

**European Network on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome**

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Training School

**“OMICS TECHNOLOGIES AND BIOINFORMATICS APPLICATIONS  
IN ME/CFS RESEARCH”**

**17 – 22 JULY 2017,**

Residenza Universitaria Biomedica Collegio S.Caterina, Via L. Giulotto, 12, Pavia, Italia

Program

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| <b>Monday, 17 July 2017</b>                 |  |
| <b>Introduction to the training school:</b> |  |
| 10.30                                       | Welcome<br><b>R. Ardino</b> , President of the “Associazione Malati di CFS/AMCFS-Onlus”  |
| 11.00                                       | Participants’ presentations  |
| 12.00                                       | <b>Dr. Lorenzo Lorusso</b> ,<br>Pitfalls in diagnostic procedure for CFS Lack of specific biomarkers and the consequences in diagnostics: the case of ME/CFS |
| 12.00                                       | Discussion   |
| 13.00                                       | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 14.30                                       | <b>Prof. Enrica Capelli/Dr. Lorenzo Lorusso</b><br>Which biomarkers for CFS?<br>I. microRNA<br>II. microbial dysbiois  |
| 16.00-17.00                                 | Discussion   |



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| <b>Tuesday, 18 July 2017</b>     |  |
| <b>Gene expression and miRNA</b> |  |
| 9.00                             | <b>Prof. Enrica Capelli</b><br>Micro RNA sequencing and quantitation: which samples, which technological approaches?   |
| 11.00                            | Laboratory practical activities: RNA extraction (sample, methods, yields, quality check, sequencing flow chart)  |
| 13.00                            | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 14.30-17.30                      | <b>Prof. Simone Marini</b><br>Bioinformatics of miRNA sequence data<br>I. miRNA annotation<br>II. Identification of new miRNA<br>III. Statistical evaluation |
| <b>Wednesday, 19 July 2017</b>   |  |
| <b>Analysis of miRNAs</b>        |  |
| 9.00                             | miRNA Laboratory practice activities: miRNA expression tests (type of tests, technologies...)  |
| 11.00                            | Discussion   |
| 13.00                            | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 14.30                            | Laboratory practice activities: miRNA in biological fluids   |
| 16.00                            | Discussion   |
| <b>Thursday, 20 July 2017</b>    |  |
| <b>Analysis of miRNAs</b>        |  |
| 9.00                             | <b>Prof. Enrica Capelli/Dr. Valeria D'Argenio</b><br>miRNA libraries and sequencing procedures   |
| 11.00                            | <b>Prof. Enrica Capelli</b><br>DNA extraction (type of sample, technologies, strategies, metagenomics approaches)  |
| 13.00                            | <i>Lunch</i>   |



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| 14.30-17.30                   | Microbiota and CFS<br>Laboratory practice activities: metagenomics approaches to characterize microbial communities<br>I.16s amplicon<br>II.ITS 1 amplicon                               |
| <b>Friday, 21 July 2017</b>   |  |
| 9.00                          | <b>Dr. Simona Panelli</b><br>I. microbial identification by culture independent methods<br>II. disbiosis of bacteriome and pathological consequences                                     |
| 11.00                         | <b>Prof. Laura Baldo</b><br>Bioinformatics after amplicon sequencing   |
| 12.00                         | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 14.30                         | <b>Dr. Simona Panelli</b><br>Mycoma characterization (principles and strategies)   |
| 16.00                         | <b>Prof. Laura Baldo</b><br>Statistical analysis of metagenomica data  |
| <b>Saturday, 22 July 2017</b> |  |
| 9.00                          | <b>Prof. Enrica Capelli/ Dr. Lorenzo Lorusso</b><br>Biomarkers for ME/CFS: designing researches for biomarkers discovery using micro-RNA and/or microbial composition (each participant) |
| 11.00                         | Evaluations and Discussion   |
| 12.00                         | Lunch  |
| 14.30                         | <b>Prof. Enrica Capelli/ Dr. Lorenzo Lorusso</b><br>Conclusive remarks.  |

