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Research on the path to sustainability

April 19

9.00 -10.00 WELCOME & REGISTRATION

10.00-10.10 Institutional Greetings & Conference Opening

SESSION 1: PROTEINS and NUCLEIC ACIDS

Chairs: L.Stella, P. Calligari

10.10-10.50 Invited Talk: G. Bussi

Dissecting RNA dynamics combining molecular simulations and solution experiments

10.50-11.00 **F. Costa** Noncanonical electromechanical coupling paths in the cardiac hERG channel

11.00-11.10 C. Guardiani CRACking the allosteric gating of CRAC channel: a MD study

11.10-11.20 A. Del Giudice Regulation of the photosynthetic AB-GAPDH via self-assembly

11.20-11.30 E. Bassotti Post-lyophilized apoferritin and insulin: structure and dynamics characterization

11.30-12.00 COFFEE BREAK

Chairs: V.Minicozzi, L. Maiolo

12.00-12.10 **F. Stellato** Chasing the Elusive "In-Between" State of the Copper-Amyloidβ Complex by X-ray Absorption through Partial Thermal Relaxation after Photoreduction

12.10-12.20 S.Botticelli OPTIMIZING [FEFE]-HYDROGENASE

12.20-12.30 A. Olivieri Structural insights into selective binding mechanism of the Ochratoxin A Aptamer

12.30-12.40 R. Piacentini Astrocyte-mediated synaptotoxic action of tau oligomers relys on Amyloid Precursor Protein Intracellular Domain-dependent expression of Glypican-4

12.40-12.50 A. Capocefalo Interaction of amyloid fibrils with plasmonic nanoparticles: a nanoscale investigation towards the development of novel therapeutic strategies

12.50-13.00 B. Rizzuti Computational drug design against an intrinsically disordered oncoprotein

13.00-14.00 LUNCH

SESSION 2: MICROFLUIDICS AND NANOSCIENCE

Chairs: A. Gerardino, L. Businaro

14.00-14.40 Invited Talk: E.Di Fabrizio

Nanotechnologies for biology and medicine

14.40-14.50 **A. Giacomello** Hydrophobically gated nanofluidic memristors inspired by ion channels

14.50-15.00 **S. Franco** Study of the phase behaviour of dual responsive IPN microgels by combination of rheology and calorimetry

15.00-15.10 **G. Perini** Enhancement of Antitumor Efficacy via Photothermal Therapy using Carboxylated Graphene Quantum Dots: A Study on 3D Bioprinted Glioblastoma Models with Improved Drug-Membrane Permeability, Reactive Oxygen Species Production, and Immune System Recruitment

15.10-15.20 R. Reale A microfluidic scanning flow cytometer for accurate particle sizing

15.20-15.30 Y. Derevyanchuk Biocompatibility and Connectivity of Semiconductor

Nanostructures for Cardiac Tissue Engineering Applications

SESSION 3: BIOSENSING, DIAGNOSTIC AND ANALYTICAL APPLICATIONS

Chairs: A. Convertino, G. Longo

16.00-16.40 *Invited Talk:* I. Barman

Probing cellular biophysics with label-free high-speed quantitative phase imaging

16.40-16.50 M.C. Castrovilli

Ambient Electrospray Deposition: an Efficient Technique to Immobilize Laccase on cheap electrodes with unprecedented Reuse and Storage Performances

16.50-17.00 M. Chinappi Tuning shape and surface charge of biological pores for controlling electroosmotic flow in nanopore based sensing devices

17.00-17.10 R. Pizzoferrato A new Optical Methods for Quantitative Detection of Microplastics in Water Based on Fluorescence Analysis

17.10-17.20 **M. Nicoletti** Exploring neuronal dynamics through biophysical models: an application to the C. elegans case.

17.20-17.30 B. Simonis Development of Resveratrol-loaded liposomes for brain delivery

17.30-17.40 **G. Prevete** Olive leaves extract loaded liposomes: physicochemical characterization and in vitro antimicrobial activity

17.40-17.50 M. Clemente Lipoplex-based systems for oligonucleotides delivery across blood-brain barrier

17.50-18.00 **P. Hanieh** *Microsponges: an innovative drug delivery platform for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis*

April 20

9.30 -10.00 WELCOME & REGISTRATION (Foyer)

SESSION 4: CELLULAR AND TISSUE BIOPHYSICS

Chairs: V. Mussi, M. Girasole

10.00 -10.10 **A. Caporale** Brain parenchyma free water fraction is associated with tissue damage and impaired processing speed in multiple sclerosis

10.10 -10.20 M. Di Gioacchino Probing oxidative stress in cytological thyroid samples by Raman spectroscopy

