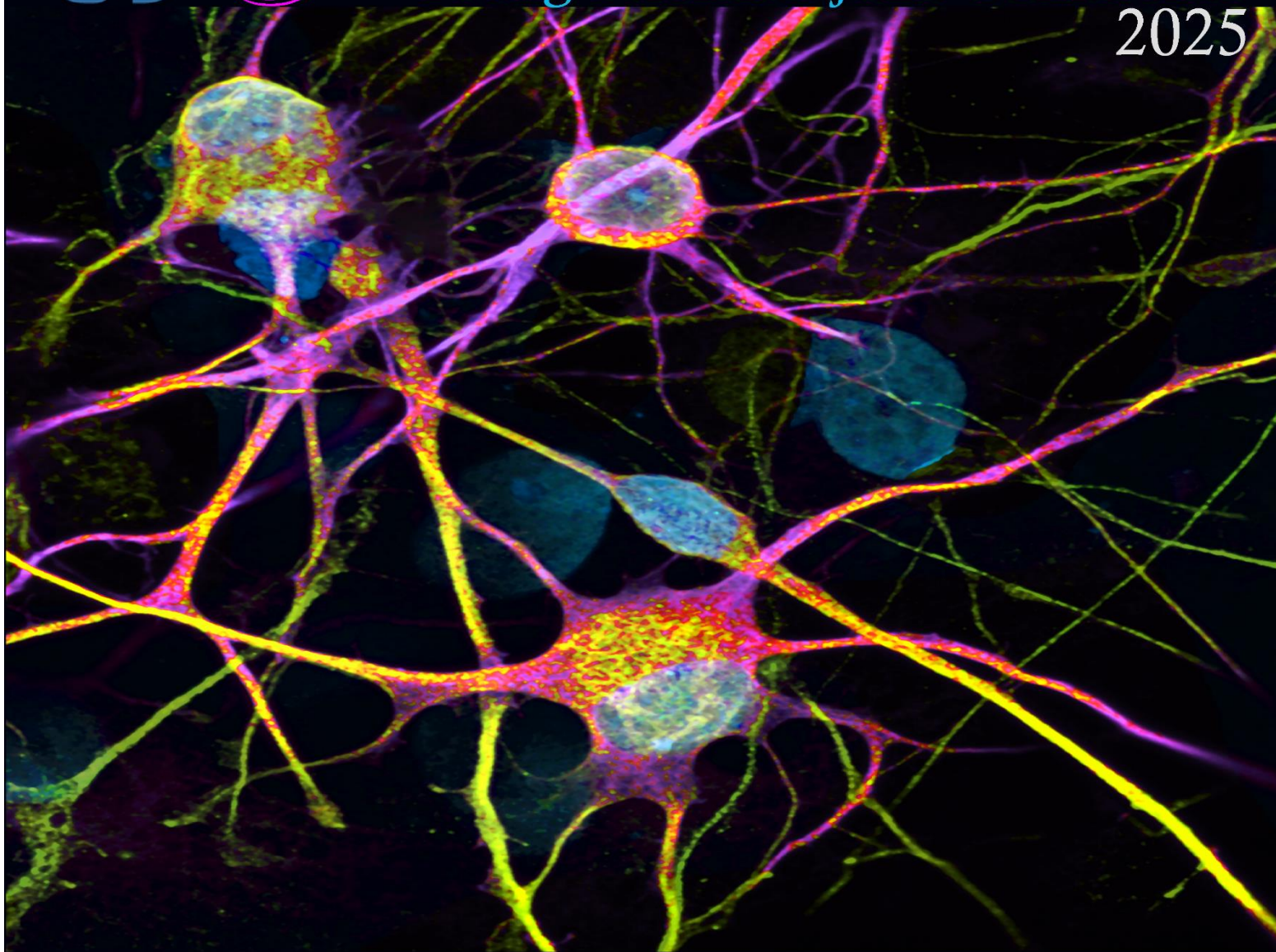




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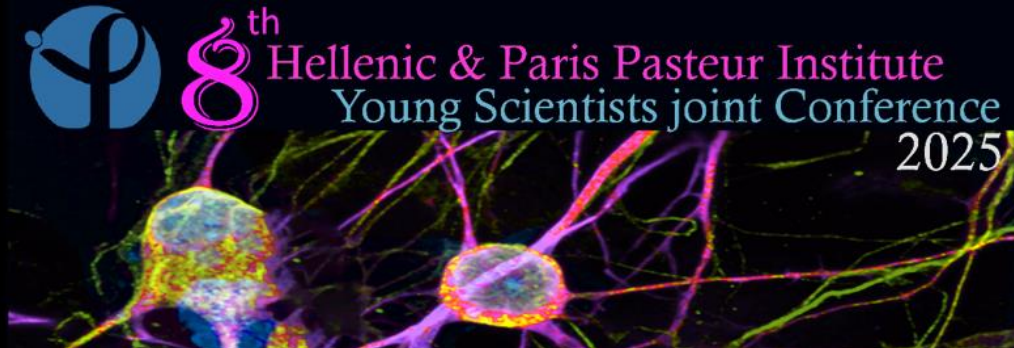


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DAY 1: MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2025

10:00-12:00 **Registration & Coffee**

10:00-11:30 **Workshop | “Strategic Networking: How to Develop, Maintain and Solicit Your Professional Network?” (booking required)**
by CARE (Career Development Service for Scientists), Institute Pasteur Paris

11:30-12:00 **Opening Remarks & Pasteur Network welcoming**

12:00-13:30 **Oral Session 1 | Stem cell biology & Neuroscience**

Chairs: Dr. Dimitra Thomaidou, Dr. Era Taoufik

- ❖ *“Paracrine effects of astrocytes on neurons in an iPSC-derived Parkinson’s disease model with the p.A53T- α Syn mutation”*
Olympia Apokotou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Early microglial dysregulation in the p.A53T- α -Synuclein mouse model of Parkinson’s Disease”*
Elpinickie Ninou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Vascularized human heart organoids as a platform for regenerative medicine and drug discovery”*
Nataly Manouelian, Institute of Stem Cell Biology
- ❖ *“Identification of aging-like mechanisms in depression”*
Soumia Abdellaoui, Institute Pasteur Paris
- ❖ *“Autophagy in neurodegenerative diseases and cancer”*
Ying Liu, Institute Pasteur Paris
- ❖ *“Macromolecular interactions driving Type II secretion system assembly and function”*
Eira Aguirre Partida, Institute Pasteur Paris

13:30-15:00 **Poster Session I + Lunch Break**

15:00-16:30 **Oral Session 2 | Virology & Microbiology**

Chairs: Dr. Urania Georgopoulou, Dr. Niki Vassilaki

- ❖ *“Integrating a Biobanking platform within the Diagnostic Department of Hellenic Pasteur Institute: The case of the European Virus Archive Global”*
Vahid Baniasadi, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“The use of scanning electron microscopy in the evaluation of possible false positive blood cultures”*
Sofia Makka, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Human Endogenous Retroviruses (HERVS) implications to long-COVID 19”*
Eleni Paximadi, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Double-stranded RNA antiviral signature in early multiple sclerosis”*
Vasileios Gouzouasis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Genetic characterization of 2024–2025 season Influenza A and B strains by whole genome sequencing in Greece”*
Konstantina Dragoumani, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Modulation of NLRP3 inflammation by L-Dopa Decarboxylase dampens COVID-19 progression”*
George Mpekoulis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

16:30-17:30 **Plenary Talk: “Invisible Invaders: Chronicles of Virus Discoveries”**

Jean-Claude Manuguerra, Research director, Virology and Emerging Infectious Diseases, Institute Pasteur Paris, France

