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**03/2004 – 03/2007**

**Postdoctoral Researcher**

**Prof. Michael L. Klein's group  
University of Pennsylvania (UPenn), Philadelphia  
PA – USA**

Research

**Center for Molecular Modeling, Dept. of Chemistry**  
Enzymatic catalysis and ligand binding in metalloproteins

**01/2003 – 05/2003**

**Visiting Scientist**

**Swiss Federal Institute of Technology  
(ETH in Zürich – Switzerland)  
Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Supervisor  
Research

Prof. Leonardo Scapozza  
Virtual screening of small molecules to inhibit protein  
kinases

**08/2001 – 12/2002  
06/2003 – 12/2003**

**Visiting Scientist**

**International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) in  
Trieste, Italy**

Supervisor  
Research

Prof. Paolo Carloni  
QM, Car-Parrinello QM/MM and classical MD  
simulations of protein kinase CDK2

## **EDUCATION**

**01/2001 – 02/2004**

**PhD student in Pharmaceutical Sciences**

**University of Bologna, Italy, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Subject of Thesis Computational Methods in Medicinal Chemistry

Thesis *Computational Study of Cyclin-Dependent Kinases (CDKs): Reaction Mechanism  
and Conformational Flexibility*

Advisors Prof. Paolo Carloni, Prof. Andrea Cavalli

Supervisor Prof. Maurizio Recanatini

**07/1999 – 09/2000**

**Undergraduate student**

**2000 BA and MSc in Chemistry (Italian Laurea)**

**University of Bologna, Italy, Dept. of Chemistry**

Subject of Thesis Computational Organic Chemistry

Thesis Computational Investigations of Enzymatic Reactions: Lysozyme and HIV- Integrase

Advisor Prof. Fernando Bernardi

Supervisor Prof. Andrea Bottoni

## **AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- 2020 Director** of the CECAM Node CECAM-IT-SIMUL (<https://cecamsul.eu> )
- 2019 Associate Editor** of Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation (*ACS Publications*)
- 2019 Advisory Board Member** of Chem (*Cell Press*)
- 2019 Advisory Board Member** of Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling (*ACS Publications*)
- 2019 International Meetings Liaison**, ACS COMP division.
- 2018 Habilitation as Full Professor** in Medicinal Chemistry, in Italy.
- 2018 Member of the Scientific Committee** for Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca sul Cancro (AIRC) - The Italian Association for Cancer Research
- 2017 Scientific Advisory Board Member** of BiKi Technologies, an IIT spin-off that develops software for computer-aided drug discovery
- 2017 ACS COMP Division - Outstanding Junior Faculty Award**, ACS
- 2014 Habilitation as Associate Professor** in Medicinal Chemistry, in Italy.
- 2013 My First AIRC Grant (MFAG)**; talented Italian < 40 years old, for cancer research
- 2006 O1 Visa** – Issued by the United States Immigration Office for demonstrated extraordinary ability in the field of science.
- 2003 Marco Polo Fellowship** for excellent research projects funded by Uni. Bologna.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

I teach structure-based drug design (SBDD) and molecular modelling to PhD students at IIT for 4-6 hours every year, since 2009. I have delivered a number of invited lectures on drug discovery and SBDD (see below) at institutions in Italy and abroad.

Before joining IIT, my teaching experience included:

**2006** - Teacher during the Quantum Chemistry II course (Spring Course, CHEM 524) for Graduate Students, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (6-hour lesson).

**2002, 2003** - Laboratory Assistant for the Advanced Methods in Medicinal Chemistry course, held by Dr. Andrea Cavalli at the Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Uni. Bologna.

## LAB MEMBERS, SUPERVISED STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS

### CURRENT MEMBERS

#### Researchers

Sept 2019 – present | **Dr. Pietro Vidossich** - Researcher (comp chem)

May 2013 – present | **Dr. Laura Riccardi** - Research Associate (comp chem) since 2019  
Postdoc between 2013 - 2018

#### Postdocs

21 July 2021 – present | **Rigoldi Federica** (comp chem)

Affiliated from University of Padova AIRC IG Grant 2020 N. 25003

1 January 2021 – present | **Ilaria Silvestri** (biochem) AIRC IG GRANT 2019 N. 23679

1 Nov 2020 – present | **Marco Borgogno** – (med chem) AIRC IG GRANT 2019 N. 23679

1 April – present | **Andrea Menichetti** – (med chem) AIRC IG GRANT 2019 N. 23679

1 March 2020 – present | **Ankita Sarkar** – (comp chem) AIRC - iCARE 2 Fellowship N. 23979

15 February 2020 – present | **Isabella Acquistapace** (bio chem) AIRC IG GRANT 2019 N. 23679

1 October 2019 – present | **Amos Funagalli** (biochem, shared 50% with Cancedda's Lab)

1 Feb 2019 – present | **Inacrist Geronimo** – (comp chem)

Feb 2018 – present | **Nicoletta Brindani** – (med chem)

#### Graduate Fellows

Nov 2020 – present | **Alessandro Andreani** – PhD Student (med chem)

Oct 2019 – present | **Manuel Jose Ruiz Munevar** – PhD Student (comp chem)

Oct 2019 – present | **Maria Antonietta La Serra** – PhD Student (comp chem)

Oct 2019 – present | **Michela Nigro** – PhD Student (bio chem)

Nov 2017 – present | **Sebastián Franco Ulloa** – PhD Student (comp chem) AIRG IG grant 18883

I served as Advisor for his undergrad Thesis performed in my Lab at IIT in 2014/2015

Sep 2017 – present | **Jacopo Manigrasso** – PhD Student (comp chem)

Jul 2017 – present | **Elisa Donati** – PhD Student (comp chem)

Nov 2018 – present | **Federico Munafò** – PhD Student (med chem)

Jan 2020 – present | **Bharath Raghavan** – PhD Student (comp chem) shared with Prof. Carloni's Lab through IIT – Julich FZ Agreement, funded by The Helmholtz Association

## PAST MEMBERS

### *PhD students*

Nov 2016 – Oct 2019 | **Marco Borgogno** – Graduated April 2020

I served as Supervisor for his PhD at IIT

Nov 2014 – Nov 2017 | **Elirosa Minniti** – Graduated April 2018

I served as Supervisor for her PhD at IIT

Sep 2013 – Dec 2017 | **Vito Genna** – Graduated April 2017

I served as Supervisor for his PhD at IIT. He obtained a postdoc position with Prof. M. Orozco at IRB Barcelona and he received an EMBO Fellowship.