10.20 -10.30 M. Fratini A multiscale approach based on the combination of DTI, XRD and histology to study the myeloarchitecture in a rat model of mTBI

10.30 -11.10 *Invited Talk:* G. Ruocco

Brillouin microscopy: a new tool for mechanobiology

11.10 -11.20 **I. Delfino** Modifications of mechanical and biochemical properties of neuroblastoma nuclei upon exposure to X-rays: a study by AFM and micro – FTIR spectroscopy

11.20 -11.30 M. Ciocca A Polymer Bio-Photoelectrolytic Platform for Electrical Signal Measurement and for Light Modulation of Ion Fluxes and Proliferation in a Neuroblastoma Cell Line

11.30-12.00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 5: DEEP LEARNING, DIGITAL TWINS, DATA ANALYSIS AND MODELLING

Chairs: F.R. Bertani, A. De Ninno

12.00 -12.10 **G. Bretti** A mathematical-based forecasting algorithm for immune cell migration in cancer-on-chip experiment

12.10 -12.20 A. Abeltino Personalized Metabolic Avatar: a digital replica of the human metabolism empowered by deep learning models

12.20 -12.30 **G. Bianchetti** Bridging in-vitro models and clinical applications through machine learning-based metabolic imaging: a focus on red blood cells functional alterations in diabetes-related complications

12.30 -12.40 **A.** Riente Development of a data-driven personalized model for human glucose homeostasis through a digital web-based application powered by wearable sensors

12.40 -12.50 C. Serantoni A data-driven model to assess the influence of diet and metabolism on the cardiovascular response at a personalized level

12.50 -13.00 G. Zimatore On detection of transitions in nonlinear signals: a multidisciplinary challenge.

SESSION 6: MEMBRANES

13.00 -13.10 C.M. Casciola The local variation of the Gaussian modulus enables different pathways for fluid lipid vesicle fusion

13.10 -13.20 Y. Gerelli Probing the Separation Distance between Viruses and Cell Membrane Mimics with Sub-Nanometer Accuracy

13.20 -13.30 **F. Toma** Preparation and characterization of liposomes for the delivery of an antarctic fish-derived antimicrobial peptide (AMP)

13.30 -13.35 R. Di Santo Spectral profiling of circulating extracellular vesicles for cancer liquid biopsy through FTIR spectroscopy (FLASH)

13.35-14.35 LUNCH

SESSION 7: ANTIMICROBIAL APPROACHES, SARS-CoV2

Chairs: M. Ledda, A. Notargiacomo

14.35 -14.40 E. Franci Kinetics of interaction between an antimicrobial peptide and bacterial cells (FLASH)

14.40 -14.50 **C.Troiano** Rapid assessment of susceptibility of bacteria and erythrocytes to antimicrobial peptides by single-cell impedance cytometry

14.50 -15.00 A. Romeo e C. Arcangeli Insights into the possible interaction between fine particulate matter and SARS-CoV-2: molecular and in silico approaches

15.00 -15.10 A. D'Arco Towards a spectroscopic sensoristic platform for airborne pathogens: infrared characterization of spike glycoproteins from MERS-CoV and its variants

15.10 -15.20 **D. Di Marino** Tailoring protein structures towards ultrasensitive detection of SARS-CoV-2 and Extracellular Vesicles using graphene FET biosensors

SESSION 8: REGIONAL PROJECTS

15.20 -15.30 N. Fiaschini Design, production and characterization of oily extracts-loaded electrospun membranes for wound healing application

15.30 -15.40 V. Nigro Fluorescent Nuclear Track Detectors for Radiobiology: the BIOTRACK project

15.40 -15.50 J.Chiarinelli The BioDivErSI project

15.50 -15.55 A. Sciortino Exploiting the DIAgnostic potential of disorder: novel Nanostructured platform for rapid, label-free and low-cost analysis of genomic DNA (FLASH)

15.55 -16.00 **C.** Ricci Portable optical spectroscopy in combination with machine learning techniques for quantification of wheat protein content (FLASH)

16.00 -16.05 **G. Imparato** Development of spectroscopic non-destructive method for food adulteration: preliminary fluorescence test of saffron and its adulterants. (FLASH)

16.05 -16.30 COFFEE BREAK

16.30 -17.30 Dialogue: INDISTINTI CONFINI

Thoughts and considerations from the "Esattezza" chapter in the "Lezioni Americane" by Italo Calvino with Laura Di Nicola e Alberto Diaspro

17.30 - 18.00 Closing Remarks, Best Poster and Image Contest Award Ceremony