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MEETING WEB SITE
www.mglu.it In the web site you will find all relevant information on the Meeting on program as well congress registration and hotel accommodation.
The website will be kept up-to-date in the months months leading up to the Meeting.
Sunday, October 1st
5:00 - 5:10 p.m. Welcome

**OPENING SYMPOSIUM P.M.**

**Heterodimeric class-C GPCRS and opto-control of mGluRs**
Chair: J.P. Pin (France) and P. J. Kammermeier (USA)

Assessing the stoichiometry of group I mGluR heteromers
P.J. Kammermeier (USA)

Linking the GABA\(_B\) Receptor Proteome to Physiology
*B. Bettler (Switzerland)*

Optical dissection of mGluR assembly and cooperativity
*J. Levitz (USA)*

Allosteric control of an asymmetric transduction in the mGlu2-4 heterodimer
J.P. Pin (France)

Precise dynamic photocontrol of native mGluRs with azobenzene allosteric ligands
*A. Llebaria (Spain)*

Shining light on metabotropic glutamate receptors in vivo
*C. Goudet (France)*

*Welcome cocktail at Atahotel CapoTaormina*
Monday, October 2\textsuperscript{nd} morning session

**Structural and functional dynamics of mGluRs and receptor-receptor cross-talk**
Chair: J. Bockaert (France) and R. Rondard (France)

- Structure based drug design applied to the mGlu5 receptor.
  F. Marshall (UK)
- Structural mechanisms of ligand-dependent activation in class C GPCRs
  Q.R. Fan (USA)
- Structural dynamics of single mGluR dimers in solution
  E. Margeat (France)
- Dynamics and allosteric modulation of the mGluR
  P. Rondard (France)
- Molecular determinants regulating mGlu5 trafficking
  K. Roche (USA)

**Coffee break**

Serotonin 5-HT\textsubscript{2A} receptor-dependent phosphorylation of glutamate mGlu\textsubscript{2} receptor at Ser\textsuperscript{843} promotes mGlu\textsubscript{2}-operated G\textsubscript{i/o} signaling

J. Bockaert (France)

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A. Francesconi (USA)

- Functional partnership between mGlu3 and mGlu5 receptors in neurons
  V. Bruno (Italy)

**Working lunch**
Monday, October 2nd afternoon session

**Regulation of synaptic plasticity and epileptogenesis.**  
Chair: **Z. Bashir** and **G. Collingridge** (UK)

A null **Gmr2 cys407** mutant rat; aspects of the resulting phenotype  
**D. Lodge** (UK)

RNA methylation and mGluR synaptic plasticity  
**Z. Bashir**(UK)

Role of mGluRs in hippocampal synaptic plasticity  
**J. Georgiou** (Canada)

Mechanisms of mGluR-LTD in Hippocampal Area CA2  
**S. Dudek** (USA)

Modulation of hippocampal mGlu-LTD by L-type calcium channels: mechanisms and chronic alteration by early life seizures  
**T. Benke** (USA)

*Coffee Break*

Group I metabotropic glutamate receptors at the core of hippocampal information processing and long-term encoding.  
**D. Manahan-Vaughan** (Germany)

Role of the mGlu7 receptor in epileptogenesis  
**F. Bertaso** (France)

Monday, October 2nd afternoon session

**Group I mGluR Signaling in Synaptic Function and Plasticity**  
Chair: **M. Kano** (Japan) and **D. Lodge** (UK)

Ca2+ homeostasis and beyond: Novel role for Orai2 in mGluR1-dependent synaptic transmission  
**J. Hartmann** (Germany)

mGluR1-dependent synapse refinement.  
**M. Watanabe** (Japan)

mGluR1-dependent retrograde signals for developmental synapse elimination  
**M. Kano** (Japan)

Metabotropic glutamate receptor 1 is enriched at low probability of release synapses: Implications for synaptic plasticity  
**T. Sanderson** (UK)

*Dinner in Taormina and Performance*
Tuesday, October 3rd morning session

**Functional anatomy of mGluRs**
Chair: **F. Ferraguti** (Austria) and **P. Somogyi** (UK)

Role of mTORC1 signaling in cerebellar Purkinje cells and cortical neurons  
**A. Aiba** (Japan)

Relevance of group I mGluRs for social behaviours  
**F. Ferraguti** (Austria)

mGluR8 and the incredible beauty of subcortical GABAergic innervation of the cortex  
**P. Somogyi** (UK)

