

## Young Researchers Retreat



25-26
June
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# PROGRAMME

Aula Magna Navile - UE1
Via della Beverara 123/1, Bologna



## Tuesday, 25th June

9:00 – 9:15 Registration 9:15 – 9:30 Opening session

Barbara Monti

Full Professor

Head of the Department

#### Opening Lecture

9:30 – 10:00 European projects: opportunities, challenges and strategies to succeed

Luca Fontanesi

Full Professor

Delegate for competitive projects

#### Session | - 10:00-10:55 -

#### Pharmacology

#### Chairs: Libero Gurrieri, Sofia Gasperini

10:00 – 10:15 Electronic cigarettes: smoking by any

other name Fabio Vivarelli

RTDA - Molecular Toxicology Lab

10:15 – 10:40 miRNAs as potential diagnostic and predictive biomarkers in gynecological malignancies

Gloria Ravegnini

RTDB - Predictive Toxicology Lab

New Biomarkers in Alzheimer's disease: innovation for diagnosis and treatment

Giulia Sita

RTDA - Predictive Toxicology Lab

10:40 – 10:55 Protein engineering for higher crop yield: testing the approach on an algal enzyme and ongoing results

Libero Gurrieri

RTDA - Molecular Plant Physiology Lab

10:55 – 11:15 Coffee Break, Poster Viewing and Networking

Session II - 11:15-12:20 -

Drug discovery and development

Chairs: Angela Abruzzo, Agnese Graziosi

11:15 – 11:30 Molecular characterization of SARS-CoV-2

Mpro activity and inhibition, a new

toolbox for drug discovery

Luca Mazzei

RTDA - Bioinorganic Chemistry Lab

11:30 – 11:45 Genetically modified M13 bacteriophages

for precise photodynamic cancer

eradication

Paolo Costantini

Research fellow (RTT from October 2024) -

Molecular Biotechnology Lab

11:45 – 12:10 Tricyclic-based bifunctional compounds for

neurodegenerative diseases

Elisa Uliassi

RTDB – Bolognesi's MedChem Lab

# Pursuing the PROTAC approach to fight emerging flavivirus infections

Eleonora Diamanti

RTDA – Bolognesi's MedChem Lab

12:10 – 12:20 Obeticholic acid consumption in AUSL Romagna

Lorenzo Evangelisti

Resident in Hospital Pharmacy – 'Segreteria Commissione del Farmaco Area Vasta Romagna' – Ospedale Infermi di Rimini

#### Keynote Lecture

12:20 – 13:20 The multifaceted role of core facilities in the academic setting

Valentina Adami

Coordinator of the core facilities IRBIO, University of Trento – Italian network of core facilities NICo

13:20 – 14:30 Lunch Break

13:20 - 14:30 Poster Session I

## **Session III** - 14:30-16:00 -

#### Neuroscience

| Chairs: Elisa Uliassi, Giulia Pierfelice | Chairs: | Elisa | Uliassi, | Giulia | Pierfelice |
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| 14:30 – 14:45 | Study of molecular mechanisms underlying neuronal alterations in chronic pain   |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|---|--|--|--|--|
|               | Francesco Formaggio   |  |  |  |  |
| 14:45 – 15:00 | RTDA - Cellular and Molecular Physiology Lab Microsampling and mass spectrometry for targeted metabolic profiling in murine models of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis |  |  |  |  |
|               | Michele Protti  |  |  |  |  |
|               | RTDB - Pharmaco-Toxicological Analysis Lab  |  |  |  |  |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Characterization of a novel humanized   |  |  |  |  |
|               | knockin mouse model carrying the E364X patient mutation for CDKL5 deficiency  |  |  |  |  |
|               | disorder  |  |  |  |  |
|               | Corinne Quadalti  |  |  |  |  |
|               | RTDA - Neural Repair Lab  |  |  |  |  |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Microglia across neurodegenerative  |  |  |  |  |
|               | diseases: role of EVs-miRNAs in neuroinflammation   |  |  |  |  |
|               | Francesca Massenzio   |  |  |  |  |
|               | RTDA - Cellular Neurobiology Lab  |  |  |  |  |
| 15:30 – 15:35 | Evaluation of the role of the NEGR1 pathway   |  |  |  |  |
|               | and IgLON family members in a mice model  |  |  |  |  |
|               | of depression based on stress exposure  |  |  |  |  |
|               | Marco Salluzzo  |  |  |  |  |
|               | Research fellow - Neuropsychopharmacology Lab   |  |  |  |  |