Chair: Dr. Konstantinos Kambas

17:30 **Welcome reception & wine**

DAY 2: TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

9:00-10:30 Oral Session 3 | Biotechnology & Structural Biology

Chairs: Dr. Marios Zouridakis, Dr. Konstantinos Lazaridis

- ❖ *"The role of autophagy in the generation of SARS-CoV2 replication organelles"*
Nastaran Savar, Institute Pasteur Paris
- ❖ *"FAR and Beyond: Structural and in silico exploration of a Nematode protein"*
Maria-Eirini Lekka, Agricultural University of Athens
- ❖ *"Exploring the dynamics of interhemispheric integration in the barrel cortex with calcium imaging and expansion microscopy"*
Lorenzo Panelatti, Institute Pasteur Paris
- ❖ *"A structural perspective on Tyrosinase inhibition"*
Maria-Evgenia Politi, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *"Dynamic Equilibrium of HtpG in vitro and in the cell"*
Angeliki Giannouli, University of Crete
- ❖ *"Structural, biophysical and drug screening studies of the ACE2 Catalytic Domain"*
Oleksii Kupreienko, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

10:30-12:00 Round table | Towards a Network of Young Researchers in the Pasteur Network Moderator: Hichem Ben Hassine (Pasteur Network)

- Athena Boutou (Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Greece)
- Léa Manke (Institut Pasteur Paris, France)
- Dorra Wider (Institut Pasteur de Tunis, Tunisia)
- Elise Delannoy (Institut Pasteur de Lille, France)
- Lidia Kechidzhieva (Stephan Angeloff Institute, Bulgaria)
- Sharon Dhillon (Sciensano, Belgium)

12:00-13:30 Poster Session II + Lunch Break

13:30-15:00 Oral Session 4 | Immunology

Chairs: Dr. Dionisis Sgouras, Dr. Ioannis Rabias

- ❖ *"Pharmacokinetic improvement of an antigen-specific therapy for myasthenia gravis and investigation of its mechanism of action"*
Ntoukaki Eleni, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *"Deciphering the biological role of immune cell-derived IFN- λ "*
Ioanna-Myrto Theofani, Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens
- ❖ *"Mapping human immune responses to enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli in a controlled infection model to guide vaccine development"*, Sehee Rim, Institute Pasteur Paris

- ❖ *“Real-time population immunity profiling to enhance epidemic preparedness: insights from high-throughput serology of SARS-CoV-2, Influenza, and RSV”*

Tom Roblin, Institute Pasteur Paris

- ❖ *“Impact of mechanical forces and microbiota metabolites on colon homeostasis and intestinal infections”*

Remigiusz Walocha, Institute Pasteur Paris

- ❖ *“T cells responses in autoimmune gastritis and Helicobacter pylori infection”*

Evangelia Asvestopoulou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

15:00-16:00 **Plenary Talk: “From invention to innovation: how to develop your research into an innovative product”**

Sotiris Missailidis, Head of Vaccine Innovation Development, Institut Pasteur, France

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 **Oral Session 5 | Bioinformatics & Computational biology**

Chairs: Dr. Timokratis Karamitros, Dr. Nikolaos Vakirlis

- ❖ *“Short-term animal product dietary restriction alters metabolic profiles and modulates immune function”*

Aikaterini Palaiokrassa, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'

- ❖ *“Diet-responsive proteogenomic effects following short-term restriction of animal products in humans”*

Alexandros Simistiras, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'

- ❖ *“Rapid remodeling of the human gut microbiome in response to short-term animal product restriction”*

Christina Emmanouil, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'

- ❖ *“Origins and evolution of protein novelty across the entire budding yeast subphylum”*

Emilios Tassios, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

- ❖ *“Single-cell transcriptomics reveals immune senescence as a key determinant of melanoma immunotherapy response”*

Dimitrios Christos Tremoulis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

- ❖ *“HBV integrations occurring early post-infection rewire metabolic and oncogenic pathways in hepatocytes”*

Maria Bousali, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

18:00-19:00 **Plenary Talk: “Applications of artificial intelligence in the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases”. Dimitris P. Vlachakis**, Genetics Professor, Head of darkDNA,

