# PhD program in Cellular and Molecular Biology

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# 18° PhD Workshop



5-6 September 2024, Aula Magna, Via della Beverara 123, Navile, Bologna, and Online Via Teams (link) Organizers: V Scarlato, D Roncarati

# Thursday, September 5, 2024

#### Chair: Donini / Flandi

## 9:00 Eva Donini (37-PON, Cappelletti)

Biochar and microorganisms: a synergy for the sustainable treatment of contaminated waters and filters

## 9:20 Elena Chiti (38, Roncarati / Scarlato)

Investigating *Helicobacter pylori*'s transition to the coccoid form: Insights into Chromatin Dynamics and Regulation by HP1043

## 9:40 Clelia Manna (38-PNRR, Roncarati / Vannini)

Characterization of engineered bacterial outer-membrane vesicles (OMVs) and their effect as specific carriers for RNA-based therapy against osteosarcoma

## 10:00 Francesco Flandi (38, Oggioni)

Human spleen macrophages clear the pneumococcus by apoptosis not by phagolysosomes

## 10:20 **Stefania Di Silvestro** (38-PNRR, Cappelletti)

Bacterial functionalization of biochar as a sustainable strategy to deal with metal contamination

## 10:40 - 11:10 break

## **Chair: Ingrisano / Tosato**

## 11:10 **Ettore Lopo** (39, Cappelletti / Sauro)

The biodiversity and biotechnological potential of cave microorganisms and their role in the protection of subterranean ecosystems

# 11:25 Mattia Nicolò Li Volsi (39, Vannini / Roncarati)

Functional and structural study of sRNAs controlled by NikR and Fur in Helicobacter pylori

## 11:40 **Ginevra Marie Eloise Peppi** (39, Zaffagnini / Trost)

Study of a new class of plant enzymes involved in redox homeostasis with still unknown functional plasticity using biological integrated approaches

## 11:55 Edoardo Tosato (37, Sparla / Trost)

CYB561-A and CYB561-B are likely involved in intracellular ascorbate redox homeostasis and ROS-mediated signalling

#### 12:15 Rachele Ingrisano (37-PON, Sparla / Trost)

Phytoremediation as a sustainable treatment of dairy wastewater

## 12:35 **Tancredi Bin** (37-PON, Ghelli / Francia)

Photosynthetic vesicles for studying the interactions of green chemicals with native membranes

#### 12:55 - 14:00 Lunch break

#### Chair: Pappagallo/ Kaltenbrunner

# 14:00 Elisa Dell'Anna (38-PNRR, Bernardoni / Perini)

Ribonucleoside diphosphate reductase small subunit (RnrS) downregulation in Drosophila mitotic and post-mitotic neurons and muscles demonstrates the essential role of the enzyme for locomotor activity and viability

#### 14:20 Alena Kaltenbrunner (38-PNRR, Danielli / Costantini)

Nanobiotechnological engineering of the M13 phage for targeted photodynamic cancer therapy

## 14:40 Lucia Pappagallo (38, Danielli / Castagnola)

Neurophage: molecular engineering of phage nanoparticles for non-invasive neuronal photostimulation

#### 15:00 Claudio Pino (38-PNRR, Musiani / Ghelli)

Precision medicine in cancer: drug repurposing strategies targeting DNA Polymerase  $\epsilon$  for cancer therapy

## 15:20 Alberto Rigamonti (37, Perini / Milazzo)

Investigation of PRDM12 locus in colorectal adenocarcinoma cells

#### 15:40 - 16:10 break

## Chair: Aloisi / Guerra

#### 16:10 **Emanuel Forciniti** (38, Sarma / Perini)

Examining neurodevelopmental roles of ADNP through its interactions with HP1 and CHD4 in the ChAHP complex

#### 16:30 Luca Grillini (37, Gardini / Perini)

Recurring mutations of PP2A impair neurogenesis

#### 16:50 **Sara Aloisi** (37, Perini / Milazzo)

RCoR2 sustains super-enhancer-driven oncogenic transcription in ADR neuroblastoma

#### 17:10 Federico Guerra (38, Capranico / Marinello)

Role of RNA polymerase II backtracking in genome instability in human cancer cells

#### 17:30 **Monica Procacci** (38, Capranico / Miglietta)

G4-mediated genome instability and its role in promoting an innate immune response in cancer cells