| 15:35 – 15:40 | Understanding the molecular mechanisms at the basis of AGC1 deficiency |
|---------------|--|
|               | pathogenesis   |
|               | Eleonora Poeta   |
|               | Research fellow - Cellular Neurobiology Lab                            |
| 15:40 - 15:45 | Silent Killers in your everyday products:                              |
|               | unveiling the neurotoxic effects of                                    |
|               | <b>Endocrine Disrupting Molecules</b>                                  |
|               | Agnese Graziosi  |
|               | Research fellow - Predictive Toxicology Lab                            |
| 15:45 – 15:50 | Biochemical and computational  |
|               | approaches to dissect the effect of MT-                                |
|               | CYB pathogenic mutations on respiratory                                |
|               | chain activity and assembly  |
|               | Gaia Tioli   |
|               | Research fellow - Mitochondrial Biochemistry                           |
|               | and Biology Lab  |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | Q&A session  |
|               |  |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee Break, Poster Viewing and                                       |
|               | Networking   |

### **Session IV** - 16:30-17:45 -

#### Computational chemistry and biology

#### Chairs: Simone Rampelli, Giacomo Foschi

16:30 – 16:45 Genetic and functional characterization of rare sequence variants in Autism Spectrum Disorder

Marta Viggiano

RTDA - Human Molecular Genetics

16:45 – 17:10 Associating multifunctional proteins with diseases and pathways

Giulia Babbi

RTDA - Biochemistry, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Lab

Large-scale comparison of AI-based protein structure prediction tools on the human reference proteome

Castrense Savojardo

RTDB - Biochemistry, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Lab

17:10 – 17:25 Geometric deep learning methods for biological data

Ferdinando Zanchetta

RTDA - Geometry for physical and biological applications Lab

17:25–17:30 DNA damage and genome instability induced by Topoisomerase I cleavage complexes

Marco Russo

Research fellow - Cancer Genome Instability Lab

17:30 – 17:45 **Q&A session and Closing remarks** 

# Wednesday, 26th June Session V - 9:00-10:30 -

#### Microbiology

#### Chairs: Daniele Ghezzi, Giorgia Palladino

9:00 – 9:15 Culture supernatants from beneficial vaginal lactobacilli: old friends with new perspectives

Carola Parolin

RTDB - Beneficial Microbes Lab

9:15 – 9:30 Deciphering the interactions between bacteria and macrophages in *ex vivo* human organ perfusion models

Daniele Ghezzi

RTDA - Microbial Genetics of Infection Lab

9:30 – 9:55 Zonation of the *Vitis vinifera* microbiome in Vino Nobile di Montepulciano production area

Simone Rampelli

RTDA - Microbiome Science and Biotechnology Lab

Routes of dispersion of antibiotic resistance genes from the poultry farm system

**Daniel Scicchitano** 

RTDA - Microbiome Science and Biotechnology Lab

| 09:55 – 10:10 | Blueprinting Gene Regulation in<br>Helicobacter pylori                        |
|---------------|---|
|               | <b>Andrea Vannini</b> RTDB - Molecular Biology and Genomics of Prokaryotes    |
| 10:10 – 10:15 | Continuous antibiotic prophylaxis has long-lasting effects on the gut         |
|               | microbiome structure and functionality in infants with vesicoureteral reflux  |
|               | Federica D'Amico  Research fellow - Microbiome Science and  Biotechnology Lab |
| 10:15– 10:20  | Characterization of Limosilactobacillus vaginalis derivatives as food         |
|               | supplements Barbara Giordani Research fellow - Beneficial Microbes Lab        |
| 10:20 - 10:30 | Q&A session   |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee Break, Poster Viewing and<br>Networking                                |

