

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
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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

07:50 – 08:30 Registration

OPENING TALKS

CHAIRMEN: Prof. Massimo Bottini - Prof. Claudia Matteucci

08:30 – 08:40 Prof. Nathan Levialdi Giron – *Rector of the University of Rome Tor Vergata*

WELCOME TO THE 2026 CONFERENCE & SCHOOL ON EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES AND NANOPARTICLES

08:40 – 08:50 Prof. Andreas Möller - *Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

WELCOME NOTE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES

08:50 – 09:20

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Jose Louis Millan - *Sanford Children's Health Research Center, La Jolla, USA*

HYPOPHOSPHATASIA - KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE FUNCTION OF MATRIX VESICLES

09:20 – 10:30

SESSION 1 - GENERAL

CHAIRMEN: Prof. Massimo Bottini - Prof. Claudia Matteucci

09:20 – 09:40 Prof. Colin Farquharson – *University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland*

THE FUNCTIONAL CO-OPERATIVITY OF TNAP AND PHOSPHO1 DURING MATRIX VESICLE MEDIATED SKELETAL MINERALIZATION

09:40 – 10:00 Prof. Stefano Tacconi – *University of Rome La Sapienza, Rome, Italy*

EXTRACELLULAR LIPID DROPLETS EXPORT BY LAM/TREM2+ MACROPHAGES: A NEW LIPID-BASED COMMUNICATION MECHANISM UNDER LIPID OVERLOAD

10:00 – 10:10 Dr. Seungmin Kim - *Korea University, Seoul, Republic of Korea*

COMPANION DIAGNOSTICS FOR DEPRESSION USING EV-BASED LIQUID BIOPSY AND AI

10:10 – 10:20 Dr. Maria Cavarlez - *Sanford Burnham Prebys, La Jolla, USA*

DETERMIING mRNA PACKAGING AND DELIVERY BY SMALL EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES IN THE BRAIN

10:20 - 10:30 Sponsor Talk - **EXODUS BIO** - Dr. Yuri D'Alessandro

EXODUS BIO SOLUTIONS FOR FULLY AUTOMATED ISOLATION OF EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK // POSTER VISIT // NETWORKING

11:00 – 12:10

SESSION 2 - GENERAL

CHAIRMEN: Prof. Massimo Bottini - Prof. Claudia Matteucci

11:00 – 11:20 Prof. Maurizio Fraziano - *University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy*

BIOACTIVE LIPOSOMES AS A NOVEL HOST-DIRECTED THERAPY TO COMBAT MULTIDRUG-RESISTANTINFECTIONS

11:20 – 11:40 Prof.ssa Chiara Agrati - *Bambin Gesù Hospital - Rome, Italy*

EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES RELEASED FROM ACTIVATED VD2 T CELLS PROMOTE ADJUVANT AND DIRECT ANTIVIRAL ACTIVITY

11:40 – 11:50 Dr. Francesca Natale - *Dept. of Neuroscience, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy*

INTRANASAL ADMINISTRATION OF NEURAL STEM CELLS-DERIVED EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES AMELIORATES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PHENOTYPE IN 3xTG-AD MICE

11:50 – 12:00 Sponsor Talk - **SCHAEFER SEE** - Dr. Maira Bacchiglio

EV PURIFICATION AND CHARACTERISATION: WHERE PRECISION MEETS POTENTIAL

12:00 – 12:10 Sponsor Talk - **PARTICLE METRIX** - Dr. Bertrand Damart

ZETAVIEW EVOLUTION: A NEW EDGE FOR NANOPARTICLE CHARACTERIZATION

12:10 – 13:30

BUFFET LUNCH & SPONSOR EXHIBITION

13:30 – 14:25

SESSION 3 - EV FLOW CYTOMETRY

Chairman: Prof. Antonella Minutolo

13:30 – 13:50 Prof. Estefania Lozano Andres - *Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands*

CHARACTERIZATION OF NANOPARTICLES AND EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES USING CALIBRATION METHODOLOGIES ON THE CYTOFLEX NANO

13:50 – 14:00 Dr. Marialaura Fanelli - *University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy*

CHARACTERIZATION OF EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES REVEALS PERSISTENT MYELOID ACTIVATION AND SARS-COV-2 PROTEINS EXPRESSION ASSOCIATED INFLAMMATION IN ACUTE AND LONG COVID

14:00 – 14:10 Dr. Chiara Samà - *Department of Medicine - University of Padua, Italy*

EXTRACELLULAR VESICLE PROFILES IN FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLAEMIA AND THEIR MODULATION BY EVINACUMAB TREATMENT

14:10 – 14:20 Dr. Elena Chinosi - *Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy*

