

2026 CONFERENCE & SCHOOL ON EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES AND NANOPARTICLES (CSEVP-2026)

CONFERENCE: VILLA TUSCOLANA - FRASCATI (ROME)
FEBRUARY 16TH – 17TH, 2026

SCHOOL: ROME - UNIVERSITY OF ROME TOR VERGATA
FEBRUARY 18TH - 20TH, 2026



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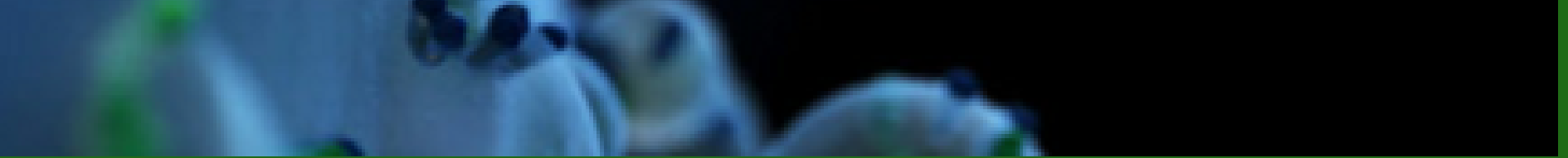


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BACKGROUND

All cells release extracellular vesicles and nanoparticles into the extracellular environment during physiological and pathophysiological processes. Extracellular vesicles are nanosized particles enclosed in a lipid bilayer that are released from cells into the extracellular environment and cannot replicate. They are of two types: vesicles that are free to migrate to other regions of a tissue, or even to other tissues, after their release (media EVs), and vesicles that bind to the extracellular matrix and are less inclined to migrate (matrix-bound EVs). The current model describes the main function of media EVs as participation in paracrine and endocrine cell-cell communication processes, while the main function of matrix-bound EVs as participation in mineralization processes. Recent studies have shown that matrix-bound EVs can also mediate local cell-cell communication processes, opening new perspectives on their biological role. Extracellular nanoparticles include not only well-known entities, such as lipoprotein particles, nucleosomes, and vaults, but also two recently discovered nanoparticles, exosomes and supermeres. Although their biological function is still unclear, exosomes and supermeres are thought to be exclusively capable of migration and their main function is described as participation in cell-cell communication.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

Due to the success of the 2024 - Conference and School on Extracellular Vesicles and Nanoparticles (CSEVP-2024), the committee has decided to reschedule the event in February 2026. The new event (CSEVP-2026) will have the same format as the previous event, a **Conference (February 16-17, Villa Tuscolana, Rome)** followed by a **School (February 18-20, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome)**.

During the **Conference**, senior experts will highlight recent advances in understanding the role of extracellular vesicles and nanoparticles in physiological and pathological processes.

Afterwards, ample space will be given to young scientists (the "rising stars") to discuss their discoveries in the field with oral contributions and posters. There will also be interventions by private companies.

In the following three days, there will be the **School with theoretical lectures and practical lessons** in the laboratory.

The theoretical lectures will cover general aspects, including the classification of extracellular vesicles and isolation techniques, but also more specific and innovative aspects, including MISEV rules and how to study vesicle membrane proteins with innovative techniques (for instance, proximity barcoding assay). Practical lessons will be organized to show students the entire chain of processes needed to isolate and characterize vesicles with equipment brought by private companies. Regarding vesicle isolation, both "classic" techniques (e.g., SEC and TFF) and techniques based on automated equipment/kits (e.g., EXODUS and EXoPERT) will be shown. Regarding vesicle characterization, the School will show students how to characterize physical, biochemical and physicochemical properties using both “classical” techniques (e.g., NTA, TRPS and flow cytometry) and more “innovative” techniques (high resolution microscopy and AFM-based imaging and non-imaging techniques). Compared to the 2024 event, the 2026 event aims to expand the space dedicated to young scientists to allow them to create an international network, which is the basis of a scientific culture without borders. Awards will be made available by the National Societies on extracellular vesicles for the best talk and poster.



Preliminary PROGRAM

Frascati, Villa Tuscolana - February 16th-17th, 2026

Conference

FEBRUARY 16TH

07:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:10	Prof. Nathan Levialdi Ghiron – Rector of the University of Rome Tor Vergata WELCOME TALK TO THE 2026 CONFERENCE & SCHOOL ON EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES AND NANOPARTICLES

09:10 – 09:40 CHAIRMEN: Prof. Massimo Bottini & Prof. Claudia Matteucci Keynote Speaker Prof. Josè Louis Millán - Sanford Burnham Prebys, La Jolla, USA HYPOPHOSPHATASIA - LOOKING BEYOND THE SKELETON	
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09:40 – 10:30 SESSION 1 - GENERAL CHAIRMEN: Prof. Massimo Bottini & Prof. Claudia Matteucci	
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09:40 – 10:00	Prof. Colin Farquharson – University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland THE FUNCTIONAL CO-OPERATIVITY OF TNAP AND PHOSPHOI DURING MATRIX VESICLE MEDIATED SKELETAL MINERALIZATION
10:00 – 10:20	Senior Speaker
10:20 – 10:40	Senior Speaker
10:40 – 10:55	Dr. Maria Cavarlez – Sanford Burnham Prebys, La Jolla, USA <i>(speech title to be defined)</i> ★
10:55 – 11:05	Sponsor Talk
11:05 – 11:25	COFFEE BREAK //POSTER VISIT //SPONSOR NETWORKING