#### Keynote Lecture

11:00 - 12:00

The National Facility for Genomics: technologies, services available and mode of access

Clelia Peano

Head of National Facility for Genomics -Human Technopole, Milano

## Session VI - 12:00-14:50 -

#### Drug discovery and development

#### Chairs: Fabio Vivarelli. Martina Rossi

12:00 – 12:15 Nanosystems for the treatment of local

bacterial infections

Angela Abruzzo

RTDB - Drug Delivery Research Lab

12:15 – 12:30 Spray congealed microparticles for oral

drug administration: recent developments, current challenges and future directions

Serena Bertoni

Research fellow (RTT from October 2024) -

Pharmaceutical Technology Lab

12:30 – 12:45 Searching for inhibitors of the DNA repair

protein RAD52

Federico Falchi

RTDB - Medicinal Computational Chemistry

Lab

12:45 – 13:00 Playing covalent: looking for valid chemical probes to study neurodegenerative diseases
Filippo Basagni
Research fellow (RTT from October 2024) Medicinal Chemistry - Synthesis of biologically

13:00 – 13:15 Metabolomic patterns in response to abiotic stimuli of *Cladonia* lichens from dry grasslands

active small molecules Lab

Ilaria Chiocchio

Research fellow (RTT from October 2024) -Pharmaceutical Botany Lab

13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch Break* 

13:15 - 14:15 Poster Session II

14:15 – 14:25 The use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in the control of HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Descriptive-observational analysis in an italian polyclinic Davide Cicetti

Resident in Hospital Pharmacy – 'Azienda

Ospedaliero Universitaria di Bologna' – IRCCS

Policlinico Sant'Orsola-Malpighi

14:25 – 14:35 The role of the counselor pharmacist in the management, education and care of the patient in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

Silvia Bartoli, Mariangela Parca

Residents in Hospital Pharmacy – 'Azienda USL della Romagna' – Ospedale M Bufalini, Cesena

14:35 – 14:40 Leveraging N-Acylhydrazone-based dynamic combinatorial chemistry to develop RAD51-BRCA2 protein-protein

Inhibitors as potential synthetic lethal anticancer agents

Greta Bagnolini

Research fellow - Medicinal Chemistry - Chemical Biology Lab

14:40 – 14:50 **Q&A session** 

#### Keynote lecture

14:50 – 15:50 Research publishing and peer-review

Elisa Floriddia

Senior Editor of Nature Neuroscience

#### Session VII - 15:50-17:40 -

#### Cancer biology

#### Chairs: Giorgio Milazzo, Michela Nigro

15:50 – 16:05 New insights in the G-Quadruplexmediated genome instability to promote an innate immune response in cancer cells Giulia Miglietta

RTDA - Cancer Genome Instability Lab

16:05 – 16:20 SPARC release upon respiratory Complex I impairment supports survival and migration of ovarian cancer cells

Manuela Sollazzo

RTDA - Mitochondrial Biochemistry and Biology Lab

16:20 – 16:35 Molecular and functional characterization of the novel master regulator RCOR2 in MYCN-driven tumors