EXPLORING OLIGODENDROCYTE-DERIVED EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES AS BIOMARKERS OF DISEASE PROGRESSION IN ALS

14:20 – 14:30 Sponsor Talk - **BECKMAN COULTER** - Dr. Marcello Bartoletti

14:30 – 15:30

SESSION 4 - EV PROTEIN CORONA

Chairman: Prof. Annalisa Radeghieri

14:30 – 14:50 Prof. Edit Buzás - *Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary*

Dr. Angelo Musicò - *SCITEC-CNR, Milan, Italy*

15:00 – 15:10 Dr. Heikki Kyykallio - *Institute of Biomedicine, University of Eastern Finland*

HYALURONIC ACID SURFACE-DECORATION ALTERS THE PROTEIN CORONA OF EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES

15:10 – 15:20 Dr. Camille Menaceur Vandenbroucke - *Dept. Molecular Biology and Genetics, Aarhus University, Denmark*

TOWARDS SPATIAL PROTEOMIC SIGNATURE OF THE EXTRACELLULAR VESICLE CORONA

15:20 – 15:30 Sponsor Talk - **ALFATEST** - Dr. Roberto Santoliquido

ENHANCING THE EV ANALYTICAL WORKFLOW: TECHNOLOGIES THAT DRIVE DISCOVERY

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK // POSTER VISIT // NETWORKING

16:00 – 17:20

Session 5 - Solid tissue and Matrix EVs

Chairman: Prof. Lucia Paolini

16:00 – 16:20 Prof. Rossella Crescitelli - *University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden*
TISSUE-DERIVED EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES AS SOURCE OF CANCER BIOMARKERS AND IMMUNOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS

16:20 – 16:30 Dr. Giada Corti - *University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy*
OSTEOMIMETIC BREAST CANCER-DERIVED EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES AFFECT THE MINERALIZATION ABILITY OF OSTEOBLASTS

16:30 – 16:40 Dr. Sarah Tassinari - *Dept. of Medical Sciences, University of Turin, Italy*

16:40 – 16:50 Dr. Juçara G. Cominal - *Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil*
TIME-SPECIFIC PROPERTIES OF MATRIX VESICLES DURING OSTEOBLAST MINERALIZATION

16:50 – 17:00 Dr. Keteryne Rodrigues Da Silva - *University of São Paulo, Brazil*
DISTINCT EXOSOMAL PROTEIN NETWORKS OF OSTEOBLAST AND OSTEOSARCOMA

17:00 – 17:10 Dr. Luiz Henrique Da Silva Andrilli - *University of São Paulo, Brazil*
OSTEOBLAST-DERIVED MATRIX VESICLES: THE ROLE OF PHOSPHO1 IN THEIR BIOLOGICAL FUNCTION AND BIOGENESIS

17:10 – 17:20 Sponsor Talk - **SECRETECH** - Dr. Rudi Schlaefli
PROTEOMIC PROFILING OF SINGLE EVs USING PROXIMITY BARCODING

FEBRUARY 17TH

OPENING LECTURE

08:30 – 08:50 Prof. Andreas Möller - *JC STEM Lab of Personalised Cancer Medicine, The Chinese Univ. of Hong Kong*
Developing EV isolation technologies for bench and bedside applications

08:50 – 10:10

SESSION 6 - PLANT/FUNGI AND BACTERIA EVs

Chairman: Prof. Fausto Almeida

08:50 – 09:10 Dr. Gülna Erdem Koc - *Gaziantep University, Turkey*
ALLIUM CEPA L. (LILIACEAE)-DERIVED EXTRASELLÜLER VESICLES IN THE REGRESSION OF TAA-INDUCED LIVER FIBROSIS IN RATS

09:10 – 09:20 Dr. Lucas Fabricio Bahia Nogueira - *University of São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil*
WHAT WE DO AND DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE BIOMOLECULAR CORONA AS A MOLECULAR SWITCH IN FUNGAL EV-HOST COMMUNICATION

09:20 - 09:30 Dr. Alessandra Minchella - *University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy*
EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES AS VEHICLES FOR CROSS-KINGDOM COMMUNICATION: STATE OF THE ART AND EFFECTS OF MORINGA OLEIFERA LAM. EVs ON TUMORIGENESIS IN HUMAN CELLS.