#### 17:50 Emma Coschina (38-PNRR, Angelini / Capranico / Ravegnini)

Characterization of 3D bioprinted human endometrial cancer models

# Friday, September 6, 2024

#### Chair: Gherardi / Sandoni

## 9:00 **Iacopo Gherardi** (38, Porcelli / Ghelli)

TMEM65 controls mitochondrial activity through respiratory complex I assembly

## 9:20 Laura Sandoni (37, Maestrini / Bacchelli)

Genomic analysis of autism spectrum disorder and functional characterization of rare variants

## 9:40 Martina Santulli (38-PNRR, Perini / Monti)

Role of the PRR12 factor in Neurodevelopmental Visual Disorders (NDVDs)

#### 10:00 Chiara D'Silva (39, Massenzio / Monti)

Investigating neuroinflammation influence on adult neurogenesis in in vitro models of Alzheimer's disease

## 10:20 Cecilia Franciosi (39, Monti / Alberini)

Angelman syndrome: a study on neuronal cultures derived from patients' iPS cells

#### 10:40 - 11:10 break

#### Chair: Croatti / Libotte

#### 11:10 Vanessa Croatti (37, Vitali / Parolin)

Exopolysaccharides of vaginal Lactobacillus crispatus as mediators of cellular interactions

#### 11:30 **Tommaso Rossi** (37-PON, Danielli / Trevisi)

Natural and modified bacteriophages and protein-based nanoscaffold in the sustainable control of porcine post-weaning diarrhea

#### 11:50 Mattia Longanesi (38-PNRR, Cavaliere)

*Drosophila melanogaster* as a model to identify new bioinsecticides molecules for pest insect control

## 12:10 Manon Elise C. Libotte (38, Zuccheri / Monti)

Self-assembled DNA nanostructure applied on immunomodulation of microglia in neuroinflammation

#### 12:30 Noemi Carosella (39, Zambelli / Ciurli)

Phosphorylation and lipid binding of the intrinsically disordered region of NDRG1, a possible target for lung cancer therapy

# 12:45 **Tânia Raquel Cunha Alves** (39, Monti / Musilek)

Unraveling the connection between circadian rhythms and neural stem cells in Alzheimer's disease

#### 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

#### Chair: Bergonzoni / Cimadom

#### 14:00 Matteo Bergonzoni (39, Lieberman / Perini)

Investigating the role of PAX5 in Epstein-Barr virus latency and disease progression

#### 14:15 Martina Tomirotti (39, Kulp / Perini)

Precision epitope engineering for influenza B Hemagglutinin: leveraging ai and structure-guided approaches

#### 14:30 Mario Marino (39, Lieberman / Perini)

Utilizing Oxford nanopore technologies for comprehensive analysis of TERRA and the cellular transcriptome

## 14:45 Giulia Pantella (39, Murphy / Perini)

PADI4 citrullinates p53 and affects its transcriptional activity

#### 15:00 **Lorenzo Serra** (39, Tian / Perini)

CHERP modulates cells resistance to splicing and elongation inhibitors through regulation of intronic polyadenylation

#### 15:15 **Zainul Abe Din** (39, Escolano / Perini)

Tailored DNA / RNA Suits for Immunogens

## 15:30 **Leonardo Cimadom** (39, Perini / Chemello)

Investigation of synthetic polyamines effects on Neuroblastoma cells

#### 15:45 - 16:15 break

#### Chair: Kirkel / Morelli

#### 16:15 **Fabrizio Bertolazzi** (38, Schug / Perini)

Identifying acetate transporters through a CRISPR dropout screen

## 16:35 Kelvin Maduabuchi Okpokpo (38, Sarma / Perini)

Analysis of the connection of ATRX with ADNP and CTCF

## 16:55 Federica Severi (38, Claiborne / Perini)

Multivalent CAR T cell therapy shows superior potency in controlling HIV escape and replication in BLT humanized mice

#### 17:15 **Sara Morelli** (37, Capranico / Russo)

Analysis of mutational signatures of Topoisomerase I poisons in colorectal cancer

## 17:35 Ilan Kirkel (37, Gardini / Perini)

Investigating the role of INTS3 in transcriptional regulation

## 17:50 Closing Remarks