Jan 2014 – Apr 2017 | **Giuseppina La Sala** – Graduated Apr 2017

I served as Supervisor for her PhD at IIT. She obtained a position at BiKi Technologies as an Application Scientist, now at AstraZeneca.

Jan 2010 – Sept 2013 | **Giulia Palermo** – Graduated April 2013

I served as Supervisor for her PhD at IIT. She first obtained a postdoc position at EPFL with Prof. Rothlisberger, then postdoc with Prof. A. McCammon and now Assistant Prof. at UC Riverside in USA.

2009 – 2012 | **Sai Vikrama Chaitanya Vummaleti** – Graduated April 2012

I served as Advisor for his PhD at IIT.

### *Postdocs*

1 Jun 2019 – 31.06.2021 | **Dr. Corinne Portioli** – (biochem, shared 50% with Cancedda's Lab)

1 Jan 2018 – 31.05.2021 | **Dr. Adam Pecina** – (comp chem)

Adam received the 'Seal of Excellence' – Marie Curie (IF) fellowship in 2018

Adam received a Marie Curie (IF) fellowship in my Lab starting in June 2019

Jun 2014 – 31 Oct 2019 | **Dr. Jose M. Arencibia** – (biochem)

Jose is on external budget (AIRG IG grant 18883)

1 Nov 2017 – 31 Oct 2019 | **Dr. Jissy Kuriappan** – (comp Chem)

Jissy is recipient of a Marie Curie (IF) fellowship in my Lab, starting November 2017

Sep 2013 – January 2018 | **Dr. Jose Antonio Ortega Martínez** – postdoc (med chem)

Jose became Researcher in Dr. Cavalli's Lab, at IIT.

Oct 2012 – Dec 2013 | **Dr. Marino Convertino** – (comp chem), postdoc under my supervision at the IIT-D3, Genoa. Marino became a postdoc at Uni. North Carolina with Prof. Dokholyan

### *Master students*

Oct 2018 – 31 Oct 2019 | **Matteo Borella** – Graduate Student (comp chem)

I served as co-supervisor for his undergrad Thesis performed in my Lab at IIT in 2018/2019

Jan 2016 – Apr 2016 | **Sebastián Franco Ulloa** - undergraduate (comp chem)

Visiting from Universidad de los Andes (Colombia).

I served as Co-Advisor for his undergraduate thesis, defended in Colombia in May 2016.



## SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

- 2021 **Co-Chair**, Panel for the Portuguese public funding agency (FCT), R&D funds.
- 2020 **Committee Member** for the dissertation of PhD candidate Andrés Felipe Vásquez Jiménez at Universidad de Los Andes. Supervisor: Prof. Andrés Fernando Gonzalez Barrios.
- 2020 **Committee Member** for the dissertation of PhD candidate Von Erlach Thibaud at the EPFL, Lausanne – Dept. of Chemistry. Supervisor: Prof. Ursula Rothlisberger.
- 2019 **IIT Representative** at Board of the CECAM Node IT-SIMUL
- 2018 **Grant Reviewer** PRIN (Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale), Italy.
- 2018 **Depositor of 2 pdb structures:** Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase 1B A122S mutant (PDB ID: 6CWV) and Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase 1B F135Y mutant (6CWU)
- 2018 **Committee Member** for the PhD dissertation for the 30° cycle of the PhD course in chemical, geological and environmental chemistry at the University of Milano Bicocca.
- 2017 **Judge** for the Excellence Award for Graduate Students applications for the 2018 Spring national ACS meeting (New Orleans, LA)
- 2017 **Grant Reviewer** for the Chemical Theory, Models and Computational Methods program in the Chemistry Division of U.S. NSF (National Science Foundation) - Early Faculty Career Development Program (CAREER)
- 2017 **Member of the Scientific Advisory Board** of the 22nd EuroQSAR Symposium, which will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece, between 16-20 September, 2018.
- 2017 **Committee Member** (Collegio dei Docenti) for the Data Science and Computation PhD at University of Bologna.
- 2017 **Grant Reviewer** for a Veni grant within the Innovational Research Incentives Scheme, Netherland.
- 2016 **Chairman** at the CECAM workshop (23-25 May) in Pisa, IT-SNS entitled Structural and Functional Annotation of Bioinorganic Systems: Perspectives and Challenges from Theory and Experiments
- 2016 **Contributor** to the Human Technopole (HT) Masterplan  
<https://multimedia.iit.it/asset-bank/assetfile/6907.pdf> (HT is a new research Institute in Milan, Italy).
- 2016 **Thesis Co-advisor** for the Chemistry bachelor thesis of Sebastian Franco Ulloa, Uni. de los Andes (CO).
- 2015 **IIT Representative** at the CECAM Council meeting in Lausanne (19-20 Nov)
- 2015 **Local Organizing Committee Member** of the 21<sup>st</sup> EuroQSAR Symposium, held 4-8 September 2016 in Verona (IT).
- 2015 **Committee Member** for the PhD dissertation of Hassan Pezeshgi Modarres at the EPFL, Lausanne – School of Life Sciences, Institute of Bioengineering. Supervisor: Prof. Matteo Dal Peraro.
- 2015 **Grant Reviewer** for the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH), the main organization in Hungary for channeling funds to (basic) research.
- 2015 Grant Reviewer for the SIR Programme (Scientific Independence of Young Researchers) in Italy