Giorgio Milazzo

RTDB - Functional Genomics and Epigenetics Lab

16:35 – 17:00 Coffee Break, Poster Viewing and Networking

| 17:00 – 17:15 | 3D multicellular osteosarcoma models for drug screening Martina Rossi Research fellow (RTT from October 2024) – Cellular Biochemistry, Molecular Imaging and Biosensors Lab |
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| 17:15 – 17:20 | Impact of osteosarcoma cells differentiation on biomineralization and   |
|               | mitochondrial morphology  |
|               | Francesca Rossi   |
|               | Research fellow - Cellular Biochemistry,  |
|               | Molecular Imaging and Biosensors Lab  |
| 17:20 – 17:25 | The metabolic setting of ovarian cancer   |
|               | cells modifies response to chemotherapy   |
|               | Luigi D'Angelo  |
|               | Research fellow – Mitochondrial Biochemistry  |
|               | and Biology Lab   |
| 17:25 - 17:30 | Generation of complex tumor spheroids   |
|               | for in vitro drug toxicity, towards personalized medicine   |
|               | Emanuela Mensà  |
|               | Research fellow - Molecular pathology of solid  |
|               | tumors  |
| 17:30 – 17:40 | Q&A session   |
| 17:40 – 18:00 | Closing remarks   |

Development of sustainable and innovative Spanish Broom dressings containing Glycyrrhiza glabra L. and Spanish Broom extracts to heal skin wounds

Elisa Corazza (Research fellow – Drug Delivery Research Lab)

#### A02

Continuous antibiotic prophylaxis has long-lasting effects on the gut microbiome structure and functionality in infants with vesicoureteral reflux

**Federica D'Amico** (Research fellow – Microbiome Science and Biotechnology Lab)

#### A03

The metabolic setting of ovarian cancer cells modifies response to chemotherapy

**Luigi D'Angelo** (Research fellow – Mitochondrial Biochemistry and Biology Lab)

#### A04

Characterization of *Limosilactobacillus vaginalis* derivatives as food supplements

Barbara Giordani (Research fellow - Beneficial Microbes Lab)

#### A05

Biosurfactant from vaginal lactobacilli as emerging biotherapeutic agent to counteract Candida infections Federica Monti (Research fellow - Beneficial Microbes Lab)

#### A06

Structural and functional characterization of extracellular vesicles isolated from vaginal lactobacilli

**Aurora Botti** (Research fellow - Beneficial Microbes Lab)

Miniaturize DCHQ5 assay for intracellular magnesium Lorenzo Anconelli (Research fellow - Cellular Biochemistry, Molecular Imaging and Biosensors Lab)

#### A08

Evaluation of the role of the NEGR1 pathway and IgLON family members in a mice model of depression based on stress exposure

**Marco Salluzzo** (Research fellow – Neuropsychopharmacology Lab)

#### A09

Understanding the molecular mechanisms at the basis of AGC1 deficiency pathogenesis

**Eleonora Poeta** (*Research fellow – Cellular Neurobiology Lab*)

#### A10

Meta-analysis of the Cetacea gut microbiome: diversity, coevolution, and interaction with the anthropogenic pathobiome

**Giorgia Palladino** (Research fellow – Microbiome Science and Biotechnology Lab)

#### A11

Impact of osteosarcoma cells differentiation on biomineralization and mitochondrial morphology

**Francesca Rossi** (Research fellow – Cellular Biochemistry, Molecular Imaging and Biosensors Lab)

The impact of cannabidiol on neuropathic pain-induced dynorphinergic and BDNFergic dysregulation within brain circuitry

**Laura Rullo** (Research fellow – Molecular Neuropharmacology Lab)

#### A13

DNA damage and genome instability induced by Topoisomerase I cleavage complexes

**Marco Russo** (Research fellow – Cancer Genome Instability Lab)

#### A14

Cell-cycle phase specific roles of alternative DNA polymerases and R-loops in genome instability by G-quadruplex structures

**Simona Pepe** (*Research fellow – Cancer Genome Instability Lab*)

#### A15

Human DNA topoisomerase I poisoning causes R-loopmediated genome instability attenuated by transcription factor IIS

Renée Concetta Duardo (Research fellow – Cancer Genome Instability Lab)

#### A16

First insights into the epigenetic mechanisms regulating lipid biosynthesis in *Rhodococcus* bacterial strains

