

1st PhD Day

February 5th,
2026

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Conference Program

8:30 - 9:00 | Registration

**9:00 - 9:15 | Welcome and Opening
Remarks**

Antonio Torroni (DBB Director) · **Davide Sassera** (PhD Program Director) · **Alessandro Achilli** (Advisor to Scuola di Alta Formazione Dottorale)

9:15 - 10:00 | Keynote Lecture
Massimo Delledonne (University of Verona) | Sequencing (r)evolution
Chair: **Nicola Bosco** (XXXIX Cycle)

10:00 - 11:30 | Talks | XXXIX Cycle
Chairs: **Emma Lugli** (XL Cycle) · **Nicolò Gennari** (XL Cycle)

10:00 - 10:15
Francesco Ascione | ITF3912-5: a novel SSTR2-directed cytotoxic somatostatin analogue with potent anti-tumor activity in NETs

10:15 - 10:30
Virginia Batignani | Engineering *Klebsiella pneumoniae*'s outer membrane proteins as novel antigen for therapeutic purposes

10:30 - 10:45
Francesca Giammello | Contribution of Na⁺/Ca²⁺ exchanger (NCX1) to migration and vasculogenic mimicry in a primary human glioblastoma cell line

10:45 - 11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:15
Nadia Tagliaferri | From repeat expansion to DNA repair defect: unraveling the molecular basis of CANVAS

11:15 - 11:30
Gaia Veniali | Tumor-stroma crosstalk: insights from NER deficient disorders

**11:30 - 11:45 | Nuova Genetica Italiana
Talk**
Giorgio Chiodaroli | A decade of genomics: experiences and outlooks of Nuova Genetica Italiana
Chair: **Rossella Tricarico** (Head of Organizing Committee)

**11:45 - 13:00 | Poster Session | XXXIX
Cycle**

13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break

14:00 - 14:30 | Pitch | XLI Cycle
Chair: **Anna Tommasi** (XL Cycle)

14:30 - 15:45 | Talks | XL Cycle
Chairs: **Francesca Brevi** (XXXIX Cycle) · **Carlo Croci** (XXXIX Cycle)

14:30 - 14:45
Lorenzo Atzeni | Search of mechanisms of RNA:DNA hybrids driven DNA damage

14:45 - 15:00

Elisa Cataudella | A transiently amplifying and self-limiting Nova2-ADAR2 circuit in endothelial cells

15:00 - 15:15
Giada Maria Giunta | The role of extracellular DNA traps in autoimmune inflammation of the central nervous system

15:15 - 15:30
Aromita Mallik | Novel compounds targeting mitochondrial DNA offer strategies for glioblastoma therapy

15:30 - 15:45
Michela Vumbaca | Sweep-metagenomic analysis of *Candida* spp. illuminates species and strain diversity within and between patients in a large hospital cohort

15:45 - 16:00 | Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:15 | Poster Session | XL Cycle

17:15 - 17:45 | Awards Ceremony
Best Talks and Best Posters Awards
Rossella Tricarico (Head of Organizing Committee) · **Davide Sassera** (PhD Program Director)

**17:45 - 19:30 | Closing Party - Main Hall,
Golgi Spallanzani (Botta 2) Building**

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