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25-27th MARCH 2026

Casa per Ferie San Marco, Abano Terme, Padua, ITALY

CONGRESS PROGRAM

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Attendees,

it is our great pleasure to welcome you to Abano Terme, Italy, for the 1st SIB YOUNG Meeting, hosted at Casa per Ferie San Marco from March 25th to 27th, 2026.

Abano Terme, located near Padua, is internationally known for its thermal tradition and welcoming atmosphere. This unique setting offers an ideal environment to encourage scientific exchange, professional growth, and networking among young researchers.

The meeting has been designed to combine advanced scientific topics with practical training and career-oriented discussions. The program opens with the Welcome Address and a workshop on Omics data analysis, followed by a seminar and roundtable focused on university recruitment and academic career paths. The second day will feature sessions dedicated to Artificial Intelligence and Sustainability in Research, Flash Talks, and interactive activities, including a workshop on Innovative Teaching Approaches and the Bench Talks – Live Edition. The final day will focus on professional development, with seminars on Grant Writing Skills and Skills for Industry 4.0.

We also encourage you to actively take part in the social events planned throughout the meeting, including social dinners and evening activities, which are meant to foster informal discussions and the creation of new collaborations. Participants will also have the opportunity to enjoy the thermal pool, making your stay in Abano Terme both stimulating and pleasant.

We warmly thank all speakers, sponsors, and participants for contributing to the success of this meeting. We wish you an inspiring experience in Abano Terme, both scientifically and socially, and we look forward to meeting you at the welcome reception.

Sincerely,

The Scientific and Organizing Committee of the 1st SIB YOUNG Meeting

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25 WEDNESDAY MARCH 2026 @SALONE

1:30 pm • Registration

2:00 pm • **Welcome Address**

Chairs: Young SIB representatives

Andrea Bellelli, Sapienza University of Rome, *SIB President*

Paolo Vincenzo Pedone, University of Campania, *President of the Italian National University Council*

Senior SIB representatives

2:30 pm • **Omics data analysis**

Chairs: Maria Cristina Aspromonte and Federica Tonolo

Speaker: **Giulia Babbi**, University of Bologna

4:30 pm • Coffee break

5:00 pm • **University recruitment and academic career**

Chairs: Maria Monticelli and Ignazio Restivo

Speakers: **Paolo Burgio**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
-ARTeD and a Member of **ADI** Board

7:30 pm • Social dinner

9:30 pm • Possibility to access the Thermal Pool

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26 THURSDAY MARCH 2026 @SALONE

8:00 am • Breakfast

9:00 am • **Artificial Intelligence and Sustainability in Research**

Chairs: Maria Monticelli and Barbara Zerbato

*Speakers: **Bruno Hay Mele**, San Raffaele Open University, Roma*

***Ahluwalia Arti**, University of Pisa*

10:30 am • Coffee break

11:00 am • **Flash Talks**

*Chairs: Maria Cristina Aspromonte, Giorgia Natalia Iaconisi and
Raffaella Scanga*

12:30 pm • Social lunch

2:00 pm • **Innovative Teaching Approaches**

Chairs: Francesca Mensitieri and Federica Tonolo

*Speaker: **Simon Tang**, School of Life Sciences, École Polytechnique
Fédérale de Lausanne, (IUBMB and FEBS Member)*

4:30 pm • Coffee break

5:00 pm • **Bench talks - Live edition**

Chairs: Francesca Mensitieri and Simon Tang

7:30 pm • Social dinner

9:30 pm • Extra activity: after dinner tour nearby

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27 FRIDAY MARCH 2026 @SALONE

8:00 am • Breakfast

9:00 am • **Grant Writing Skills**

Chairs: Giorgia Natalia Iaconisi and Barbara Zerbato

Speakers: **Diana Piol** and **Alessandra Zanut**

University of Padua, ERC awardees

10:30 am • Coffee break

11:00 am • **Skills for industry 4.0**

Chairs: Raffaella Scanga and Ignazio Restivo

Speaker: **Olivia Candini**, Head of Process

Development, Cell & Gene Therapy, "Evotec" srl

12:30 pm • Remarking closure

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