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BIOINFORMATICS HORIZONS 2025

AGENDA



A must-attend event to connect, learn, and shape the future of bioinformatics. **2-4 APRIL 2025**



- Faculty of Medicine, "Carol Davila" **University of Medicine and Pharmacy**
- Faculty of Biology, University of Bucharest Botanical Garden





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Preconference Workshop

April 2





Administrative Building, Botanical Garden (Soseaua Cotroceni 32, Bucharest)

08:30

Registration

09:00

Session 1 - Ensembl Genome Browser Workshop part 1

Batista da Rocha Jorge, European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI), UK

10:45

Coffee Break

11:15

Session 1 - Ensembl Genome Browser Workshop part 2

Batista da Rocha Jorge, European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI), UK

13:00

Lunch Break

14:00

Session 2 - RNA seq data analysis part 1

Serghei Mangul, *University of Southern California, USA*Viorel Munteanu, "Stefan cel Mare" University of Suceava

15:45

Coffee Break

16:15

Session 2 - RNA seq data analysis part 2

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Day 1 - April 3



Faculty of Medicine, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine (Eroii Sanitari 8, Bucharest)

- 08:30 Registration
- 09:30 Bioinformatics Horizons' 25 Conference Opening
- 10:00 Session 1 Genomics part 1

Paula Istvan: Populational Studies of the Microbiome: Revealing Viral Diversity and its Impact on Health and Disease
Natacha Couto: The bioinformatics conundrum of microbial typing Mircea Iliescu: The evolution of human diversity in admixed populations

- 11:30 Coffee Break and Networking
- 11:50 Session 2 Genomics part 2

Elias Rodriguez-Fos: Extrachromosomal circular DNA in cancer cells Dustin Sokolowski: An updated naked mole-rat assembly and annotation unveils genomic underpinnings of their unique physiology Serghei Mangul: Accelerating scientific progress through the reusability of genomics data

- 13:20 Lunch Break
- 14:20 Session 3

Applied Bioinformatics in Medicine and Health

Andrei Lobiuc: PHGL-COVID - An overview of the integrated health application

Jose Espejo Valle: Mechanisms underpinning cancer genome complexity and clonal evolution

Andra Maria Ionescu: The use of viral genomics to monitor infectious

diseases in the UK

Konika Chawla: From Data to Discovery. Bioinformatics Core Facility's Case Study on Psoriasis transcriptomics

- 16:20 Coffee Break and Networking
- 16:40 Bioinformatics Horizons Roundtable discussion
- **19:00** Dinner

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Day 2 - April 4



Faculty of Biology, University of Bucharest "Dimitrie Brandza" Amphitheater, Botanical Garden (Intrarea Portocalelor 1-3, Bucharest)

Day 2 Opening 09:15

Session 1 - Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning 09:30

> Alfredo lacoangeli: Dissecting disease heterogeneity using largescale genomics and machine learning in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

Mihai Udrescu: Combining Fractional Dynamics with Deep Learning - A New Method for Analyzing Physiological Signals Ana Bondar: Graph-based algorithms to decipher how membrane receptors function in the cell

Coffee Break and Networking 11:00

Session 2 - Functional Bioinformatics 11:20

> Joel Rozowsky: Using the The EN-TEx personal epigenome resource to construct variant-impact models Maria Mernea: THz spectroscopy and molecular modeling to

investigate protein-ligand interactions

Andrei Paun: Unconventional computing using artificial neural networks

Lunch Break + Botanical Garden View 12:25

Session 3 - Bioinformatics Education 14:20

> Inimary Toby-Ogundeji: Bioinformatics Education: Essential Competencies and Framework Marius Mihășan: Bridging Abstract Concepts and Tangible Learning.

3D-Printed Models in Biomolecular Science Education

Coffee Break and Poster Viewing 15:20

16:45 **Conference Closing**