

# BBCC2020

Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Conference

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Università di Napoli Federico II  
Portici, Naples, Italy

Virtual Conference  
Program  
*(Central Europe Time)*



## Monday 16

14:00-14:30 Connection to the Virtual Conference Room and Registration

14:30 **Conference Opening**

Maria Luisa Chiusano and Angelo Facchiano – Chairs of BBCC2020

14:45-15:30 Keynote Lecture

**Nikolay V. Dokholyan** - Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA, USA

*Molecular Design for Research and Therapeutics*

### Session – Bioinformatics for molecular diseases

Chair: Maria Luisa Chiusano, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy

15:30-15:50 **Maria Monticelli**, Andrea Riccio, Mehdi Totonchi, David B Ascher and Maria Vittoria Cubellis

*Analysis of whole-exome sequencing and protein modelling: the lesson from cyclin B*

15:50-16:10 **Aditi Deokar**

*Stratification of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Patients with Gene Expression Data Reveals Expression of Distinct Immune Pathways*

16:10-16:30 **Antonio Facchiano**, Francesco Facchiano, Angelo Facchiano

*Molecular basis of cancer co-morbidities in COVID-19 patients*

16:30-16:50 **Sohayb Bekkal Brikci**, Imane Abdelli and Faïçal Hassani

*Inhibition of angiotensin converting enzyme 2 SARS-CoV-2's receptor by natural compounds: in silico structure-activity relationship study*

16:50-17:10 Simone Ciccolella, Luca Denti, Paola Bonizzoni, Gianluca Della Vedova, **Yuri Pirola** and Marco Previtali

*MALVIRUS: an integrated web application for viral variant calling*

17:10-17:30 **Flavia Villani**, Francesco Porto, Andrea Guarracino, Robert W. Williams, Pjotr Prins, Gianluca Della Vedova, Erik Garrison and Vincenza Colonna

*Population genomics analyses on pangenome graphs*

17.30-17.40 **Short presentations / posters**

**Carmen Biancaniello**, Antonia D'Argenio, Serena Dotolo, Deborah Giordano, Bernardina Scafuri, Antonio d'Acerno, Anna Marabotti, Roberto Tagliaferri and Angelo Facchiano

*Investigating structural and functional properties of menin protein*

**Francesco Monticolo**, Emanuela Palomba and Maria Luisa Chiusano

*Identification of novel potential genes involved in programmed cell death by integrated and comparative analyses*

17.40-18:00 **Discussion and session closure**

## Tuesday 17

9:00-9:20 Connection to the Virtual Conference Room

### Invited Session: ELIXIR-IT for COVID-19

Chair: Federico Zambelli – University of Milan, Italy – ELIXIR-IT

9:20-9:30 **Federico Zambelli** - University of Milan, Italy, and ELIXIR-IT

*Introduction to ELIXIR infrastructure in Italy*

9:30-9:50 **Matteo Chiara** - University of Milan, Italy, and ELIXIR-IT

*Open data (and bioinformatics) in the COVID-19 pandemic*

9:50-10:10 **Marco Tangaro** – IBIOM-CNR, Bari, Italy and ELIXIR-IT

*Galaxy based services for Covid-19 research*

10:10-10:30 **Allegra Via** – IBPM-CNR, Roma, Italy, and ELIXIR-IT

*Remote teaching and online learning: challenges and opportunities*

10:30-10:40 Break

### Session: Infrastructures and Services

Chair: Nunzio D'Agostino, University of Naples, Italy

10:40-10:50 **Rosa Siciliano** – ISA-CNR, Avellino, Italy

*METROFOOD: an European Research Infrastructure for promoting metrology in Food and Nutrition*

10:50-11:10 **Katharina Lauer** – ELIXIR-EU Industry Officer

*ELIXIR- promoting public-private partnerships to advance science*

### Session: Applications of computational methods

Chair: Nunzio D'Agostino, University of Naples, Italy

11:10-11:30 Anna Marabotti, Eugenio Del Prete, **Bernardina Scafuri** and Angelo Facchiano

*Assessing the performances of protein stability predictors*

11:30-11:50 **Chitaranjan Mahapatra**

*Computational Study of Action Potential Generation in Uterine Smooth Muscle cell*

11:50-12:10 **Varsha Poondi Krishnan**, Monika Krzak, Shir Toubiana, Sara Selig, Claudia Angelini and Maria Rosaria Matarazzo

*Studying the early molecular defects of ICF syndrome in patient-derived and CRISPR-corrected iPSCs using an integrated multi-omic approach*