09:30 - 09:40 Dr. Clarissa Zanotti - *University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy*
ISOLATION OF RED BEET PLANT-DERIVED NANOVESICLES, AND CHARACTERIZATION OF THEIR MOLECULARCONTENT AND BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES IN HUMAN CELLS

09:40 - 09:50 Dr. Marina Acunzo - *Dept of Woman, Child, General and Specialized Surgery, Univ. Luigi Vanvitelli, Naples, Italy*
PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA OUTER MEMBRANE VESICLES MODULATE OXIDATIVE STRESS AND MUCIN Expression in Airway Epithelial Cells

09:50 - 10:00 Dr. Heitor Gobbi Sebinelli - *INRAE - Institut national de recherche pour l'agriculture, Jouy-en-Josas, France*
ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCTION, ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION OF F. DUNCANIAE EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES FOR THERAPEUTIC APPLICATION

10:00 - 10:10 Sponsor Talk - **EXOPERT** - Dr. Suhyoung Choi
DUAL-SEC BASED EV ISOLATION FOR HIGH-PURITY AND REPRODUCIBLE WORKFLOWS

10:10 - 10:40 COFFEE BREAK // POSTER VISIT // NETWORKING

10:40 - 11:40

Session 7 - AFM EVs

Chairman: Prof. Simone Dinarelli

10:40 – 11:00 Prof. Pietro Parisse - *CNR-IOM-Istituto Officina dei Materiali, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Trieste, Italy*

10:00 – 11:10 Dr. Carolina Sbarigia - *Dept. Biology and Biotechnologies "C. Darwin", Univ. La Sapienza, Rome, Italy*
HIGH-RESOLUTION ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPY REVEALS NANOSCALE FEATURES AND DYNAMICS OF SURFACE BUDDING

11:10 – 11:20 Rising Star - TBD

11:20 – 11:30 Sponsor Talk - **EPPENDORF** - Dr. Fabio Campanini
USING DENSITY GRADIENT ULTRACENTRIFUGATION FOR ISOLATION OF PURER EXOSOMES

11:30 – 11:40 Sponsor Talk - **ONI** - Dr. Claudia Zagami
SUPER-RESOLUTION MICROSCOPY ENABLING NEXT-GENERATION EV RESEARCH

11:40 – 12:50

Session 8 - Milk EVs

Chairman: Prof. Giovanni Chillemi

11:40 – 12:00 Prof. Martijn van Herwijnen - *Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands*
MILK'S TINY MESSENGERS: HOW MILK-DERIVED EVs SHAPE THE INFANT'S IMMUNE SYSTEM

12:00 – 12:10 Dr. Samanta Mecocci - *University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy*
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AND IMMUNOMODULATING POTENTIAL OF EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES FROM ANIMAL MILK

12:10 – 12:20 Dr. Marco Blasioli - *Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands*

12:20 - 12:30 Rising Star - Dr. Jessie Santoro

12:30 – 12:40 Sponsor Talk - **INNOVATIVE CELL TECH** - Dr. Bianca Becker
VESICLE DETACHMENT WITH ACCUTASE?

12:40 – 12:50 Sponsor Talk - **FIBERCELL SYSTEM** - Dr. John J.S. Cadwell
CLINICAL SCALE PRODUCTION OF EXTRACELLULAR VESICLES IN A 3-D PERFUSION HOLLOW FIBER BIOREACTOR

12:50 – 14:00 BUFFET LUNCH - POSTERS & SPONSOR SHOW

14:00 – 15:00 AWARDS & Conclusion 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 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.

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

**School on Extracellular Vesicles and Nanoparticles
National Research Council (CNR)**

08:00 – 08:30 Registration

08:30 – 08:45 Welcome talk to the 2026 School on Extracellular Vesicles and Nanoparticles

08:45 – 10:00

SESSION 1 - General Concepts

Theory - In class

08:45 – 09:15 Prof. **Paola Lanuti** (University of Chieti-Pescara)

INTRODUCTION TO EVS

09:15 – 10:00 Dr. **John Cadwell** (Fibercell Systems Inc.)

CELL CULTURES: 2D VS 3D

10:00 – 10:15 BREAK

10:15 – 12:30

**SESSION 2 - EV Isolation & Characterization
UC, SEC, TFF, NTA, TRPS**

Theory - In class

10:15 – 10:45 Dr. **Fabio Campanini** (EPPENDORF)

EV ISOLATION BY ULTRACENTRIFUGATION (UC)

10:45 – 11:30 Dr. **Maira Bacchiega** (Schaefer SEE Srl)

PART 1. EV ISOLATION BY TANGENTIAL FLOW FILTRATION (TFF)

PART 2. EV ISOLATION BY SIZE EXCLUSION CHROMATOGRAPHY (SEC)

PART 3. EV CHARACTERIZATION BY TUNABLE RESISTIVE PULSE SENSING (TRPS)

11:30 – 12:15 Dr. **Kyu Jegal and Dr. Suhyoung Choi** (EXOPERT)

EV ISOLATION BY DUAL-SEC COLUMNS WITH EXO-I

12:15 – 12:45 Dr. **Bertrand Damart** (Particle Metrix GmbH)