11:25 – 12:20 SESSION 2 - GENERAL CHAIRMEN: Prof. Massimo Bottini & Prof. Claudia Matteucci	
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11:25 – 11:45	Prof. Maurizio Fraziano - University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy
11:45 – 12:05	Senior Speaker - TBD - Bambin Gesù Hospital - Rome, Italy
12:05 – 12:20	Rising Star ★
12:20 – 12:30	Sponsor Talk
12:30 – 12:40	Sponsor Talk

12:40 – 13:30 BUFFET LUNCH & SPONSOR SHOW	
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13:30 – 14:30 SESSION 3 - EV FLOW CYTOMETRY Chairman: Prof. Antonella Minutolo	
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13:30 – 13:50	Prof. Estefania Lozano Andres - Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands
13:50 – 14:05	Dr. Marialaura Fanelli - University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy
14:05 – 14:20	Rising Star ★
14:20 – 14:30	Sponsor Talk

14:30 – 15:45 SESSION 4 - EV PROTEIN CORONA Chairman: Prof. Annalisa Radeghieri	
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14:30 – 14:50	Prof. Edit Buzás - Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary
14:50 – 15:05	Dr. Angelo Musicò - SCITEC-CNR, Milan, Italy
15:05 – 15:20	Dr. Heikki Kyykallio - Institute of Biomedicine, University of Eastern Finland
15:20 – 15:35	Rising Star ★
15:35 – 15:45	Sponsor Talk
15:45 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK // POSTER VISIT // SPONSOR NETWORKING

16:00 – 17:40 SESSION 5 - SOLID TISSUE AND MATRIX EVS Chairman: Prof. Lucia Paolini	
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16:00 – 16:20	Prof. Rossella Crescitelli – University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden
16:20 – 16:35	Dr. Giada Corti - University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy
16:35 – 16:50	Dr. Sarah Tassinari - IRCCS - Istituto Romagnolo per lo Studio dei Tumori "Dino Amadori"
16:50 – 17:05	Dr. Juçara G. Cominal - Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil TIME-SPECIFIC PROPERTIES OF MATRIX VESICLES DURING OSTEOBLAST MINERALIZATION
17:05 – 17:20	Rising Star ★
17:20 – 17:30	Sponsor Talk
17:30 – 17:40	Sponsor Talk

FEBRUARY 17TH

09:00 – 10:00

Session 6 - EV AFM

Chairman: Prof. Simone Dinarelli

09:00 – 09:20	Prof. Pietro Parisse - CNR-IOM-Istituto Officina dei Materiali, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Trieste, Italy
09:20 – 09:35	Rising Star ★
09:35 – 09:50	Rising Star ★
09:50 – 10:00	Sponsor Talk

10:00 – 11:15

SESSION 7 - MILK EVS

Chairman: Prof. Giovanni Chillemi

10:00 – 10:20	Prof. Martijn van Herwijnen - Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands
	MILK'S TINY MESSENGERS: HOW MILK-DERIVED EVS SHAPE THE INFANT'S IMMUNE SYSTEM
10:20 – 10:35	Dr. Samanta Mecocci - University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy
	ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AND IMMUNOMODULATING POTENTIAL OF EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES FROM ANIMAL MILK
10:35 – 10:50	Dr. Marco Blasioli - Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands
10:50 – 11:05	Rising Star ★
11:05 – 11:15	Sponsor
11:15 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK & SPONSOR SHOW

11:30 – 12:55

Session 8 - Plant/Fungi EVs

Chairman: Prof. Almeida

11:30 – 11:50	SENIOR SPEAKER
11:50 – 12:05	Dr. Lucas Fabricio Bahia Nogueira - University of Sao Paulo, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil
12:05 – 12:20	Dr. Alessandra Minchella - University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy
12:20 – 12:35	Rising star ★
12:35 – 12:45	Sponsor Talk
12:45 – 12:55	Sponsor Talk
12:55 – 15:00	POSTERS - BUFFET LUNCH & SPONSOR SHOW
15:00 – 16:00	AWARDS & CONCLUDING REMARKS

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VENUE

Conference (February, 16-17)
Villa Tuscolana -
Via del Tuscolo 1 - Frascati (Rome)

School (February 18-19-20)
Finazzi Agro' Hall
Tor Vergata University
Via Montpellier 1 - Rome



SCHOOL on Extracellular Vesicles and Nanoparticles February 18th-20th

**Finazzi Agro' Hall
University of Rome Tor Vergata**

The school will be held at the laboratories of the University of Rome Tor Vergata and the National Research Council (CNR) from February 18 to 20, 2026.

The school's aim is to demonstrate to young scientists the entire process of vesicle isolation and characterization using both traditional and more modern techniques. This will allow them to develop critical thinking skills when choosing future techniques for working with vesicles. Academic professors and scientists from private companies will illustrate the following techniques with theoretical and/or practical lectures.

General lectures on EVs

- * Introduction to extracellular vesicles
- * MISEV - minimal information for studies of extracellular vesicles
- * Liposomes and proteoliposomes
- * 2D and 3D Cell Culture Techniques (FIBERCELL SYSTEMS)

EV isolation

- * Size Exclusion Chromatography (IZON)
- * Tangential Flow Filtration (IZON)
- * Ultracentrifugation (Eppendorf)
- * Automated EV isolation technique developed by EXODUS Bio
- * EV isolation kits developed by Targeted Bioscience and EXoPERT

EV characterization

- * Nanoparticle Tracking Analysis (Particle Matrix)
- * Leprechaun system (Alfatest)
- * Tunable Resistive Pulse Sensing (IZON)
- * High-resolution microscopy (ONI)
- * Atomic Force Microscopy
- * Proximity Barcode Assay (SECRETECH)
- * Flow cytometry (Beckman)

Lessons will vary in length.