**Umberto Genchi** (Research fellow – Molecular Environmental Microbiology Lab)

Generation of complex tumor spheroids for in vitro drug toxicity, towards personalized medicine

**Emanuela Mensà** (Research fellow – Molecular pathology of solid tumors Lab)

#### A18

Leukocyte Integrin ligands as a Promising strategy to tackle inflammatory diseases

**Monica Baiula** (RTDB – Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology Lab)

#### A19

Leveraging N-Acylhydrazone-Based Dynamic Combinatorial Chemistry to Develop RAD51-BRCA2 protein-protein Inhibitors as potential synthetic lethal anticancer agents

**Greta Bagnolini** (Research fellow – Medicinal Chemistry – Chemical Biology Lab)

#### A20

Employing mass spectrometry and volumetric microsampling for comprehensive pharmacokinetic profiling of cannabinoids

**Mohammadreza Mahdavijalal** (Research fellow – Pharmaco-Toxicological Analysis Lab)

#### A21

Depletion of membrane cholesterol modifies structure, dynamic and activation of Nav1.7

**Simone Albani** (Research fellow – Bioinorganic Chemistry Lab)

Production of the neuroblastoma driver protein MYCN with Baculovirus Expression System for protein-protein interaction analyses

**Lorenzo Scrofani** (Research fellow – Functional Genomics and Epigenetics Lab)

#### A23

Antimutagenicity and antioxidant activity of Castanea sativa Mill. bark extract

**Sofia Gasperini** (Research fellow – Predictive toxicology Lab)

#### A24

M13 phage as an anti-CD276 vector platform for precision targeting therapy for neuroblastoma

**Suleman Khan Zadran** (Research fellow – Functional Genomics and Epigenetics Lab)

#### A25

Biochemical and computational approaches to dissect the effect of MT-CYB pathogenic mutations on respiratory chain activity and assembly

**Gaia Tioli** (Research fellow – Mitochondrial Biochemistry and Biology Lab)

#### A26

Silent killers in your everyday products: unveiling the neurotoxic effects of endocrine disrupting molecules

**Agnese Graziosi** (Research fellow – Predictive toxicology Lab)

#### A27

Management of MDR infections with reserve antibiotics according to WHO AWaRE classification coordinated by an antimicrobial stewardship UOC

**Eleonora Porfirio** (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

The Repository of Medical Devices (DM) in the Local Health Authority of Romagna

Chiara Scolamacchia (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A29

A retrospective cohort analysis of HIV adherence to evaluate the barriers and facilitators encountered by HIV-positive patients in an HAART adherence programme and the clinical outcomes

**Davide Cicetti** (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A30

The use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in the control of HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Descriptive-observational analysis in an italian polyclinic

Davide Cicetti (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A31

Cost/effectiveness analysis and assessment of adverse events associated with the administration of the long-acting cabotegravir - rilpivirine association

**Davide Cicetti** (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A32

Obeticholic acid consumption in AUSL Romagna Lorenzo Evangelisti (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A33

Retrospective analysis of chronic therapies in polytreated patients: comparison between three direct delivery points of a polyclinic

Gabriele Petito (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

The role of the counselor pharmacist in the management, education, and care of the patient in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

**Silvia Bartoli** (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A35

The clinical pharmacist in the multi-professional team at a community hospital (OsCo) of the Romagna AUSL: medication review and discharge counseling

Ilaria Pirazzini (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A36

Analytical method and stability study for oral suspension of idebenone in Syrspend

Elirosa Minniti (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A37

Cardiovascular toxicity analysis of BTK inhibitor drugs through a pharmacovigilance database

Daniele Tafuni (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A38

Budesonide oral gel 1mg/4mL: a galenic formulation for eosinophilic esophagitis in children

Fabiana Fiorentini (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

#### A39

Centralised preparation of sterile syringes with customised dose of Luspatercept

Giacomo Foschi (Resident in Hospital Pharmacy)

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Laboratori didattici – Beverara

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