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**neuroscience**  
CENTER



# **PNC & PHD RETREAT 2023**

**30 November –  
2 December 2023**

**Villa Parco Bolasco  
Castelfranco Veneto**



The second PNC Retreat is envisioned as a crucial opportunity to discuss the center's future regarding goals, collaborations with other centers, and actions to be undertaken. A key part of the retreat will be the day dedicated to the PNC Ph.D. program. This will be a valuable time to engage with our doctoral students and affiliates, delving into their research activities. Such discussions will enable us to gain a comprehensive overview of the various projects currently underway both within and in collaboration with the PNC, fostering a deeper understanding of our academic community's endeavors.

## **Day 1 - Thursday**

**15:00 - 16:00:** Presentation of the PNC's activities by the Director, Prof. A. Bertoldo

**16:00 - 16:30:** Coffee break

**16:30 - 18:00:** Organization of thematic groups and discussion. Possible topics include:

- How to equip the 4 laboratories at the future location in Via San Massimo? What rules to follow for assigning spaces (faculty offices and desks for doctoral students and postdocs) at the future location in Via San Massimo? (facilitator: Prof. A. Bertoldo)
- Planning the upcoming short-term activities of the PNC: project calls, videos, and website reshaping (facilitator: Prof. P. Sessa)
- Multidisciplinary and Translational Research: What can we do to make it better? The role of the working groups and/or open datasets (facilitator: Prof. M. Zorzi)

**18:00 - 19:30:** Plenary session: summing up the discussions of thematic groups

**20:30:** Social dinner at Restaurant "Antico Girone" (Via Francesco Maria Preti 9)

## **Day 2 - Friday (dedicated to the PhD course)**

**9:30 - 10:00:** Brief overview of the Ph.D. Program in Neuroscience, Prof. A. Vallesi

**10:00 - 11:00:** Keynote lecture by Prof. Pier Francesco Ferrari, Director of the Institut des Sciences Cognitives Marc Jeannerod, CNRS (Université Claude Bernard Lyon) & University of Parma: "Brain mechanisms supporting Social Cognition from birth to adulthood in human and nonhuman primates"

**11:00 - 11:30:** Coffee break





**11:30 – 12:30:** Awarding the two prizes to the 34th and 35th cohorts of the Neuroscience PhD Program and presenting the winning projects

**12:30 – 14:00:** Buffet lunch

**14:00 – 16:00:** Poster session for the Ph.D. students of the Neuroscience program and the Ph.D. and postdocs affiliated with the PNC but enrolled in other Ph.D. programs and departments

**16:00 – 16:30:** Coffee break

**16:30 – 18:00:** Student's opinions on the Ph.D. program and discussion with PNC affiliates

**18:00 – 19:00:** Awarding the prizes for the best posters and brief presentations of the winners

**20:00:** Buffet dinner with musical entertainment at the Restaurant "Alchimista Bistrot e Mescole" (Corso 29 Aprile 15)

### **Day 3 – Saturday**

**9:30 – 9:45:** Institutional greetings by the Rector, Prof. Daniela Mapelli

**9:45 – 10:00:** Prof. F. Zwirner and Prof. A. Paoli: "In the direction of establishing a university ethics committee". Discussion with the participants

**10:00 – 10:30:** A brief overview of PNC's achievements and future activities, Prof. A. Bertoldo

**10:30 – 11:00:** Coffee break

**11:00 – 12:30:** Engaging in discussions with representatives from research centers that align with PNC activities:

- Prof. A. Antonini, CEntro Studi per la NEurodegenerazione – CESNE
- Prof. L. Bubacco, Progetto di Eccellenza DiBio "I network biologici: dalle molecole agli ecosistemi"
- Prof. M. De Domenico, Padua Center for Network Medicine – PCNM
- Prof. N. Elvassore, Veneto Institute of Molecular Medicine – VIMM
- Prof. R. Rizzuto, Centro Nazionale di Ricerca "Sviluppo di terapia genica e farmaci con tecnologia a RNA"

**12:30 – 13:00:** PNC's future directions and collaboration with other centers, Prof. M. Corbetta

**13:00 – 14:30:** Goodbye with a buffet lunch