

**ELENA APPIANI
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Elena Appiani, from Vicenza, Italy was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

Director Appiani has worked in several fields over the past 30 years including marketing, communications, training and event management. She is currently managing partner at Rete 33 Srl with responsibilities including project management and public relations.

She has been a member of the Vicenza Palladio Lions club since 2003 and has held a number of offices with the association including club president, district governor and chairperson for the national convention committee for MD 108. Since becoming a Lion, she has committed herself to a personal pact of responsibility, "I must do, build, and make things happen."

She has founded a number of projects including La Valigia di Caterina, which helps victims of domestic violence to begin new journeys. She was also a project leader for the "One Prosthesis for every Haiti Amputee Child" project. Additionally, she has served as a speaker for several European forums, Mediterranean conferences and International Conventions.

In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards including an International President's Leadership Award and several International President's awards. Director Appiani is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Appiani is active in numerous civic organizations including her service as local chairperson for the Marisa Bellisario Foundation and as a member of the board of directors for the Biblioteca Internazionale La Vigna.

Director Appiani and her husband, Galeno, a member of the Thiene Colleoni Lions Club, have a son, Riccardo, and a daughter, Camilla.