- 2014 **Committee Member** for the dissertation of PhD candidate Polydefkis Diamantis at the EPFL, Lausanne – Dept. of Chemistry. Supervisor: Prof. Ursula Rothlisberger.
- 2014 **Grant Reviewer** for the Czech Science Foundation  
2013, 2014 2015, 2016, 2017: **Committee Member** (Collegio dei Docenti) for the PhD in Pharmaceutical and Biological Sciences at Uni. Bologna
- 2013 **Committee Member** for the dissertation of PhD candidate Xiaojing Cong at the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) in Trieste, Italy. Supervisors: Prof. Paolo Carloni, and Prof. Giuseppe Legname.
- 2013 **Grant Reviewer** for Marie Curie COFUND for the EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme .
- 2013 **Grant Reviewer** for the Italian Projects of Relevant National Interest (PRIN).
- 2013 **Grant Reviewer** for LinkSCEEM/Cy-Tera HPC (multi-Tflops facility in Cyprus) – Computer time allocation.
- 2013 **Panel Member** for the 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Project Access call of PRACE (Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe) in Brussels.
- 2012 **Committee Member** for the exam for master students at EPFL, Lausanne. School of Life Sciences, Institute of Bioengineering. Candidate: Pandey Gaurav. Supervisor: Prof. Matteo Dal Peraro.
- 2012 **Committee Member** for the 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD exam at EPFL, Lausanne. School of Life Sciences, Institute of Bioengineering. Candidate: Hassan Pezeshgi Modarres. Supervisor: Prof. Matteo Dal Peraro.
- 2011 **Session Chairman** during the Computationally driven drug discovery meeting, held 21-23 November at the Auditorium of Research Center of Dompé SpA, L’Aquila (IT)
- 2011 **IIT-D3 Representative** in the task force to create a large compound library for the Italian Drug Discovery Network (IDDN)
- 2011 – Present **Peer Reviewer** for PRACE
- 2011 – Present **Peer Reviewer** for ISCRA (Italian SuperComputing Resource Allocation - CINECA)
- 2010: **Panel Member** for the 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Project Access call from PRACE.
- 2009 **Peer Reviewer** for the IIT Seed Funds.
- 2009 **Committee Member** for the 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD exam at EPFL, Lausanne. School of Life Sciences, Institute of Bioengineering. Candidate: Matteo Thomas Degiacomi. Supervisor: Prof. Matteo Dal Peraro
- 2008, 2009 **Poster Committee Member** for the International Society for Computational Biology + European Conference on Computational Biology conference.
- 2008 **Judge** for The Emerging Technologies Competition Symposium at the 236<sup>th</sup> American Chemical Society National Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2005, 2006 **Grant Reviewer** for The Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation.
- 2004-2007 **Contributing Proposal Writer** for computational resources at the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications.

**Peer Reviewer for:**

Nature; Nature Chemical Biology; Nature Reviews Chemistry; Nature Communications; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences - USA; Journal of the American Chemical Society; Chem (Cell Press); ACS Catalysis; Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation; Journal of Medicinal Chemistry; ACS Chemical Neuroscience; ACS Medicinal Chemistry Letters; ACS Chemical Biology; Structure; Chemical Communication; Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling; Journal of Physical Chemistry B; Plos Computational Biology; Plos One; Proteins: Structure, Function, and Bioinformatics; Journal of Computer-Aided Molecular Design; Journal of Molecular Modeling; European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry; Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters; Chemical Biology & Drug Design; Chemical Physics Letters; Current Pharmaceutical Design; BMC Structural Biology; Bioinformatics; Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics; FEBS Journal; Journal of Enzyme Inhibition and Medicinal Chemistry; Chemistry Central Journal; Journal of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists; Biomolecules; Inorganica Chimica Acta; Biochimica et Biophysica Acta - General Subjects Frontiers Chemistry etc...

## **ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS**

### **Proposer and Co-organizer**

#### **2022 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Computational Advances in Drug Discovery**

TBC, Italy, September 2022

#### **2020 INTERNATIONAL CECAM WORKSHOP**

**Frontiers of Quantum and Classical Modeling of Metals in Biological Systems**

CECAM-FR-IDF, Paris (FR), 8-10 July à Postponed to 2022

#### **2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Computational Advances in Drug Discovery**

Sestri Levante, Italy (IT) on 23-26 September

#### **2019 INTERNATIONAL CECAM WORKSHOP**

**Progress and developments of artificial intelligence for drug design**

Genova, at IIT, Italy 17-19 June (IT)

#### **2019 INTERNATIONAL CECAM WORKSHOP**

**Challenges in modeling and simulations of nanoparticles in complex environments**

Genova, at IIT, Italy 29-31 May (IT)

