

Dear Colleagues,

The Matrix Biology Europe (MBE) conference is one of the most important congresses in the world addressing extracellular biological polymers, which represent key molecules in several pathophysiological processes.

This international event is held every two years and gives the opportunity to hundreds of senior and young researchers to present their research and to interact with outstanding experts in the field.

Beside the basic science presentations, several sessions are focused on the clinical and biotechnological applications of proteoglycans, which represent very promising targets in human pathology. The program will cover all aspects of the extracellular matrix biology in health and disease, the cell-matrix interactions and signalling, the pathology and tumor environment as well as the advances in matrix disease mechanisms and pharmacological targeting.

The Organizing and Scientific Committees have put together internationally recognized experts as well as younger group leaders as invited speakers. The scientific program will involve several Plenary Lectures and short talks selected from the submitted abstracts.

We really hope to see you again in presence in Florence for a great Congress and it will be a great opportunity to share our experiences after the COVID-19.

We look forward to welcoming you in Florence from 28 to 30 September 2022!

With our best regards, Alberto G. Passi

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