Biotechnology Department, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

Chair: Dr. Artemis Chatzigeorgiou

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025

09:30-11:00 Oral Session 6 | Microbiology & Global health

Chairs: Dr. Manolis Angelakis, Dr. Haralabia Boleti

- ❖ *“Assessment of antiviral activity of photocatalytic surfaces for a clean and safe environment – APOGEION”*
Olga Papaggeli, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“The bioelectrics of immortality and mortality in cold-sensitive *Hydra oligactis*”*
Stefania Kapsetaki, Tufts University
- ❖ *“Discovery of novel antimicrobials: Inhibitors of microbial functional amyloid aggregation linked to biofilm formation”*
Dimitra Gialama, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'
- ❖ *“The central role of predatory myxobacteria in evolutionary history of metallo- β -lactamases”*
Anastasia Lambropoulou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Tus/ter determines replication direction of chromosome 2 in *Pseudoalteromonas haloplanktis*”*
Jasmin Ostermayer, Institute Pasteur Paris
- ❖ *“Beneath the surface: unraveling the morphological spectrum, glycopeptidolipids, and infection dynamics of *Mycobacterium abscessus*”*
Virginia Pichler, Institute Pasteur Paris

11:00-12:00 Bridging Science and Industry: Advances in Biotechnological Innovation

- ❖ *“Connecting the dots: Building the Multiomics Approach Together”*
Despina Tounda, BioAnalytica SA.
- ❖ *“Uncover the mysteries of Personalized Medicine: From deep immune profiling to the dynamic landscape of Gene Therapy”*
Androniki Tasiopoulou, Marios Athanosopoulos, P.Zafiropoulos s.a.
- ❖ *“Seeing Biology in 5D multiomics: Rich data, true dynamics, Full Context with Aviti24”*
Theocharis Efthimiopoulos, ANTISEL
- ❖ *“Corning® HYPER Technology – a cell culture scale-up solution for cell therapy processes”*
Anette Funfak, Corning

12:00-13:30 Poster Session III + Lunch Break

13:30-14:30 **Flash talks Session –present your research in 4 minutes!**

- ❖ *“In silico antimicrobial peptide discovery in Animal genomes”*
Nikolaos Pyrgelis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Integrative framework for discovery of splice-altering variants in breast cancer”*
Izabella Gogaeva, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“AI-driven characterization of CNS cells: classification, morphology, activation state, and interactions”*
Katerina Politopoulou, National Technical University of Athens
- ❖ *“Investigating the genomic context of microRNAs lacking CLS annotations in miRBase and MirGeneDB”*
Despoina Voulgari, University of Athens
- ❖ *“LLM Farms: A multi-model approach to harness collective intelligence of large language models for robust biomedical QA”*
Dimitra Panou, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'
- ❖ *“The LEAPS Project - Pandemic Preparedness and emerging viruses: Generation of VLPs for the development of medical countermeasures”*
Eirini Karamichali, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Viral infections in in vitro 3D bioprinted models”*
Georgia Papadopoulou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“RNaseK: A key regulator of Dengue virus proliferation and its implications in cellular homeostasis”*
Eirini P. Kollia, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *The impact of APOBEC3A in mitochondrial network perturbations during HIV-1 infection”*
Beibhinn O'Hora, Institute Pasteur Paris
- ❖ *“Neurofibromin regulates sleep homeostasis by modulating Ras signaling in cholinergic neurons”*
Kalliopi Atsoniou, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'
- ❖ *“Spatiotemporal dynamics of synaptic dysfunction in p.A53T- α Syn models: Investigating early pathology as a therapeutic target”*
Elissavet-Kalliopi Akrioti, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

14:30-15:00 **Scientific Image Contest**

15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30-17:00 **Oral Session 7 | Neuroscience**

