

ESN-YSSC Members



Dr. Sara Grassi – ESN-YSSC Chair

Milan, Italy.

Career: PhD in Biochemical sciences at the Università degli Studi Milano (March 2017) on the identification of the lipid antigens recognized by a remyelination-promoting antibody.

Current position: Postdoc at the Università degli Studi Milano (since March 2017).

Research interest: Role of membrane sphingolipids in the molecular mechanisms underlying demyelination/remyelination.

Societies: ESN member since 2014, ISN member since 2015, FENS member since 2014.



Dr. Matteo Audano

Milan, Italy

Career: Master degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology (2012) and Ph.D. (2017) in Biochemical Sciences at the Università degli Studi Milano

Current position: assistant Professor at Università degli Studi Milano

Research Interest: Lipid metabolism and mitochondrial function in brain cells and role in neuronal maturation

Societies: ESN



Dr. Anna Churilova

St. Petersburg, Russia

Career: PhD at Pavlov Institute of Physiology of Russian Academy of Sciences, Saint-Petersburg on role of transcription factors under different modes of hypobaric hypoxia in the rat brain (2015)

Current position: Postdoc at Pavlov Institute of Physiology of Russian Academy of Sciences

Research interest: Molecular mechanisms of hypobaric hypoxia and hypoxic preconditioning in the rat brain, autophagy in hypoxia model

Societies: ESN member since 2015



Dr. Riccardo Cristofani

Milan, Italy

Career: PhD in Endocrinology and metabolic sciences at University of Milan (December 2015) on retrograde transport alterations in motorneuron diseases.

Current position: assistant Professor at Università degli Studi Milano (since January 2021).

Research interest: Molecular mechanisms underlying the toxicity caused by misfolded proteins accumulation responsible for ALS and SBMA.

Societies: SINS member since 2014, ESN member since 2015, ISN member since 2015.



Kadri Seppa

Tartu, Estonia

Current position: PhD student in Neuroscience at the University of Tartu (2017)

Research interest: Development and evaluation of novel neuroprotective strategies using a rat model of Wolfram syndrome

Societies: ESN member since 2019



Rui Rodrigues

Lisbon, Portugal

Career: Master degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology at the University of Coimbra (2015)

Current position: PhD student in Biomedical Sciences (Neuroscience) at the University of Lisbon (since 2017)

Research interests: Role of cannabinoids in neural stem cells and psychiatric disorders

Societies: ESN member since 2020, ISN member since 2019, FENS member since 2017