EV CHARACTERIZATION BY NANOPARTICLE TRACKING ANALYSIS (NTA)

12:45 – 13:45 LUNCH

13:45 – 16:00

SESSION 3 - EV Isolation & Characterization FC

Theory - In class

Practice - In lab

13:45 – 14:15 Prof. **Antonella Minutolo** (University of Tor Vergata) - Prof. **Claudia Radu** (University of Padua)

CONCEPTS ON THE CHARACTERIZATION OF EVS BY FLOW CYTOMETRY (FC)

14:15 – 16:00 Dr. **Marialaura Fanelli and Dr. Vita Petrone** (University of Tor Vergata)

EV ISOLATION AND STAINING IN LAB

16:00 – 16:15 BREAK

16:15 – 17:30

SESSION 4 - EV Isolation & Characterization FC

Practice - In lab

16:15 – 17:30 Prof. **Antonella Minutolo** (University of Tor Vergata) - Prof. **Claudia Radu** (University of Padua)

Jorge Formaro (Beckman Coulter Life Sciences)

EV CHARACTERIZATION BY FLOW CYTOMETRY, READING AND DATA INTERPRETATION

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Thursday, February 19th, 2026

08:30 – 10:00

SESSION 5 - EV Isolation UC, SEC, TFF

Practice - In lab

08:30 – 09:15 Dr. **Giada Corti** (University of Tor Vergata)
EV ISOLATION BY ULTRACENTRIFUGATION (UC) IN COLLABORATION WITH EPPENDORF

09:15 – 10:00 Dr. **Maira Bacchiesga** (Schaefer SEE Srl)
EV ISOLATION BY TANGENTIAL FLOW FILTRATION (TFF)

10:00 – 10:45 Dr. **Maira Bacchiesga** (Schaefer SEE Srl)
EV ISOLATION BY SIZE EXCLUSION CHROMATOGRAPHY (SEC)

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 13:15

SESSION 6 - EV Isolation EXODUS, ExoFaster

Practice - In lab

11:00 – 12:15 Dr. **Yuri D'Alessandra** (Exodus Bio)
AUTOMATED EV ISOLATION USING THE EXODUS-H600 SYSTEM (EXODUS BIO)

12:15 – 13:15 Dr. **Jessie Xu** (Upper Biotech)
AUTOMATED EV ISOLATION USING THE EXOFASTER-500 SYSTEM (UPPER BIOTECH)

13:15 – 14:15 LUNCH

14:15 – 15:45

SESSION 7 - EV Characterization NTA, TRPS

Practice - In lab

14:15 – 15:00 Dr. **Bertrand Damart** (Particle Metrix GmbH)
EV CHARACTERIZATION BY NTA USING ZETAVIEW EVOLUTION (PARTICLE METRIX GMBH)

15:00 – 15:45 Dr. **Maira Bacchiesga** (Schaefer SEE Srl)
EV CHARACTERIZATION BY TRPS USING THE EXOID (IZON)

15:45 – 16:00 BREAK

16:00 – 17:15

SESSION 8 - EV Characterization NTA

Practice - In lab

16:00 – 17:15 Dr. **Roberto Santoliquido** (Alfatest Srl)
EV CHARACTERIZATION BY NTA USING NANOSIGHT PRO

Friday, February 20th, 2026

08:30 – 10:00

SESSION 9 - EV biomimetic models

Theory - In class

08:30 – 09:30 Prof. **Pietro Ciancaglini** (Universidade de São Paulo)
LIPOSOMES AND PROTEOLIPOSOMES

09:30 – 10:00 Dr. **Claudia Cencetti** (QI technologies Srl)
LIPOSOME PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION DETECTION BY FIDA BIOSYSTEMS

10:00 – 10:15 BREAK

10:15 – 12:45

SESSION 10 - EV Characterization High res, PBA, AFM

Theory - In class

10:15 – 11:00 Dr. **Yanling Cai** (SECRETECH)
EV CHARACTERIZATION BY PROXIMITY BARCODING ASSAY (PBA)

11:00 – 12:00 Dr. **Rute Fernandes** (ONI Inc.)
EV CHARACTERIZATION BY HIGH RESOLUTION MICROSCOPY

12:00 – 12:45 Prof. **Simone Dinarelli** (National Research Council)
EV CHARACTERIZATION BY ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPY (AFM)

12:45 – 13:45 LUNCH

13:45 – 15:00

SESSION 11 - EV Characterization AFM

Practice - In lab

13:30 – 14:45 Prof. **Simone Dinarelli** (National Research Council) - Dr. **Giada Corti** (University of Tor Vergata)
PART 1. EV SAMPLE PREPARATION FOR CHARACTERIZATION BY AFM
PART 2. AFM DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

15:15 – 15:15 CONCLUDING REMARKS