

PhD Program in Clinical and Translational Sciences

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PhD Week 2024

Navigating the Future in Healthcare Science



May 15 – 17, 2024

Centro Congressi "Le Benedettine"

Piazza S. Paolo a Ripa D'Arno, 16, 56125 Pisa



May 15, 2024

08.30 - 09.15 Welcome and opening remarks

Riccardo Zucchi, Rector of the University of Pisa

Emanuele Neri, President of the School of Medicine

Grazia Chiellini, Director of Surgical, Medical and Molecular Pathology and Critical Care Medicine

Aldo Paolicchi, Director of Translational Research

Stefano Taddei, Director of Clinical and Experimental Medicine

09.15 - 10.30 National and International PhD courses

Chair: Massimo Chiarugi and Mauro Pistello, Coordinators PhD Courses

Bernardo Tellini, Pro-Rector of Research Doctorate, University of Pisa

Outlook on Italian PhD courses

Giorgio Gilestro, Imperial College London, UK

A look at PhD courses abroad

Round Table

10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 13.00 Endocrinology, Metabolism, Cardiovascular and Respiratory Medicine

Chair: Piero Marchetti and Raffaele De Caterina, University of Pisa

Massimo Tonacchera, University of Pisa

Endocrine disruptors and thyroid dysfunctions

Manuela Battaglia, University of Milan

Type 1 diabetes - Is it time for revolution?

Domenico Prisco, *University of Florence*

Cardiovascular antithrombotic therapy in atrial fibrillation and venous thromboembolism - Factor XI Inhibitors

Round Table



13.00 - 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 - 16.00 Guided Poster Session

16.00 – 18.00 Bio-Psychology and Neurosciences Chair: Angelo Gemignani and Roberto Ceravolo, University Pisa

Giovanni Bellomo, University of Perugia

Trajectories of CSF and plasma biomarkers across Alzheimer's disease continuum: disease staging by NF-L, p-tau181, and GFAP

Chiara Milano, University of Pisa

Inflammatory cytokines in mesial temporal lobe epilepsy: A possible role in drug resistance

Giovanni Palermo, University of Pisa

Imaging of neuroanatomical signature of gait dysfunction in Parkinson Disease Jacopo Agrimi, *University of Padua*

Intimate partner violence: understanding the pathophysiology of the wound



May 16, 2024

08.30 - 10.30 From drugs discovery to the registration processChair: Lorenzo Ghiadoni and Alessandro Antonelli, University of Pisa

Alice Ravizza, InsideAl srl

From early development to registration of medical devices

Concettina La Motta, University of Pisa

The drug discovery process from hit to lead compounds: a case study of new anticancer agents

Ilaria Conti, Vice President, Global Head of Early Clinical Development, ADC Therapeutics
From early development to drug registration

Francesco Trotta, HTA and Drug Economy, Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco
Drug evaluation criteria according to AIFA

Alberto Bresci, Marketing Director di Abiogen Pharma SPA

The paradigm of research in the pharmaceutical industry

10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 - 13.00 Precision Medicine in Oncology

Chair: Gianluca Masi and Chiara Cremolini, University of Pisa

Andrea Botticelli, University La Sapienza Rome

Agnostic drugs' development: all roads lead to ROME

Francesco Passiglia, University of Turin

Comprehensive Genomic Profiling in clinical practice: where do Molecular Tumor Boards stand?

Umberto Malapelle, University of Naples

In blood veritas: perspectives on the present and the future of liquid biopsy

Federica Marmorino, University of Pisa

Immunotherapy in good and evil: the example of colorectal cancer



13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 16.00 Guided Poster Session

16.00 - 18.00 Immunology, Microbiology and Public ScienceChair: Caterina Rizzo and Marta Mosca, University of Pisa

Rita Carsetti, Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù, Roma

The role of memory B cells in immunity after vaccination

Tiziana Musso, Università di Torino

Enhanced antimicrobial and antibiofilm effect of new colistin-loaded human albumin nanoparticles

Emanuele Montomoli, University of Siena

Recent updates on correlates of vaccine-induced protection

Marco Verani, University of Pisa

Critical needs for integrated surveillance: wastewater-based and clinical epidemiology in evolving scenarios



May 17, 2024

08.30 - 10.30 Recent breakthroughs in biomedical research
Chair: Emanuele Neri and Alessandro Celi, University of Pisa

Michele Maio, University of Siena

Cancer immunotherapy: successes, pitfalls and future perspectives

Michele Lai, University of Pisa

Fighting pandemics with a CRISPR-switchable gene-editing tool

Andrea Giovagnoni, Polytechnic University of Marche **PET/RM**

Rino Rappuoli, Fondazione Biotecnopolo di Siena Reverse genetics in vaccinology

10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 13.00 Surgery, Anestesiology, Imaging, Simulation and Planning Chair: Massimo Chiarugi and Marco Lucchi, University of Pisa

Francesco Forfori, Università di Pisa
Future trends in anesthesia & critical care

Franca Melfi, Università di Pisa

Being digital in thoracic surgery

Andrea Colli, Università di Pisa

Cardiac surgery innovations: basic science, engineering and clinical perspectives.

Andrea Pietrabissa, Università di Pavia Sustainable surgery

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch



14.00 - 16.00 Guided Poster Session

16.00 - 17.30 Navigating the Future of Italian and European Research Chair: **Ugo Faraguna and Vittoria Raffa**, University of Pisa

Vittoria Raffa, Delegate for Research Promotion in Life Science, Pisa
Unipi promotes scientific proposal development and writing

Simona Costa, University Pisa

The guidelines of the Work Program 2025, Cluster I – Health

Viviana Marchi, IRCCS Stella Maris

Ricerca Finalizzata: an opportunity of funding research in Italy

Valentina Dini, University Pisa

Investigator initiated trials grant: an explorative journey

17.30 - 18.00 PhD Awards and Closing Ceremony

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