

XXI ITALIAN DROSOPHILA RESEARCH CONFERENCE - L'AQUILA 7-9 JULY 2026

Tuesday, July 7

- 13.00-14.45  Registration and light lunch
- 14.45-15.00 Welcome
- 15.00-16.00 **Opening talk:** Maurizio Gatti, University of Rome Sapienza
- 16.00-16.45 Sponsor time
- 16.45-17.00 Poster highlights
- 17.00-17.15  Coffee break
- 17.15-18.45 **Talk Session 1: Developmental signalling and patterning**
Chair: Laura Ciapponi
- 17.15-17.45 Thomas Vaccari, University of Milan
- 17.45-18.15 Gabriella Mazzotta, University of Padua
- 18.15-18.45 Erika Donà, CNR Milan
- 19.15  Shuttle to Fontana Luminosa

Wednesday, July 8, afternoon

- 15.30-17.00 **Talk session 3: Stress signalling, genome integrity & cancer**
Chair: Grazia Daniela Raffa
- 15.30-16.00 Paola Bellosta, University of Trento
- 16.00-16.30 Laura Fanti, University of Rome Sapienza
- 16.30-17.00 Chiara Angioli, University of Rome Sapienza
- 17.00-17.15  Coffee break
- 17.15-18.45 **Talk session 4: Pathogenic mechanisms 1**
Chair: René Massimiliano Marsano
- 17.15-17.45 Damiano Guerrini, University of Rome Sapienza
- 17.45-18.15 Gaia Consonni, University of Milan
- 17.15-18.45 Francesco Liguori, IRCCS Santa Lucia Foundation
- 19.15  Shuttle to Fontana Luminosa

Wednesday, July 8, morning

- 09.30  Shuttle from Fontana Luminosa
- 10.00-11.30 **Talk session 2: Brain development & disease**
Chair: Cristiano De Pittà
- 10.00-10.30 Roberto Feuda, University of Bologna
- 10.30-11.00 Alessia Soldano, SISSA Trieste
- 11.00-11.30 Diana Pendin, CNR Padua
- 11.30-11.45  Coffee break
- 11.45-12.15 **Students' session: "AI tools for Drosophila research"**
Chair: Roberto Piergentili
- 12.15-13.15 **MiniTalk session 1**
Chair: Cinzia Volontè
- 12.15-12.30 Gianni Cenci, University of Rome Sapienza
- 12.30-12.45 Chiara Stefanelli, University of Padua
- 12.45-13.00 Giulia Vitale, University of Milan
- 13.00-13.15 Marta Marzullo, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
- 13.15-15.30  Social lunch

Thursday, July 9

- 09.30  Shuttle from Fontana Luminosa
- 10.00-11.30 **Talk session 5: Pathogenic mechanisms 2**
Chair: Daniela Passarella
- 10.00-10.30 Marta Terribili, University of Rome Sapienza
- 10.30-11.00 Maria Antonietta Casu, CNR Cagliari-Pula
- 11.00-11.30 Bibiana Sgalletta, University of Padua
- 11.30-11.45  Coffee break
- 11.45-12.45 **MiniTalk session 2**
Chair: Patrizia Morciano
- 11.45-12.00 Alessandra Caragiuli, University of Trento
- 12.00-12.15 Davide Colaïanni, University of Padua
- 12.15-12.30 Claudia Di Dio, University of Rome Sapienza
- 12.30-12.45 Maira Certini, University of Bari
- 12.45-13.15  Awards and conclusions
- 13.30  Shuttle to Fontana Luminosa
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- 13.30-18.30  Safety video, lunch and LNGS visit
- 18.30  Shuttle to Fontana Luminosa