Chairs: Dr. Rebecca Matsas, Dr. Florentia Papastefanaki

- ❖ *“Thyroid hormone mimetic DITPA enhances remyelination and oligodendrocyte preservation under CNS neuroinflammation”*
Paschalis Theotokis, Monash University
- ❖ *“Cross-Species analysis of behavioral deficits in neurofibromatosis type 1”*
Eirini-Maria Georganta, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'
- ❖ *“Cerebellum-specific microglial activation correlates with altered synaptic integrity in early Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis”*
Gerasimos Nakas, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Alzheimer’s Disease risk factor BIN1: Linking microglial deficiency to neuroinflammation and regulation of adult hippocampal neurogenesis”*
Eirini Portokali, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“Pharmacological inhibition of Mirk/Dyrk1B kinase rescues the early axonopathy of the embryonic SOD1G93A spinal motor neurons”*
Nikolaos Kokkorakis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- ❖ *“MCU and mPTP mediate cytosolic calcium overload and neuronal dysfunction in C. elegans models of autosomal dominant optic atrophy”*
Stathis Athanasiou, University of Athens

17:00-18:00 **Plenary Talk: “Developing novel therapies for neurodegenerative diseases and brain trauma”**

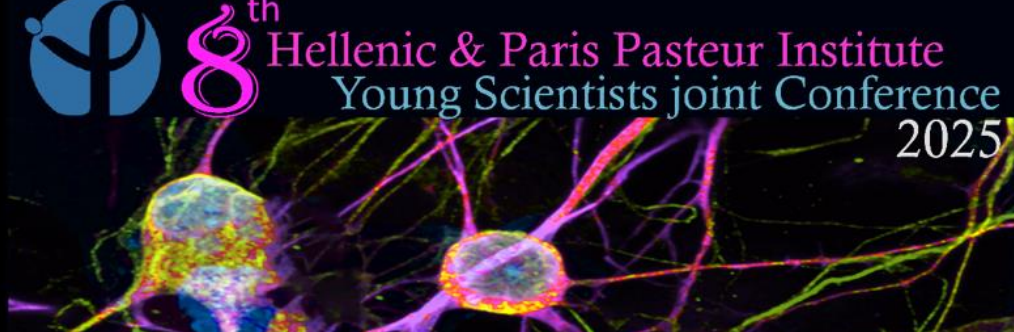
Achilleas Gravanis, Professor, Medical School, University of Crete, Greece & Affiliate Professor Northeastern University, USA

Chair: General Director HPI, Dr. George Patrinos

18:00-18:30 **Award Ceremony | Closing Remarks**

18:30 **Dinner in the Garden & Closing Party**





POSTER SESSION I - MONDAY 29 SEPT 2025

Bioinformatics & Computational Biology

- P1. "AmrProfiler: An integrated platform for comprehensive antimicrobial resistance gene and mutation analysis", Anargyros Skoulakis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P2. "Hepatitis B virus integrations into repetitive elements of the human genome", Artemis Gjinaj, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P3. "Integrative single-cell transcriptomic and epigenomic analysis of tumor adjacent lung tissue reveals smoking associated pathways in adenocarcinoma patients", Dimitris Angelakis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P4. "Elucidating the sources of novelty in the antibiotic resistome", Dinesh Kumar, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P5. "Integrative sentiment analysis of miRNA::Gene verified interactions in biomedical literature: leveraging BioBERT for comprehensive insights", Elissavet Zacharopoulou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P6. "Hepatitis B and the gut microbiome: Insights from a 16S rRNA meta-analysis", Iordanis Theocharis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P7. "Effects of inulin supplementation on gut microbiome composition of murine colitis: a meta-analysis of metagenomics data", Lydia P. Kalomiris, University of Thessaly
- P8. "microT-CNN: Identifying functional miRNA targets beyond canonical rules with convolutional networks" Marios Miliotis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P9. "Computational reconstruction of ancient Hepatitis B virus genomes from publicly available human WGS datasets", Pavlos Tsiartas, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P10. "The role of STAT3 in radioresistance in pancreatic adenocarcinoma and melanoma patients", Stavros Giannoukakos, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P11. "Identification and functional characterization of variants in microRNA binding regions of BRCA patients", Thodoris Daskalopoulos, University of Thessaly
- P12. "sTarML: A sequence-based machine learning framework for predicting bacterial sRNA-mRNA interactions", Vasiliki Kotsira, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P13. "Bayesian phylodynamic approaches to quantify superspreading in bacterial STI outbreaks", Jordi Sevilla Fortuny, Institute Pasteur Paris
- P14. "Dismantling a monolith brick by brick: small molecule disaggregation of TDP-43 fibrils", Zachariah Schuurs, Institute Pasteur Paris
- P15. "Reducing uncertainty in viral divergence time estimation through genome length expansion", Simone Ivanov, Institute Pasteur Paris