#### **2018 INTERNATIONAL CECAM WORKSHOP**

**Frontiers and challenges of computing metals for biochemical, medical and technological applications**

CECAM-FR-IDF, Paris (FR), 11- 13 July

#### **2017 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Computational Advances in Drug Discovery**

SwissTech Convention Center@EPFL, Lausanne (CH) on 5-8 September

#### **2015 INTERNATIONAL CECAM WORKSHOP**

**Modeling activity vs. selectivity in metalloproteins**

CECAM-FR-IDF, Paris (FR), 29 June - 1 July

#### **2015 INTERNATIONAL CECAM CONFERENCE**

**Computational Advances in Drug Discovery conference of the year**

SwissTech Convention Center@EPFL, Lausanne (CH), 22-25 September

#### **2014 INTERNATIONAL CECAM WORKSHOP**

**Advanced modeling to investigate biomolecules**

D3 Dept. at IIT, Genoa (IT), 20-21 November

#### **2013 INTERNATIONAL CECAM WORKSHOP**

**Second Innovative Approaches to Computational Drug Discovery workshop**

CECAM-HQ, Lausanne (CH), 1-4 October

#### **2011 INTERNATIONAL CECAM WORKSHOP**

**First Innovative Approaches to Computational Drug Discovery workshop**

CECAM-HQ, Lausanne (CH), 3-5 October

### *Co-organizer*

#### **2015 INTERNATIONAL MINISYMPOSIUM**

International minisymposium in honor of Prof. R. Nussinov  
Jülich Research Center, Jülich (DE) on 22 October

#### **2006 WORKSHOP**

First Users Meet Developers workshop on QM/MM simulations  
Center for Molecular Modeling, Philadelphia (US), 28-30 September

## GRANTS

To date, I have secured ~**2.5 Million Euros** (2014-present) through competitive extramural grants. In addition, I have received **tens of millions of computing core hours** with several peer-reviewed funded grants for computational time on European Supercomputers (High Performance Computing), including **3 major PRACE grants**.

## ONGOING GRANTS

**01/01/2020 – 31/12/2024**  
Agency **Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca sul Cancro (AIRC)**  
**The Italian Association for Cancer Research**  
Grant Investigator Grant (23769) – 2019  
Project title Development of novel small molecules that inhibit the growth of early stage melanoma tumors  
PI Marco De Vivo  
FUNDS **951,000 Euros**

**01/01/2020 – 31/12/2022**  
Agency **Helmholtz Society (Helmholtz European Partnering call)**  
Project title Innovative high-performance computing approaches for molecular neuromedicine  
Co-PI at FZI in Germany Paolo Carloni, Giulia Rossetti, Bernd Neumair  
Co-PI at IIT Marco De Vivo, Laura Cancedda, Michele Parrinello  
FUNDS **1Million Euros shared in personnel**

## PAST GRANTS

**01/06/2019 – 31/05/2021**  
Agency **European Commission, MSCA-IF-2017 - Individual Fellowships**  
Project title Metal-dependent catalysis of nanozymes: First steps towards computational nanoenzymology  
PI (Host) Marco De Vivo - Applicant: Adam Pecina  
FUNDS **183, 473 Euros**

**01/06/2019 – 31/05/2021**  
Agency **European Commission, MSCA-IF-2017 - Individual Fellowships**  
Project title Structural and functional insights into NKCC1 devoid of diuretic effects  
Co-PI (Host) Marco De Vivo and Laura Cancedda - Applicant: Corinne Portioli  
FUNDS **168,369.60 Euros (shared 50% with Cancedda's Lab)**

**01/01/2016 – 01/01/2021**

Agency **Telethon - (Dulbecco telethon carrier award program) Italy**  
Project title Targeting aberrant Cl- homeostasis and GABAA transmission to design innovative therapeutic approaches in Down syndrome.  
PI Laura Cancedda, IIT (Granted 600,000 euros)  
My Role Collaborator (AT NO COST)

**01/06/2019 – 30/05/2020**

Agency **ISCRA (Italian Super Computing Resource Allocation) - Class C Projects**  
Project title A molecular dynamics-based strategy for allosteric pocket detection  
PI Marco De Vivo  
Granted 40,000 core-h on MARCON2 @ CINECA

**01/01/2017 – 31/12/2019**

Agency **Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca sul Cancro (AIRC) - The Italian Association for Cancer Research**  
Grant Investigator Grant (18883) - 2016  
Project title Design and characterization of RhoJ Interaction Inhibitors as a Novel Therapy for Stage III Melanoma  
PI Marco De Vivo  
**FUNDS 308,000 Euros**

**01/11/2017 – 31/10/2019**

Agency **European Commission, MSCA-IF-2016 - Individual Fellowships**  
Project title Mechanistic studies of metal-dependent DNA cleavage in Type II topoisomerase toward the rational design of novel anticancer drugs  
PI (Host) Marco De Vivo - Applicant: Jissy Kuriappan  
**FUNDS 180,070 Euros**

**03/04/2018 – 12/04/2019**

Agency **PRACE (Partnership for advanced computing in Europe)**  
Project title NANOMOTION - Monolayer protected gold nanoparticles, on the move: Toward the design of nanoparticles with programmed recognition abilities  
PI Marco De Vivo  
**Granted 36,000,000 core-h on Marconi-KNL (Cineca, Italy) – Tier-0 project**  
Approximately equivalent to 250,000 Euros

**01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017**

Agency **ISCRA (Italian SuperComputing Resource Allocation) - Class B Projects**  
Project title Enzymatic processing and selectivity of lipids Deciphering lid-domain function and plasticity in lipases  
PI Marco De Vivo  
**Granted 4,000,000 core-h on MARCON2 @ CINECA**  
Approximately equivalent to 30,000 Euros