Left-right asymmetry of synaptic plasticity in the hippocampal circuitry  
**R. Shigemoto** (Austria)

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**J. Tazi** (France)

*Coffee break*

**Regulation of neurotransmitter release**
Chair: **F. Bertaso** (France)

5HT2A-mGlu2/3 functional cross-talk in rat spinal cord glutamatergic nerve endings  
**A. Pittaluga** (Italy)

Bidirectional modulation of glutamatergic synaptic transmission by the mGlu7 receptors at SC-CA1 hippocampal synapses  
**J. Sánchez-Prieto** (Spain)

**mGlu receptors and cancer**
Chair: **A. Guidotti** (USA)

Lecture in Honor of Professor J. T. Wroblewski  
Metabotropic glutamate receptor 1 and human cancer  
**S. Chen** (USA)

*Working lunch*
Tuesday, October 3rd afternoon session

**Drug addiction**
Chair: P. Kalivas and D.M. Lovinger (USA)

The role of striatal mGluR2 in alcohol actions and alcohol-related behaviors
D.M. Lovinger (USA)

Timing matters when using positive and negative allosteric modulators of mGluR5 to reduce cocaine-seeking
L. Knackstedt (USA)

mGluR1 and mGluR5: Adaptations during withdrawal from cocaine versus amphetamine
M.E. Wolf (USA)

Optogenetic modulation of prefrontal mGluR5 signaling in rodent models of addiction
M.F. Olive (USA)

Coffee break

**Symposium Dedicated to the Work of Professor A. Markou**
Chairs: M. Geyer and N. Cosford (USA)

Design, synthesis, and characterization of Group II mGlu receptor Negative Allosteric Modulators for depression
D. Shefler (USA)

Behavioral assessments of Group II mGlu receptor ligands
A. Der-Avakian (USA)

Role of metabotropic glutamate receptor 7 (mGluR7) in psychostimulant dependence
X. Li (USA)

Inhibitory neurons, mGluR5, and neurodevelopmental disorders
M. Behrens (USA)

The development of tolerance to mGluR2/3 agonists
A. Bespalov (USA)

Tuesday, October 3rd evening session

9.00 PM **Poster session - Alcantara room**

*Sicilian Dinner buffet at CapoTaormina Hotel*
Autism spectrum disorders
Chair: B.K. Kaang (South Corea) and C.M. Niswender (USA)

Different roles of glutamate receptors and GABA receptors in autistic Shank2 mutant mice
B.K. Kaang (South Corea)

mGluR5 Dysfunction in the Basal Ganglia Circuitry
N. Calakos (USA)

Autism SHANK3 scaffolding protein and mGluR5 signaling
Y. Jiang (USA)

Pharmacological enhancement of mGlu5 receptors by PAMs rescues behavioral deficits in SHANK3 knock-out mice
C. Verpelli (Italy)

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M.V. Catania (Italy)

Coffee break

Therapeutic potential of mGlu7 modulation in neurodevelopmental disorders?
C.M. Niswender (USA)

Function of mGlu5 receptosome in autism spectrum disorders
J. Perroy (France)

The memory protein CPEB3 coordinates AMPA receptor mRNA transcription and targeting to dendrites in hippocampal neurons of Fragile X mice
S. Zukin (USA)
Schizophrenia
Chair: J. Conn and J. Gonzalez-Maeso (USA)

Coordinate regulation of forebrain circuits by muscarinic and mGlu receptors provide novel approaches for treatment of schizophrenia
J. Conn (USA)

Epigenetic role of HDAC2 in mGlu2-dependent schizophrenia treatment
J. Gonzalez-Maeso (USA)

Epigenetic bases of antipsychotic drug action
A. Guidotti (USA)

Role of metabotropic glutamate receptors on schizophrenia and epigenetics: potential molecular targets for new treatments
F. Matrisciano (USA)

Working lunch

Wednesday, October 4th afternoon session

Neurodegenerative disorders
Chair: P. Gressens (France), G. Battaglia and A. Copani (Italy)

Stroke recovery and mGluRs
T. Wieloch (Sweden)

Metabotropic glutamate receptor 5, microglial reactivity and neurodegeneration
A. Faden (USA)

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J. Mairesse (France)

mGlu5 Receptors, Synaptic Plasticity and Alzheimer’s Disease models
M. Rowan (Ireland)

Inhibition of mGluR5 for the treatment of Alzheimer’s and Huntington’s disease
S. Ferguson (Canada)

