



The ribbon of the Grande Ufficiale Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana

CIBJO PRESIDENT GAETANO CAVALIERI AWARDED SECOND HIGHEST RANK IN ITALIAN KNIGHTHOOD ORDER

MILAN, ITALY: APRIL 14, 2026 – CIBJO President Gaetano Cavalieri has been named a Grande Ufficiale (Grand Officer), the second-highest rank within the Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana, the most senior knighthood order of merit in the Italian Republic. Established in 1951, the order recognizes accomplishments in the fields of science, literature, arts, economy, public service, and social, philanthropic and humanitarian activities and for long and conspicuous service in civilian and military careers.

Dr. Cavalieri, who earlier had been recognized as a “Commendatore” (Commander) in the order, was named a “Grande Ufficiale” along with 21 of his compatriots, in the official Italian Government Gazette published on April 2, 2026. The order was bestowed by a decree of the President of the Italian Republic, as head of the orders of knighthood, on the recommendation of the President of the Council of Ministers.

Dr. Cavalieri, who was elected President of CIBJO in 2001, has served the Italian Republic in a variety of roles, both inside and outside the country. A former President of the Italian Federation of Gold, Silver and Jewellery Wholesalers, he was also a consultant to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and Chief of the International Relations Office of Confcommercio (Italian General Trade Organization). Additionally, he was a delegate to the Commission of Foreign Trade, specializing in the luxury industries, and an Italian delegate to the World Trade Organization, a member of the board of directors of Mondimpresa SCPA, an Italian



CIBJO President Gaetano Cavalieri, wearing in his lapel the badge of a Commendatore (Commander) of the Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana, who now has been upgraded to the rank of Grande Ufficiale (Grand Officer).

government body for international relations and foreign trade, and a member of the board of the Italian Institute for Foreign Trade and Commerce.

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