

Naples, September 18, 2024

Minutes of the Advisory Board meeting

On September 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m., on the occasion of the PhD Day of the Doctoral Course in Biochemical and Biotechnological Sciences, the Advisory Board (AB) of the aforementioned Course met electronically with the following agenda:

1. Establishment of the Advisory Board;
2. Appointment of the President of the Advisory Board;
3. Plan for the improvement of the educational offer of the PhD course in Biochemical and Biotechnological Sciences

The following members of the AB are present: Prof. Arnaud Besson (University of Toulouse, France), Dr. Nirmal Robinson (Centre for Cancer Biology, Australia), Prof. Evzen Amler (University of Prague, Second Faculty of Medicine, Czech Republic), Dr. Marta Varela Rey (University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain), Dr. Gianluigi Russo (CNR, Avellino, Italy), Alessandro Ruggiero (IBSA, China).

The following members of the teaching staff are present: Adriana Borriello; Gabriella Castoria; Gilda Cobellis; Luigi Laino; Antimo Migliaccio; Silvio Naviglio; Gianpaolo Papaccio; Chiara Schiraldi; Virginia Tirino; Silvia Zappavigna; Fulvio Della Ragione; Federica Papaccio; Nunzia D'onofrio; Anna De Filippis; Giovanna Donnarumma; Pia Giovannelli; Clara Iannuzzi; Debora Bencivenga and Gabriella Misso.

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The meeting was opened by the Coordinator of the Doctoral Course, Prof. Michele Caraglia who briefly illustrated the activities of the Advisory Board.

Prof. Silvia Zappavigna took over the role of secretary and recorder.

Subsequently, the election of the President of the Advisory Board took place. Those present unanimously voted Prof. Nirmal Robinson as president, who thus institutionalized the establishment of the Advisory Board of the PhD Course in Biochemical and Biotechnological Sciences. Periodic on-site visits by the members of the Advisory Board are planned in which the doctoral students, in the presence of their tutors, will be invited to present their research projects with the related experimental results in order to receive advice on the continuation of their research. Furthermore, a PhD Day will be held annually with the presentation of the research activities of each PhD student and in which prizes will be awarded for the best oral presentation. Furthermore, the PhD coordinator thanks all the members of the Advisory Board for having participated in the PhD Day on September 18 and for having contributed to the improvement of the students' research with their suggestions.

3. Plan for the improvement of the Educational Offer of the PhD Course in Biochemical and Biotechnological Sciences.

The Coordinator Prof. Michele Caraglia briefly illustrates the educational objectives, the educational offer and the employment opportunities of the PhD Course in Biochemical and Biotechnological Sciences.

The improvement actions proposed by the Advisory Board concern the areas of organization, orientation and internationalization. In particular, the aim will be to promote the educational offer also towards external public and private entities to increase funding opportunities; to improve the qualification of PhD students, greater involvement of external figures with a high professional profile, with active roles in the training activities of the course (e.g. co-tutoring of theses, joint projects with students in the context of teaching, curricular internships) will be promoted.

Furthermore, to support the research activity and the international mobility of PhD students, the close cooperation of the PhD with national and international scientific societies such as the Italian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SIB), the Italian Association of Cell Cultures (AICC) and the Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS), of which several members of the teaching staff and of the AB are members or members of the board of directors, will be encouraged.

Once the items on the agenda have been exhausted, the Coordinator declares the session closed at 4:30 p.m.

The Coordinator

Prof Michele Caraglia