	<b>02/01/2014 – 31/03/2017</b>
Agency	<b>Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca sul Cancro (AIRC)</b> The Italian Association for Cancer Research
<b>Grant</b>	<b>My First AIRC Grant – MFAG (14140) - 2013</b>
Project title	Acid ceramidase inhibition as a novel strategy to treat malignant melanoma
PI	Marco De Vivo
<b>FUNDS</b>	<b>210,000 Euros</b>
	<b>04/03/2014 – 03/03/2015</b>
Agency	<b>PRACE</b> (Partnership for advanced computing in Europe)
Project title	Lipid degradation in the endocannabinoid system: Deciphering specificity in FAAH catalysis
PI	Marco De Vivo
<b>Granted</b>	<b>13,900,000 core-h on CURIE FN (GENCI@CEA, France) – Tier-0 project</b> Approximately equivalent to 750,000 Euros
	<b>01/11/2012 – 31/10/2013</b>
Agency	<b>PRACE</b> (Partnership for advanced computing in Europe)
Project title	Enhanced sampling simulations to investigate the binding of potent anticancer drugs to the human Type II topoisomerase
PI	Marco De Vivo
<b>Granted</b>	<b>5,000,000 core-h on CURIE FN (GENCI@CEA, FR) – Tier-0 project</b> Approximately equivalent to 250,000 Euros
	<b>01/01/2011 – 31/12/2011</b>
Agency	<b>ISCRA</b> (Italian SuperComputing Resource Allocation) - Class A Projects
Project title:	Enhanced sampling simulations to investigate the catalytic metal binding site of Type II topoisomerases
PI	Marco De Vivo
<b>Granted</b>	<b>1,000,000 core-h on IBM-SP6 @ CINECA</b> Approximately equivalent to 50,000 Euros
	<b>01/11/2015 – 31/10/2016</b>
Agency	<b>John von Neumann Institute for Computing</b> (NIC) - Germany
Project title	Mechanism and Energetics of the nucleotidyl-transfer reaction catalyzed by DNA Polymerase-eta
PI	Dr. Emiliano Ippoliti (German Research School for Simulation Sciences)
<b>Granted</b>	<b>550,000 core-h on JURECA at the Jülich Supercomputing Centre</b>
Collaborators	Marco De Vivo and Vito Genna (PhD Student in De Vivo's group) Approximately equivalent to 100,000 Euros
	<b>01/11/2014 – 31/10/2015</b>
Agency	<b>John von Neumann Institute for Computing</b> (NIC) - Germany
Project title	Mechanism and Energetics of the nucleotidyl-transfer reaction catalyzed by DNA polymerase-eta



PI Dr. Emiliano Ippoliti (German Research School for Simulation Sciences)  
**Granted 300,000 core-h on JUROPA at the Jülich Supercomputing Centre**  
Collaborators Marco De Vivo and Vito Genna (PhD Student in De Vivo's group)  
Approximately equivalent to 55,000 Euros

## PATENTS AND INVENTIONS

### *Inventions at IIT:*

12. **IT 102019000004929**  
Patent filed on new compounds targeting Intracellular chloride concentration  
**Modulators Of Intracellular Chloride Concentration**  
Cancedda L., De Vivo M., Contestabile A., Borgogno M., Savardi A., Ortega Martinez J. A.
11. **EP18170092.3**  
Patent filed on new compounds targeting the prion protein  
**Serpin inhibitors for the treatment of prion and prion-like diseases**  
Legname G., Vanni S., Carloni P., De Vivo M.
10. **IT 102017000047189**  
Patent filed on new compounds targeting the protein RhoJ  
**Compounds and composition for the treatment of cancer, retinal disorders, and cardiomyopathies**  
De Vivo M., Ganesan A., Ortega Martinez J. A., Jahid S.
9. **IT 102017000028709**  
Patent filed on new anticancer compounds targeting topoisomerases  
**5-carboxamide-2-thiobarbituric acids and use thereof as medicaments**  
De Vivo M., Ortega Martinez J. A., Arencibia Jimenez J. M., Sissi C.
8. **IT 102017000012144**  
Patent filed on new anticancer compounds targeting the acid ceramidase enzyme  
Acid Ceramidase inhibitors, and their use as medicaments  
De Vivo M., Ortega Martinez J.O.
7. **IT 102016000130706 (UA2016A009452)**  
Patent filed on new anticancer compounds targeting topoisomerases  
**4-amino-2-pyrido-bicyclic pyrimidines as type II topoisomerase inhibitors and use thereof as medicaments**  
De Vivo M., Ortega Martinez J. A., Arencibia Jimenez J. M., Minarini A., Sissi C.
6. **PCT/EP2015/060291**  
**Benzoxazolone derivatives as acid ceramidase inhibitors, and their use as medicaments**  
Piomelli D., Pagliuca C., Pizzirani D., Bach A., Realini N., De Vivo M.
5. **PCT/EP2012/065336 (Granted in EP, US, JP, IT, DE, FR, GB, AUS)**  
**Multitarget FAAH and COX inhibitors and therapeutical uses thereof**  
De Vivo M., Scarpelli R., Cavalli A., Migliore M., Piomelli D., Habrant D., Favia A.D.
4. **PCT/EP2012/061662**  
**Carprofen derivatives as inhibitors of FAAH and/or COXs**  
De Vivo M., Scarpelli R., Cavalli A., Favia A.D., Habrant D., Piomelli D.

