



Scuola di Scienze del Farmaco
e dei Prodotti della Salute



A Journey Through 25 Years of Neuroscience and Drug Addiction Research

Camerino **December 19-20, 2025**

Polo di Medicina Sperimentale e Sanità Pubblica 'Stefania Scuri' - via Madonna delle Carceri 9

December 19th Research

- 15.0 **Greeting**
Graziano Leoni Rector of the University of Camerino
Gianni Sagratini Dean of the School of Pharmacy, University of Camerino
Roberto Ciccocioppo Professor of Pharmacology, University of Camerino
- 15.30 **Opening Lecture**
Scientia vincere tenebras (Conquering darkness through science)
J. David Archibald Professor & Curator Emeritus Biology, San Diego State University **USA**
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 *25 Years of Groundbreaking Neuroscience and Drug Addiction Research: Initia Fausta (... Auspicious Beginnings)*
Friedbert Weiss Professor of Department of Neuroscience, The Scripps Research Institute, San Diego **USA**
- 17.00 *Paradigmatic changes in addiction research provide excellent opportunities for drug development*
Rainer Spanagel Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology, Head of the Institute of Psychopharmacology, Central Institute of Mental Health (ZI), University of Heidelberg **Germany**
- 17.30 *NOP Receptor Agonists: A Collaborative Journey with UNICAM and Future Prospects*
Koji Teshima Consultant of Neuroscience Research Unit, Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation **Japan**
- 18.00 *Microarrays to Multi-omics: Celebrating a Quarter-Century of Genomic Innovation in Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) Research*
Gary Hardiman Professor, School of Biological Sciences, Chair in Systems Biology - Institute for Global, Food Security (IGFS), Queen's University Belfast, **Northern Ireland**
- 18.30 *Substance Use Disorder and Pain: reward and suffering, a journey through the brain (praemium et dolor, iter per cerebrum)*
Patrizia Romualdi Professor of Pharmacology, Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna **Italy**
- 19.00 *Synaptic Mechanisms of Nociceptin and Beyond: Scripps, UNICAM, Mitsubishi, and Volterra - A Journey Through Science and Collaboration*
Marisa Roberto Professor of Translational Medicine, Shimmel Family Chair, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla **USA**
- 19.15 Welcome drink

Scientific Committee

Roberto Ciccocioppo, Massimo Ubaldi, Laura Soverchia, Esi Domi
School of Pharmacy, University of Camerino
CNS Center for Neuroscience, University of Camerino



December 20th People

- 15.00 **Greeting**
- 15.15 *The Neuropsychopharmacology Research Team: An Introduction*
Esi Domi Assistant Professor, School of Pharmacy, University of Camerino **Italy**
- 15.45 **Past Research and Alumni**
Giada Pacinelli Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Science and Technology Austria, Klosterneuburg **Austria**
Ana Domi Manager Clinical Regulatory Writing AstraZeneca Late CVRM, BioPharmaceuticals R&D Mölndal **Sweden**
Hongwu Li Professor, School of Chemical Engineering Changchun University of Technology Changchun, Jilin **P.R. China**
Anna Maria Borruto Postdoctoral Researcher, Genetics of Cognition Laboratory, Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia (IIT), Genova **Italy**
Fabio Casarola R&D Hardware Designer in AM Microsystems, Macerata **Italy**
Alessio Masi Assistant Professor, Dipartimento di Neuroscienze, Psicologia, Area del Farmaco e Salute del Bambino, Università degli Studi di Firenze **Italy**
- 17.00 Coffee break
- 17.30 **Alumni in USA**
Research into Animal Models and Emerging Therapies for Substance Use Disorders and PTSD
Andrea Cippitelli Assistant Professor, Biomedical Science Department, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton **FL**
- Connected from remote - <https://unicam.webex.com/meet/roberto.ciccocioppo>
- Giordano de Guglielmo** Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of California San Diego, La Jolla **CA**
Marsida Kallupi Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of California San Diego, La Jolla **CA**
Yannick Fotio Assistant Professor, Department of Neuroscience, University of Texas Southwestern Dallas **TX**
Gloria Brunori Assistant Scientist, Department of Physiology & Biophysics Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami **FL**
Carolina L. Haass-Koffler Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Carney Institute for Brain Science Brown University **RI**
- 18.30 **How all it started**
Serena Stopponi Former PhD Neuropsychopharmacology Lab, University of Camerino **Italy**
Marino Cucculelli Former Animal Facility Technician, University of Camerino **Italy**

The Ciccocioppo Story

Maurizio Massi Honorary Professor of Pharmacology, University of Camerino **Italy**