Biotechnology & Structural Biology

P16. "Engineered *Saccharomyces* yeast cells binding microplastics with carbohydrate binding modules (CBMs)", Bethani Eleni, Agricultural University of Athens

P17. "Evaluation of thermodurability and catalytic activity changes in a directed evolution pathway for designing more thermodurable PET hydrolases", Konstantinos Tornesakis, University of Portsmouth

P18. "Impact of marine heat waves on the proteome of the sponge *Aplysina aerophoba*", Maria Papacheimona, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

P19. "Deciphering Rocaglamide A's protein-level mechanisms of action in insect cell lines", Nickolas Xyderos Malefakis, Agricultural University of Athens

P20. "Advancing high-resolution light sheet microscopy for morphological studies of interhemispheric neuronal projections in somatosensory cortex", Bahar Asadipour, Institute Pasteur Paris

POSTER SESSION II - TUESDAY 30 SEPT 2025

Biotechnology & Structural Biology

P21. "Prognostic significance of CDX2 expression in Tunisian patients with colorectal cancer: A retrospective immunohistochemical study", Dorra Wider, Institute Pasteur Tunis

Immunology

P22. "Survivin a potential novel inflammatory biomarker for assessing anti-IL-17RA therapy efficacy in psoriasis", Fotis Badounas, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P23. "Sequential Biopsies reveal reduction of NETs and IL-6+ senescent cells under Tocilizumab in giant cell arteritis", Charilaos Spyropoulos, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P24. "The virus-responsive fate of the human (epi)genome; A paradigm of understanding defensive cellular responses in mammals", Marios Agelopoulos, Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens

P25. "CD40-CD40L inhibition attenuates platelet-neutrophil interaction and NET release in Primary Antiphospholipid Syndrome", Stavros Naoum, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P26. "The genetic background of Ankylosing Spondylitis reveals a distinct overlap with autoimmune diseases: A Systematic Review", Theodora Zormpa, Agricultural University of Athens

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P28. "Longitudinal cytokine and transcriptomic profiling for TB disease monitoring and patient stratification", Jingwen Fan, Institute Pasteur Paris

Microbiology & Virology

P29. "The LSD1/EMMPRIN axis in HCV-associated HCC", L.A. Papadopoulou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P30. "The impact of exoPD-L1 derived from HCV infectious cell culture system before and after DAA treatment on adaptive immunity", Pavlos Karydis, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

- P31. "Oseltamivir resistant cases of A/H1N1pdm09 Influenza Virus during the surveillance period 2023–2024 in Southern Greece", Voula Labropoulou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P32. "Isolation of multi-resistant environmental bacteria from Marchica lagoon in Morocco", Yousra Benghait, University Hassan II
- P33. "DNA damage during Chlamydia trachomatis infection: mechanisms and tumorigenic potential", Félix Louchez, Institute Pasteur Paris
- P34. "Unravelling the interplay between sequence composition and processes in yeast using a synthetic bacterial region", Samantha-Jane Bonnett, Institute Pasteur Paris
- P35. "Real-time fluorescence microscopy resolves Type IV pili dynamics in Neisseria meningitides", Foad Ghasemi, Institute Pasteur Paris
- P36. "Characterization of a novel patient-associated mutation in the SPG7 gene", Angie Torres Juacida, Institute Pasteur Paris
- P37. "Probing the role of M. tuberculosis GroEL2 in adaptation and host inflammation: A potential target for immune modulation", Margaux Pillon, Institute Pasteur Paris
- P38. "Study of the regulation of interactions between mitochondria and lipid droplets by the virulence factor NSm of the Rift Valley fever virus (RVFV)", Raphaël Vatin, Institute Pasteur Paris
- P39. "3DP-μGut: A low-cost 3D-printed gut-on-chip platform integrating intestinal segmentation forces for physiologically relevant microbiota co-cultures", Elise Delannoy, Institute Pasteur of Lille
- P40. "Targeting the progression of Lupus-like disease in humanized mouse model by specific dietary components", Lidiya Kechidzhieva, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