### ***Inventions outside IIT***

Joint inventor of 3 inventions at Rib-X Pharmaceuticals (now Melinta Therapeutics):

#### **Antimicrobial compounds and methods of making and using the same**

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## INVITED LECTURES AND SEMINARS

2021, June 28 – July 1 – Virtual Edition

**European School of Medicinal Chemistry ESMEC40th Advanced Course of Medicinal Chemistry and Seminar for PhD students**

*Mechanistic insights into bacterial group II intron RNA catalysis*

2021, April 29

**Pharmacelera, New frontiers in CNS - Session 1: From target selection to small molecules design**

Webinar: *Discovery of selective NKCC1 inhibitors for the treatment of brain disorders*

2020, October 1

**University Bologna, Dept. Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Rimini (IT)**

*Computation for Drug Discovery*

2020, 21-25 September 26,

**ICTP-SISSA-CECAM Workshop on Molecular Dynamics and its Applications to Biological Systems – Trieste (IT)**

2020, 16 – 21 August – postponed to 2022

**WATOC 2020 (USA)**

2020, 19 – 24 July, 2020 – postponed to 2022

**GRC – Gordon Research Conference (SP)**

2020, 28 June – 2 July – postponed to 2021

**ESMEC – European School of Medicinal Chemistry (IT)**

2020, March 11 – postponed

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2020, 29 – 31 March, 2020 - postponed

**CECAM - Centre Européen de Calcul Atomique et Moléculaire Workshop – M.L. Klein Celebration (FR)**

2020, 22 – 26 March – postponed to 2021

**M.L. Klein Symposium at ACS Spring Meeting (USA)**

2019, 28-29 November

**Trends in Enzymatic Catalysis: Merging Theory and Experiments, Benicassim (SP)**

*Metal-Aided Enzymatic Processing of DNA and RNA*

2019, 10-12 November

**From Free Energy Perturbation to Biomedicine: Bridging Experiments and Computation in Chemical Biology, Shenzhen (CH)**

*Metal-Aided Enzymatic Processing of DNA and RNA*

2019, 16-19 July – **Keynote speaker**

**National Meeting in Medicinal Chemistry, Milan (IT)**

*Toward the computational design of nanoreceptors with intelligent recognition abilities*

2019, 3-5 June

**Coupled problems, Sitges, Barcelona (SP)**

*Monolayer Protected Gold Nanoparticles, on the Move: Toward Nanoreceptors with Intelligent Recognition Abilities*

2019, May 8

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2019, April 11

**FROM - Fondazione per la Ricerca, Ospedale di Bergamo (IT)**

**Le sfide dell'innovazione tecnologica nella ricerca clinica**

*L'innovazione tecnologica nella discovery di nuovi farmaci*

2019, March 25

**University Bologna, Dept. Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Rimini (IT)**

*Computation for Drug Discovery*

2019, February 19

**Università della Calabria (IT)**

*Molecular modeling and simulations to investigate metalloenzymes and accelerate small-molecule drug discovery*

2019, February 3-6

**CECAM Workshop in Lausanne, (CH)**

**Multiscale Modeling from Macromolecules to Cell: Opportunities and Challenges of Biomolecular Simulations**

*Monolayer Protected Gold Nanoparticles, on the Move: Toward Nanoreceptors with Intelligent Recognition Abilities*

2018, November 28

**Structure-Based Drug Design 2018 Asia, Bali Indonesia (ID)**

*Molecular modeling and simulations to investigate metalloenzymes and accelerate small-molecule drug discovery*

2018, Sept 28-29

**Future of Enzyme Modeling – Stockholm (SE)**

*Metal-Aided Enzymatic Processing of DNA and RNA via Classical and Ab Initio Simulations*

2018, Sept 16-20

**Euroqsar2018, Thessaloniky. (GR)**

*Toward the computational design of nanoreceptors with intelligent recognition abilities*

2018, May 9

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*



2017, November 3-4

**The CAT-ICBCS 2017 Workshop – University of Calabria (IT)**

*DNA and RNA processing by pharmaceutically relevant metalloenzymes: insights from multiscale simulations*

2017, October 26-29 – **Keynote speaker**

**ICT-HPCC17: International Conference on Theoretical and High-Performance Computational Chemistry – Hanzhou (CN).**

*DNA and RNA processing by pharmaceutically relevant metalloenzymes: insights from multiscale simulations*

2017, September 27

**Astrazeneca R&D (Göteborg, SWE)**

*DNA and RNA processing by pharmaceutically relevant metalloenzymes: insights from multiscale simulations*

2017, August 14-18: **Opening Lecture + 2 more Lectures**

**Uni. de Los Andes, Bogotá (CO)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Protein, Structure, Function, and Drug Discovery School**

*Lecture1: Paths to drug discovery and the role of computational chemistry*

*Lecture2: Molecular modeling and simulations for small-molecule drug discovery*

*Lecture3: MD simulations to investigate molecular recognition and catalysis: From DNA to nanoparticles*

2017, June 22

**ETH/USI – Lugano (CH) – invited by Prof. Parrinello.**

*MD simulations to investigate molecular recognition and catalysis*

2017, June 11-13

**Coupled Problems international conference – Rhodes (GR)**

**Session: Computational Nanomedicine I**

*Organization and plasticity of the nanoparticle-coating monolayer control its conformation, solubility and molecular recognition ability*

2017, May 25

**Vanderbilt Uni. (US)**

*Molecular modeling and simulations for small-molecule drug discovery*

2017, May 3

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2017, April 13

**UCSD, Dept. Chemistry and Biochemistry, San Diego (US)**

*DNA and RNA processing by pharmaceutically relevant metalloenzymes: insights from multiscale simulations*

2017, April, 12

**Cancer Research Institute, Uni. California, Irvine (US)**

*Molecular modeling and simulations for small-molecule drug discovery*

2016, Sept 13

**EMBL, Grenoble (FR)**

*DNA and RNA processing by pharmaceutically relevant metalloenzymes: insights from multiscale simulations*

2016, July 24-29

**Gordon Research Conference, Girona (ES)**

**Theory and Simulation Across Scales in Molecular Science**

*Multiscale Molecular Simulations to Investigate Metalloenzymes of Pharmaceutical Relevance*

2016, 23-25 May

**Workshop CECAM, Pisa (IT)**

**Structural and Functional Annotation of Bioinorganic Systems: Perspectives and Challenges from Theory and Experiments**