Targeting mGlu5 for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease
J. Rook (USA)

Coffee break
A novel mGluR4 PAM alleviates motor symptoms in primate models of Parkinson’s disease.
D. Charvin (Switzerland) and T. Di Paolo (Canada)

Functional interactions between mGluR5 and dopamine receptors in Parkinson’s disease
M.A. Cenci (Sweden)

Targeting metabotropic glutamate receptors (mGlus) in Parkinson’s disease: from motor to nonmotor symptoms
M. Amalric (France)

Metabotropic Glutamate Receptors in the Primate Ventral Motor Thalamus: Their Potential Roles in Normal and Diseased States
Y. Smith (USA)

Beach party

Thursday, October 5th morning session

**Chronic pain**
Chair: R. Gereau and V. Neugebauer (USA)

Cortical connection for pain and emotion
M. Zhuo (Canada)

Contribution of mGluR2/3 in the amygdala to group II agonist effects on spinal nociceptive processing
V. Neugebauer (USA)

Cellular mechanisms of mGlu2-induced analgesia: comparative studies in mouse and human
R. Gereau (USA)

Lighting up metabotropic glutamate type 5 receptors *in vivo* to control pain
F. Ciruela (Spain)

Pain affects entorhinal cortex - dentate gyrus pathways functions: role of glutamate and N-acyl-ethanolamines
S. Maione (Italy)

Coffee break
mGluR and Kynurenines
Chair: R. Schwarcz (USA) and T.E. Salt (UK)

Kynurenines and Glutamate: Multiple Links in Physiology and Pathology
R. Schwarcz (USA)

Modulation of synaptic transmission and neural circuit activity by xanthurenic acid and other kynurenines
T.E. Salt (UK)

Interplay between kynurenines and glutamate receptors: a dialogue engaging Aryl hydrocarbon receptor?
F. Fallarino (Italy)

Unorthodox kynurenines and metabotropic glutamate receptors
F. Fazio (Italy)

Working lunch

Thursday, October 5th afternoon session

Drug development
Chair: F. Acher (France) and J. Monn (USA)

New insights at the mGluR orthosteric binding site
F. Acher (France)

Recent developments in the search for subtype-selective mGlu2/3 receptor agonists
J. Monn (USA)

Lessons learned over 25 years of drug development with mGluR2/3 agonists
D. Mc Kinzie (USA)

Development of Allosteric Modulators for mGluRs: Medicinal Chemistry Challenges
En Route to in vivo Tool Compounds
C. Lindsley (USA)

Coffee break

Friday, October 6th morning session
**Major depression**  
Chair: **S. Chaki** (Japan) and **L. Lindemann** (Switzerland)

Role of serotonergic system in antidepressant effects of mGlu2/3 receptor antagonists: similarity to ketamine  
**S. Chaki** (Japan)

Lesson’s learned: Development of mGluR5 NAM’s in Fragile X Syndrome  
**L. Lindemann** (Switzerland)

Discovery and Development of the selective mGlu5 NAM VU0424238 for the Treatment of Major Depressive Disorder  
**C. Jones** (USA)

A double-blind placebo-controlled study of the antidepressant effects of the mGlu2 negative allosteric modulator RG1578 in patients with inadequate response to antidepressant therapy  
**D. Umbricht** (Switzerland)

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**S. Gatti** (USA)

*Coffee break*

On the antidepressant effects of mGlu receptor ligands.  
**A. Pilc** (Poland)

Promise of mGlu2/3 receptor mechanisms for the treatment of depression: efficacy and side-effect predictions.  
**J. Witkin** (USA)

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**G. Hasler** (Switzerland)

**mGlu receptors and stress response**  
Chair: **P. Flor** (Switzerland) and **S. Maccari** (France)

Early life stress has an impact on mglu receptors from pups to aged rats  
**S. Maccari** (France)

The emerging role of metabotropic glutamate receptors in the pathophysiology of chronic stress-related disorders  
**N. Uschold** (Germany)

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**C. Nasca** (USA)

Maladaptive plasticity induced by acute/chronic stress and glutamate-based drug treatment approaches  
**M. Popoli** (Italy)
Development of Novel Allosteric Modulators of the mGlu7 receptor for the treatment of Stress-related disorders
G. Duvey (France)

mGlu5 receptors in the amygdala mediate resilience to traumatic stress
M. Schwendt (USA)

Working lunch