POSTER SESSION III - WEDNESDAY 1 OCT 2025

Neuroscience

- P41. "DNA demethylase TET1 emerges as a pivotal regulator of the MIR-124/ISX9-instructed conversion of astrocytes to induced-neurons", Alexandra Frazeskou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P42. "WASp protein bi-directionally regulates habituation kinetics via actin dynamics", Alexandros G. Charonitakis, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'
- P43. "Investigating p.A53T-alpha-synuclein-induced astrocytic senescence In a Parkinson's disease iPSC model", Christina Paschou, Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- P44. "Development and investigation of the flexible behavioral phenotype in rodents", Elissavet Anna Petsalaki, Foundation for Research and Technology
- P45. "Transcriptional profiling of invertebrate and vertebrate olfactory receptors upon exposure to odorants with different vibrational patterns", Katerina Douka, Biomedical Sciences Research Center 'Alexander Fleming'
- P46. "Pharmacological inhibition of Mirk/Dyrk1B kinase decreases Tau phosphorylation at T212 residue and confers neuroprotection in THY-Tau22 cortical neurons", Katerina Tsimpouki, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P47. “The multifaceted neuroprotective potential of activin-A in models of Parkinson’s disease pathology” Mantia Karampetsou, Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens

P48. “Microglial BIN1 deficiency elicits enhanced microglial inflammatory responses that mimic early AD pathology”, Maria Margariti, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P49. “Serine protease kallikrein-6 as a novel therapeutic target for Parkinson’s Disease”, Marina Skarveli, Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens

P50. “Exclusive tmTNF- α expression attenuates amyloid pathology in the male 5XFAD mouse model of Alzheimer’s disease”, Panagiota Mertzani, Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens

P51. “Transcriptomic signatures of early microglial dysfunction in the p.A53T- α -synuclein mouse model of Parkinson’s disease”, Sophia P. Markaki, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P52. “KLK6 modulates A β plaque accumulation in a mouse model of Alzheimer’s Disease”, Tsiokou Ioanna-Alexia, University of Athens

P53. “Microglial TREM2 signalling in hiPSC-derived models of α Synuclein-mediated neurodegeneration and neuroinflammation”, Vasilopoulou Foteini, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P54. “Severe immunodeficiency highly affects hippocampal neurogenesis at early postnatal stages”, Zoe Kotsikou, Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens

Stem Cell Biology

P55. “Manipulating Zfh2 expression reveals its central role in stemness in the Drosophila gut”, Vasileios Markos, University of Crete

P56. “Cross talk between striated and smooth muscle in mouse esophagus”, Arun Maurya, Institute Pasteur Paris

P57. “Environmental reprogramming of hepatic lineage development drives epigenetic priming for early-onset hepatocellular carcinoma”, Claudia Monge, Institute Pasteur Paris

P58. “The role of the intermediate filament protein Nestin in Glioblastoma biology”, Léa Manke, Institute Pasteur Paris

Global Health

P59. “Challenging the taboo: public perceptions of animal research and its role in global health”, CJ Carag, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

P60. “Serological study from patients in Greece for the detection of antibodies against viruses transmitted by phlebotomine vectors”, Georgios Diamantopoulos, Hellenic Pasteur Institute

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