

## RATIONAL DESIGN IN MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY: FROM CONCEPT TO CLINIC

## *PROGETTAZIONE MOLECOLARE NELLE BIOTECNOLOGIE MODERNE: DAL CONCEPT ALLA CLINICA*

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24-28 November 2025

Aula presso Collegio Spallanzani, via Ugo Foscolo 17 - Pavia

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November:**

**11.30-13.00** Introductory presentation; my career from Pavia to the USA; Q&A

**Lunch break**

**14.30-16.30** Lecture: The biotherapeutic development process, from the bench to the clinic.

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November:**

**9.30-11.00** Lecture: Introduction to antibody engineering

**Short break**

**11.00-12.30** Lecture: Antibody discovery approaches: finding a needle in a haystack?

### **17.00-19.00: webinar (by Zoom)**

**Biotech 2030: Building the Next Generation of Scientists — Skills, Networks, and Mindsets for What's Next**

**René Hubert, Ph.D., Scientific Director Early Career Talent, Global Research, Amgen**

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November:**

**9.30-11.00** Lecture: Antibody engineering, humanization, and optimization

**Short break**

**11.00-12.30** Lecture: Epitope mapping, molecular design and engineering affinity and specificity

**Lunch break**

**14.00-15.00** Predicting immunogenicity and reformatting to multispecifics

**15.00-16.30** Demo: The Abacus system for ML based antibody engineering

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November:**

**9.30-11.00** Demo: Utilizing MOE and svl for *in silico* molecular design

**Short break**

**11.00-12.30** MOE workshop: engineering specificity in a therapeutically relevant antibody

**Lunch break**

**14.00-15.00** MOE workshop: engineering specificity in a therapeutically relevant antibody

**15.00-16.30** MOE workshop results and discussion

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November:**

**9.30-12.30** Q&A, discussion about career in company/industry; one-to-one meeting about career suggestions, building a competitive resume (Curriculum Vitae), opportunities and trending skillsets.