*Multiscale Molecular Simulations to Investigate Metalloenzymes of Pharmaceutical Relevance*

2016, April 27

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering.*

2016, May 19

**Istituto di Chimica del Riconoscimento Molecolare, CNR, Milan (IT)**

*Multiscale Molecular Simulations to Investigate Metalloenzymes of Pharmaceutical Relevance*

2015, November 24

**University of Padua, Dept. Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Padua (IT)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, for Master students*

2015, October 8

**University of Padua, Dept. Chemistry, Padua (IT)**

*Multiscale molecular simulations to investigate metalloenzymes of pharmaceutical relevance*

2015, 28 September – 2 October

**FistMat 2015 - Italian National Conference on Condensed Matter Physics (Palermo, IT)**

*Multiscale molecular simulations to investigate metalloenzymes of pharmaceutical relevance*

2015, 26-31 September

**CECAM Workshop in Julich (DE): Computational approaches to chemical senses**

*Mechanisms of lipid degrading enzymes for endogenous pain modulation*

2015, 26-31 July – **Keynote speaker**

**The CHITEL 2015, Congress of Theoretical Chemists of Latin Expression, Turin (IT)**

*Multiscale molecular simulations to investigate metalloenzymes of pharmaceutical relevance*

2015, May 15

**University of Bologna, Dept. Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Rimini (IT)**

*Computation for Drug Discovery*

2015, April 29 – Seminar

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2015, 24-26 February – **Plenary Lecture**

**Computationally Driven Drug Discovery Meeting - CDDD 4th Meeting**

**The Angelini Research Center Auditorium, Santa Palomba, Pomezia (IT)**

*Multiscale molecular simulations to investigate pharmaceutically relevant enzymes*

2014, October 30

**Uni. de Los Andes, Dept. Chemistry, Bogotá (CO)**

*A multiscale approach to decipher enzymatic processing and selectivity of lipids*

2014, October 29

**University de Los Andes, Dept. Chemistry, Bogotá (CO)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design*

2014, 9 September – **Key lecture**

**Annual Congress of the Italian Chemical Society, Cosenza (IT)**

**Key lecture for the Chemistry of Biological Systems Division**

*Lipid Degradation in the Endocannabinoid System: Deciphering Specificity in FAAH catalysis*

2014, June

**University of Bologna, Bologna (IT)**

**Lecture for International Summer School for PhD students Functional Genomics and Drug Discovery**

*Computational Chemistry for Drug Discovery*

2014, April

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2014, February

**Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (IT)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, for PhD students*

2013, December

**Technical University, Munich (DE)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Protein Prediction II course for Master students within the Dept. of Informatics*

2013, September

**CECAM Workshop, Jülich (DE)** on Coupling between protein, water, and lipid dynamics in complex biological systems: Theory and Experiments

*Lipid Degradation in the Endocannabinoid System: Deciphering Specificity in FAAH catalysis*

2013, July

**UCL School of Pharmacy, London (GB)**

*From Enzymatic Function to Drug Discovery*

2013, April

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2013, January

**German Research School for Simulation Sciences, Jülich (DE)**

*Identification of multitarget FAAH/COXs inhibitors: tackling inflammation with a single molecule acting on multiple proteins*

2013, January

**Technical University of Munich, Munich (DE)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Protein Prediction II course for Master students within the Dept. of Informatics*

2013, January

**Technical University of Munich, Dept. of Chemistry, Munich (DE)**

*Unraveling Enzymatic Function and Mechanisms of Inhibition of Pharmaceutically Relevant Targets*

2012, October

**University of Amsterdam, Dept. of Chemistry, Amsterdam (NE)**

**A John van Geuns lecture**

*Structure-based identification of multitarget FAAH/COXs inhibitors: tackling inflammation with a single molecule acting on multiple proteins*

2012, May

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2012, January

**Technical University of Munich, Munich (DE)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Protein Prediction II course for Master students within the Dept. of Informatics*

13 June 2011

**Uni. Bologna, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bologna (IT)**

*Interdisciplinary rational drug design: Toward a dual-target drug for treating inflammation*

2011, April

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2011, January

**Technical University of Munich, Munich (DE)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Protein Prediction II course for Master students within the Dept. of Informatics.*

2010, June 4

**University of Parma, Parma, (IT)**

Workshop in: Medicinal Chemistry and Complex Systems: New Opportunities for Rational Drug Design

*Effect of magnesium ion on catalytic activity of ribonuclease H*

2010, June

**Technical University of Munich, Munich (DE)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Protein Structure and Function Analysis course for Master students within the Dept. of Informatics*

2010, April

**EPFL School of Life Sciences, Lausanne (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Biomolecular Structure and Mechanics course for Master students within the Institute of Bioengineering*

2010, April

**Uni. Bern, Bern (CH)**

*Structure-Based Drug Design, as part of the Methods for Biochemistry II course for Bachelor students within the Dept. of Chemistry*

2009, Sept 29 – Oct 4

**ICCMSE 2009 International Conference, Rhodes (GR)**

**Symposium Ab initio and classical molecular dynamics simulations in molecular medicine and drug design**

*Enhanced Sampling Methods in Computational Drug Design*

2005, March 13-17

**229<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Diego (US)**

*Phosphoryl Transfer Reaction in Enzymes*

## OTHER PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

### Oral Communications

2019, August 25-29, 258<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **San Diego (US)**  
*Progresses in molecular dynamics simulation-directed rational design of intelligent nanoreceptors for chemosensing*

2019, March-April 31-04, 257<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Orlando (US)**  
*Molecular dynamics simulations to design nanoreceptors with targeted recognition abilities*

