

## **23rd European Congress of Internal Medicine (ECIM)**

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**ACP Global Ambassador reflections by Elizabeth Cerceo, MD, DCM, FACP, FHM, FEFIM**

It was a pleasure and an honor to represent the American College of Physicians (ACP) at the 23<sup>rd</sup> European Congress of Internal Medicine (ECIM), hosted by the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM) in Florence, Italy, March 5-8, 2025. I was truly inspired by the city's deep historical roots in art, science, and culture, and equally moved by the warm hospitality and collegial spirit of our European colleagues.

The Congress was an exceptional gathering of internal medicine physicians from across Europe and beyond, focused on advancing internal medicine in the context of today's global challenges. I was privileged to deliver a session on climate change and human health—a topic of increasing urgency worldwide—and was gratified by the enthusiastic engagement from international attendees. I was joined by my colleague from Portugal, Dr. Luis Campos, who has led important work in sustainability in his country. Our discussions underscored our shared commitment to evidence-based care, interdisciplinary collaboration, and health equity.

I want to give special thanks to EFIM President Prof. Ricardo Gomez Huelgas and the entire organizing committee for their outstanding work in curating a high-quality scientific program and seamless event experience. Representing ACP at ECIM was an unforgettable experience that strengthened our global relationships and reaffirmed our collective responsibility to address planetary and climate health as a core component of internal medicine.





Dr. Cerceo and Dr. Gomez



Dr. Gomez, Dr. Campos, Dr. Opole, and Dr. Cerceo



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