12:10-12:20 **Short presentations / posters**

**Giorgio Maria Vingiani**, Pasquale De Luca, Daniele De Luca and Chiara Lauritano

*Microalgal RNA-seq analyses to identify enzymes involved in the synthesis of bioactive compounds*

**Jamal Elhasnaoui**, Giulio Ferrero and Michele De Bortoli

*A comprehensive evaluation of differential alternative splicing tools for RNA-seq data*

12:20-12:30 **Discussion and session closure**

14:10-14:30 Connection to the Virtual Conference Room

### **Session: Plant Sciences**

Chair: Maria Luisa Chiusano, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy  
and Alessandro Cestaro, Edmund Mach Foundation, Italy

#### **Invited lectures**

- 14:30-15:15 **Alessandro Cestaro** - Edmund Mach Foundation, Italy  
*Introduction to Elixir Plant User Community. Apple as model ... lessons learnt*
- 15:15-16:00 **Cyril Pommier** - French National Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment – URGI, INRA, Université Paris-Saclay, Versailles, France  
*Plant data management, Elixir services and recommendations for FAIR data publication and findability*
- 16:00-16:45 **Astrid Junker** - Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK) Gatersleben, Germany  
*FAIR Phenomics Data Management*
- 16:45-17:30 **Kristina Gruden** - Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology, National Institute of Biology, Slovenia  
*Tools for visualisation of heterogeneous datasets in plant sciences*
- 17:30-17:50 **Francesco Loreto** – Department of Biology, Agriculture and Food Sciences, The National Research Council of Italy  
*EMPHASIS: The European infrastructural programme on plant phenotyping*

#### **Oral contributions proposed by participants**

- 17:50-18:10 **Georgia Tooulakou**, Paraskevi Manolaki, Caroline Urup Byberg, Franziska Eller, Brian Keith Sorrell, Tenna Riis and Maria Klapa  
*Integrated eco-physiological and metabolomic analyses of the amphibious plant *Butomus umbellatus* under light limitation and nutrient varying conditions*
- 18:10-18:20 **Short presentations / posters**  
**Pierre Larmande**  
*The AgroLD project: A Knowledge Graph Database for plant functional genomics*  
**Emanuela Palomba**, Francesco Monticolo, Stefano Mazzoleni and Maria Luisa Chiusano  
*Integrated bioinformatics to investigate novel biological processes in model species*
- 18:20-18:40 **Alessandro Cestaro and Maria Luisa Chiusano – Session chairs**  
*Discussion and session concluding remarks*

## Wednesday 18

9:00-9:20 Connection to the Virtual Conference Room

### Session: Methods for biological data analysis

Chair: Claudia Angelini, National Research Council, Naples, Italy

9:20-9:40 **Marco Anteghini**, Edoardo Saccenti and Vitor A.P. Martins Dos Santos

*Exploiting deep learning embeddings for sub-peroxisomal localisation*

9:40-10:00 **Achal Dhariwal**, Roger Junges, Tsute Chen, and Fernanda Petersen

*ResistoXplorer: a web-based tool for visual, statistical and exploratory data analysis of resistome data*

10:00-10:20 **Pietro Hiram Guzzi**, Giuseppe Tradigo and Pierangelo Veltri

*A novel algorithm for extracting common modular communities from Dual Networks.*

10:20-10:40 **Giacomo Baruzzo**, Ilaria Patuzzi and Barbara Di Camillo

*Zero-imputation in 16S rRNA gene studies: do we need it?*

10:40-11:00 **Massimo Bellato**, Lorenzo Pasotti, Giuseppe Serio, Michela Casanova, Barbara Di Camillo and Paolo Magni

*Novel multi- input logic gates for Synthetic Biology: analysis of the interaction between transcription factors and CRISPR interference*

11:00-11:10 **Short presentations/Posters**

Claudia Angelini, Daniela De Canditiis and **Anna Plaksienko**

*jewel: a novel method for data integration with applications to omics data analysis*

**Giulia Babbi**, Pier Luigi Martelli and Rita Casadio

*Identifying biological functions underlying phenotypes using PhenPath*

Invited lecture

11:10-12:00 **Ivo Grosse** - Institute of Computer Science, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, and German Center of Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig, Germany

*Hourglass Patterns of Embryonic and Postembryonic Development in Animals and Plants and the Emergence of Biodiversity on our Planet*

12:00 **Maria Luisa Chiusano and Angelo Facchiano – Chairs of BBCC2020**

*Meeting announcements and closing remarks*

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