2018, August 19-23, 256<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Boston (US)**  
*Toward the computational design of nanoreceptors with intelligent recognition abilities*

2017, April 2-6, 253<sup>rd</sup> ACS National Meeting, **San Francisco (US)**  
*A self-activated mechanism for efficient nucleic acids polymerization*

2016, August 21-25, 252<sup>nd</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Philadelphia (US)**  
*Cooperative motion of a key positively charged residue and metal ions for DNA replication catalyzed by Y-family polymerases*

2016, August 21-25, 252<sup>nd</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Philadelphia (US)**  
*HRD motif as the central hub of the signaling network for activation loop autophosphorylation in Abl kinase*

2015, October 22, MINISYMPOSIUM in honor of Prof. R. Nussinov  
SEMINAR in Jülich Research Center, **Jülich (DE)**  
*Multiscale molecular simulations to investigate metalloenzymes of pharmaceutical relevance*

2015, August 16-20, 250<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Boston (US)**  
*Computational and experimental insights into the spermine-vectorized F14512 poisoning of type II topoisomerase*

2014, August 10-14, 248<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **San Francisco (US)**  
*Hydrolysis of anandamide in FAAH shows that nitrogen inversion is key to efficient enzyme-assisted amide bond cleavage*

2014, August 10-14, 248<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **San Francisco (US)**  
*Molecular dynamics and mutagenesis studies indicate structural flexibility as a key factor for substrate specificity in FAAH catalysis*

2013, April 7-11, 245<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **New Orleans (US)**  
*Dynamics of catalytic metals during DNA cleavage in type II topoisomerase*

2013, April 7-11, 245<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **New Orleans (US)**  
*Structure-based identification of multitarget FAAH/COXs inhibitors: tackling inflammation with a single molecule acting on multiple proteins*

2012, August 19-23, 244<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Philadelphia (US)**  
ORAL COMMUNICATION AND POSTER  
*Structure-based identification of multitarget FAAH/COXs inhibitors: tackling inflammation with a single molecule acting on multiple proteins*

2012, April 15-17, NPCF6, **Riccione (IT)**

On binding and reactivity of potent covalent inhibitors of fatty acid amide hydrolase

2011, August 28 – September 1, 242<sup>nd</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Denver (US)**

*Enzyme-induced distortion of the amide bond: A rationale for the inhibitory activity of piperidine/piperazine ureas against fatty acid amide hydrolase*

2008, August 21-25, 236<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Philadelphia (US)**

2007, August 19-24, 234<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Boston (US)**

2006, October 12, The Chemical Biophysics Mini-Symposium on The Nature and Role of Water as a Biological Solvent, UPenn, **Philadelphia (US)**

*Role of Water in Phosphatase Activity in Soluble Epoxide Hydrolase*

2006, September 10-14, 232<sup>nd</sup> ACS National Meeting, **San Francisco (US)**

*Efficiency of Bimetal-Aided Phosphodiester Bond Cleavage in Nucleotidyl Transfer Reactions*

2006, September 10-14, 232<sup>nd</sup> ACS National Meeting, **San Francisco (US)**

*Water Mediated Proton Shuttles in Enzymatic Phosphoryl Transfers: Phosphatase Activity in Soluble Epoxide Hydrolase*

2006, May 30, UPenn. IRG-3 seminars, **Philadelphia (US)**

*Phosphoryl Transfers in Metallo-Enzymes: Insights from QM/MM Simulations*

2004, August 22-26, 228<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **Philadelphia (US)**

*QM and QM/MM Studies of the Phosphoryl Transfer Reaction Catalyzed by a Cyclin-Dependent Kinase*

2001, June 11-13, CECAM, **Lyon (FR)**

*PsiK Workshops - Ab Initio Modelling in the Biological Sciences.*

*Quantum Mechanical Computational Study of Lysozyme Reaction Mechanism*

## Posters

2010, June 23-25, CHI's Structure-Based Drug Design Conference, **Boston (US)**

2010, March, 21-25, 239<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, **San Francisco (US)**

*Path collective variable and enhanced sampling methods applied to enzymatic catalysis*

2010, February 26, Winter Modeling 2010, **Pisa (IT)**

2009, October 13-15, MipTec 2009, **Basel (CH)**

*POSTER for The Leading European Event for Drug Discovery*

*5-Membered heteroaromatic rings as building blocks for RNA-binding drugs*

2009, March 9-14, Gordon Research Conference, **Lucca (IT)**

New Antibacterial Discovery & Development

*Two-Metal Associative Catalysis: Phosphodiester Cleavage in Ribonuclease H*

2005, September 3-8, CPMD Workshop 2005, **Lugano (CH)**

*Ab-initio Molecular Dynamics Simulations - from Solid State Physics to Chemistry and Biology*

2003, July 14-19, ICTP, International Centre for Theoretical Physics, **Trieste (IT)**

*New Frontiers in Nano-Biotechnology: Monitoring Protein Function with Single-Protein Resolution*

2003, June 30 - July 4, Campus Scientifico, **Urbino (IT)**  
Advanced Course of Pharmaceutical Chemistry - National Seminar E. Duranti

2002, October 7-8, **Riccione (IT)**  
II S.A.Y.C.S. (Sigma Aldrich Young Chemists Symposium)

2002, August 4-9, **Lugano (CH)**  
6<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Theoretically Oriented Chemists – WATOC/02

## Attendee

2007, April 15-17, Schrödinger, **New York City (US)**  
Spring 2007 Schrödinger User Symposium



## **SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

### **American Chemical Society (ACS)**

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### **QSAR, Cheminformatics and Modeling Society (QCMS)**

### **Italian Chemical Society**

Member of the Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Theoretical and Computational Chemistry Divisions