

Biophysics@Rome 2014

May 22nd

9.15 -10.00 Registration & BREAKFAST

10.00-10.30 Institutional Greetings and Conference Opening

SESSION 1 NETWORKS&MODELING Chair: J. Rau, L. Businaro

10.30-10.45 A. Barra, *Finitely Connected Lymphocyte Networks in the Immune System*

10.45-11.00 L.B. Caruso, *Topological Networks in the study of protein structure-function relationships*

11.00-11.15 G. Dattoli, *Scaling laws, tumor evolution, capillary networks and metastasis diffusion*

11.15-11.30 L. Guidoni, *The molecular biophysics of photosynthesis explored by first principles*

11.30-11.45 D. Simone, *Modeling neuronal structure-function relationships: a computational approach*

12.00-14.00 Lunch & Poster Session

SESSION 2 PROTEINS Chair: V. Mussi, L. Stella

14.00-14.45 **Invited Talk: B. Bechinger**

Biophysical investigations of designed histidine-rich peptides with potent biological activities

14.45-15.00 D. Di Marino, *All-atom MD Simulation of Protein Translocation through α -hemolysin Nanopore: Implications for Protein Sequence/Structural Analyses*

15.00-15.15 F. Cecconi, *Coarse-grained modeling of protein unspecifically bound to DNA*

15.15-15.30 M. Chinappi, *Protein translocation through nanopores: multistep translocation pathways from Molecular Dynamics simulations*

15.30-16.15 Coffee Break & Poster Session

SESSION 3 SENSORS&MATERIALS Chair: F. Di Pietrantonio, L. Maiolo

16.15-17.00 **Invited Talk: S. D'Auria**,

Understanding Protein Structure Opens New Diagnostic Avenues

17.00-17.15 F. Marracino, *Characterization of GafChromic EBT3 films with ^{60}Co and low energy protons for radiobiology dosimetry*

17.15-17.30 J.E. Villarreal-Barajas, *Luminescence response of pure LiF crystals irradiated with ^{60}Co gamma rays and MV x rays clinical beams*

17.30-17.45 A. Moletti, *Cochlear scale-invariance and time-frequency analysis of optoacoustic emissions*

17.45-18.00 A. Rinaldi, *Statistical methods for the design of bioscaffolds for tissue engineering*

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SESSION 4: MICROSCOPY&SPECTROSCOPY I Chair: F. Bertani, M. Girasole

9.30-10.15 Invited Talk: P. Gilbert

Phase Transitions in CaCO₃ biominerals mapped with 20-nm resolution

10.15-10.30 M. D'Acunto, *Cell Motility, Contact Guidance and Mechanotaxis*

10.30-10.45 F. Bonfigli, *Soft X-ray contact microscopy of dry biological samples and in vivo plant cells on high spatial resolution lithium fluoride fluorescent imaging detectors*

10.45-11.00 Coffee Break

SESSION 5: MICROSCOPY&SPECTROSCOPY II Chair: A. Notargiacomo, A. Cedola

11.00-11.15 L. Stella, *Behaviour of antimicrobial peptides in phospholipid membranes: insights from combined spectroscopic and simulative studies*

11.15-11.30 S. Dinarelli, *Morphological and nanomechanical properties of RBC: chemical and physiological pathways*

11.30-11.45 A. De Ninno, *Microfluidics co-culture environments to explore complex cancer and immune cells related dynamics*

11.45-12.00 P. Varju, *Real-time 3D fast two-photon imaging microscopy: from the technological point to the in vivo biological applications*

12.15-14.00 Lunch & Poster Session

SESSION 6 BIOCHEMISTRY&AGGREGATION KINETICS I Chair: L. Suber, A. Gerardino

14.00-14.45 Invited Talk: A. Cattaneo

Neurotrophin deficits as an upstream mechanism for Alzheimer's neurodegeneration: therapeutic opportunities

14.45-15.00 E. Agliari, *Cybernetical approaches in biochemical kinetics*

15.00-15.15 D. Narzi, *Pathway for Mn cluster oxidation by Tyrosine-Z in the S2 state of PhotosystemII*

15.15-15.30 A. De Ninno, *Effect of weak magnetic fields on acid-base equilibrium of L-Phe*

15.30-15.45 J. Rau, *New generation of bioactive materials for implant coating applications in regenerative nanomedicine*

15.45-16.30 Coffee Break & Poster Session

SESSION 7 BIOCHEMISTRY&AGGREGATION KINETICS II Chair: M. D'Acunto, A. Pecora

16.30-16.45 A. Magliano, *Molecular dynamics study on fibrillogenesis: all-atom self-aggregation of amyloidogenic peptides in explicit water*

16.45-17.00 V. Minicozzi, *Computational and Experimental Studies on beta-Sheet Breakers Targeting Aβ(1–40) Fibrils*

17.00-17.15 F. Stellato, *Copper–Zinc cross-modulation in prion protein binding*

17.15-17.30 A. M. Bersani, *Enzyme kinetics and quasi-steady state approximations: a mathematical point of view*

17.30 -18.00 Closing Remarks and Image Contest "BiophysicART"

