Svevo**), overlooking Pancrazio Hill, and the **Provincial Palace**, the institutional seat and home to significant artworks.
At 5:30 PM, a shuttle bus will depart from the University of Calabria conference center, arriving at **Piazza XV Marzo**.
A second shuttle bus will depart at **5:30 PM** from **Domus Hotel**, for those who left the conference earlier.
Participants will be divided into two groups: one group will visit the Swabian Castle while the other will begin at the Provincial Palace. Halfway through, the groups will switch, allowing all participants to visit both sites with a dedicated guide.
The group will continue to the **Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta**, designated a UNESCO "Heritage of a Culture of Peace" site, passing by the historic **Gran Caffè Renzelli**.
Descending toward the valley along the ancient **Corso Telesio**, the tour will reach the scenic viewpoint of the confluence of the Crati and Busento rivers, a legendary site of **Alaric's treasure**.
The tour will conclude at **Piazza dei Bruzi**, the modern city square and location of Cosenza's City Hall.

Dinner will be at the attendees' own expense. However, we are pleased to offer a few suggestions for those interested. Cosenza city center offers a wide variety of options, from traditional cuisine "**La Locanda**" and excellent pizzerias to more contemporary and creative spots, such as "**Il Moro Food and Vibes**". With such a rich selection, everyone is sure to find something to suit their tastes.
Return to the hotels is scheduled for **10:00 PM**, with shuttle buses departing from **Piazza dei Bruzi**.

Wednesday, July 1 – Old Town Cosenza – Guided Tour of Palazzo Arnone and Social Dinner

At **5:30 PM**, a shuttle bus will depart from the University of Calabria conference center in Cosenza City Center.

An exclusive guided tour exploring the Palazzo Arnone into the heart of historic Cosenza: let yourself be guided through the majestic halls of **Palazzo Arnone**, now home to the National Gallery of Cosenza. The grandeur of an ancient fortress meets the light and beauty of masterpieces ranging from the 16th century to Contemporary art.



At the end of the visit, attendees are invited to the Conference Social Dinner, starting at 8:00 PM at **Villa Rendano**. Located in the heart of the city. Villa Rendano will serve a selection of traditional Calabrian dishes with a modern twist, accompanied by a fine selection of local wines.
A special opportunity to end the day with great company in a refined and authentic atmosphere.
Return to the hotels is scheduled for approximately **11:00 PM**, with shuttle buses departing from **Villa Rendano**.

Thursday, July 2 – Diamante – Closing Party

A pleasant guided visit to the town of **Diamante**, also known as the "village of murals", an open-air gallery of vibrant artwork, before catching the sunset as it melts into the Tyrrhenian Sea from the seafront promenade.
Diamante is about a 50-minute bus ride away, offering scenic views of the coast along the way.
The visit includes a tasting session.

Return is scheduled for **10:00 PM**.



Diamante Old town