

LIVE WEBINAR | January 29th 2026 4:15pm

# ImmunEdu

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The meeting will take place within the framework of the SULIEIA – MedPINet Winter School 2026.

## Lecture

Anti-cytokine antibodies and their role in susceptibility to infectious diseases

## Anne Puel

Research Director at French Institute of Health and Medical Research





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Imen Ben Mustapha (Tunisia)

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## MedPINet WINTER SCHOOL: RECOGNITION AND DIAGNOSIS OF INBORN ERRORS OF IMMUNITY.

### PROGRAMME



**26-30 JANUARY 2026**

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## School coordinators:

**Giuliana Giardino** - Federico II University of Naples (Italy)

**Imen Ben Mustapha** – University Tunis El Manar (Tunisia)

## Faculty:

**Claudio Pignata** – Federico II University of Naples (Italy)

**Mohamed-Ridha Barbouche** – Arabian Gulf University (Bahrein)

**Ibtihal Benhsaien** – University of Casablanca Hassan II (Morocco)

**Aisha Elmarsafy** – Cairo University (Egypt)

**Safa Meshaal** – Cairo University (Egypt)

**Sohilla Loffy** – Cairo University (Egypt)

**Brahim Belaid** – University of Algiers (Algeria)

**Viviana Moschese** – University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy)

**Lorenzo Lodi** – University of Florence (Italy)

**Federica Barzaghi** – IRCCS San Raffaele Scientific Institute (Italy)

**Francesca Conti** – University of Bologna (Italy)

**Anne Puel** – Imagine Institute, Paris Cité University (France)



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## Junior Faculty:

**Asma Tajouri** – University Tunis El Manar (Tunisia)  
**Gouja Manel** – University Tunis El Manar (Tunisia)  
**Giorgio Bellina** – A.R.N.A.S. Civico – Palermo (Italy)  
**Gianluca Coscia** – University of Palermo (Italy)  
**Federico Forgione** – University of Florence (Italy)  
**Germano Sardella** – University La Sapienza (Italy)

## Rationale

The SULIEIA - MedPINet Winter School is a 5-day intensive program aimed at raising awareness among young doctors about the recognition of congenital immune disorders. These are conditions with high mortality rates, particularly prevalent in countries with high rates of consanguinity, where neonatal screening programs are often lacking. The School includes lectures by national and international experts, as well as interactive sessions in which students present and discuss clinical cases. The program addresses topics such as molecular diagnostics, flow cytometry, and immune defects (cellular, humoral, innate immunity, dysregulation, and syndromic), providing participants with theoretical and practical tools to improve early diagnosis and timely intervention. The program is coordinated by Dr. Giuliana Giardino (Department of Translational Medical Sciences, Federico II University) and Dr. Imen Ben Mustapha (University Tunis El Manar).



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**Monday, 26 January 2026**

16:30: Registration of the participants

## **Session 1: Introduction to the Course**

17:30: Welcome address and introduction to the course

Rector of the University of Naples, Federico II

*Prof. Matteo Lorito*

Director of the Department of Translational Medical Science

*Prof. Pietro Formisano*

School coordinators

*Prof. Giuliana Giardino and Prof. Imen Ben Mustapha*

Scientific Coordinator of the project "SULIEIA"

*Prof. Valeria Costantino*

MedPINet Founders

*Prof. Claudio Pignata and Prof. Mohamed-Ridha Barbouche*

18:30: Welcome coffee and refreshment

19:00: Pre-course evaluation test

20:00 – Welcome Dinner



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**Tuesday, 27 January 2026**

## **Session 2: Diagnosis of Inborn Errors of Immunity**

09:15– 10:00: New paradigms of congenital IEI

Prof. Claudio Pignata, Italy

10:00-10:45: When to suspect an inborn error of immunity

Prof. Giuliana Giardino, Italy

10:45–11:45: Case session 1:

Headed by Prof. Claudio Pignata and Prof. Imen Ben Mustapha

It can't be only COVID19

*Dr. Laura Grilli, University of Naples Federico II*

When inflammation RANs to the brain

*Dr. Andrea Spagnuolo, University of Naples Federico II*

Alopecia and much more

*Dr. Serena Ruggiero, University of Naples Federico II*

A 15-year journey to ITHACA

*Dr. Bianca Macri, University of Naples Federico II*

11:45-12:30: From classification to immuno-genetic investigation  
of Inborn Errors of Immunity

Prof. Imen Ben Mustapha, Tunisia

12:30–13:30: *Light Lunch*



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13:30–14:30 Relevance of Flow cytometry in IEI diagnosis  
Prof. Safa Meshaal, Egypt; Prof. Brahim Belaid,  
Algeria

14:30–15:30: Case session 2:  
Headed by Prof. Safa Meshaal and Prof. Brahim  
Belaid  
The missing piece  
*Dr. Lodovico Minichini, University of Naples Federico II*  
Herpetic encephalitis in 2 siblings carrying a difficult VUS  
*Dr. Laura Grilli, University of Naples Federico II*  
Geography matters: a PGM3 founder mutation enabling  
rapid diagnosis despite an atypical phenotype  
*Dr. Ansem Ben Hamadi, University of Tunis El Manar*  
The time we found the missing piece  
*Dr. Roberta Romano, University of Naples Federico II*

15:30: Coffee break

## Session 3: Innate Immunity

16:00–16:45: Lesson on innate immunity  
Dr. Lorenzo Lodi, Italy

16:45–17:45: Case session 3:  
Headed by Prof. Giuliana Giardino and Dr. Gouja Manel  
No fever on a Saturday night  
*Dr. Giuseppe Falco, University of Naples Federico II*  
C1q deficiency unmasking monogenic lupus  
*Dr. Sarra Sayari, University of Tunis El Manar*  
When complement regulation breaks down: a factor I  
hotspot variant in atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome  
*Dr. Asma Tajouri, University of Tunis El Manar*  
A broken line of defense: severe cellulitis unmasking  
complement deficiency  
*Dr. Francesca Cillo, University of Naples Federico II*





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**Wednesday, 28 January 2026**

## **Session 4: T-cell and Antibody Deficiencies**

09:15–10:00: Lesson on T-cell immunity  
Prof. Aisha Elmarsafy, Egypt

10:00–11:00: Case session 4:  
Headed by Prof. Aisha Elmarsafy and Prof. Sohilla Lofty  
A patient with an evident RED flag  
*Dr. Mariacristina Memoli, University of Naples Federico II*  
Severe Combined Immunodeficiency: when gene matters  
*Dr. Claudia Cuomo, University of Naples Federico II*  
Is vaccination always a friend?  
*Dr. Davide Tambaro, University of Naples Federico II*  
When agammaglobulinemia is not what it seems  
*Dr. Aymen Ellouze, University of Tunis El Manar*

11:00–11:45: Syndromic T-cell immunodeficiencies  
Prof. Sohilla Lofty

12:00–13:30: *Light Lunch*

13:30–14:30: Case session 5:  
Headed by Dr. Roberta Romano and Dr. Asma Tajouri  
A new gene for a new phenotype  
*Dr. Antonio De Rosa, University of Naples Federico II*  
Granulomatous infection: not only CGD  
*Dr. Elisabetta Toriello, University of Naples Federico II*  
Severe COPD in a very young patient: immunodeficiency  
and more  
*Dr. Umberto Laudante, University of Naples Federico II*  
Recurrent Staphylococcal abscesses: think beyond CGD  
*Dr. Mariem Guizani, University of Tunis El Manar*



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14:30–15:15: Lesson on Predominantly Antibody Deficiencies  
Prof. Ibtihal Benhsaien, Morocco

15:15: Coffee break

15:45–16:30: Unclassified Primary Antibody Deficiency  
Prof. Viviana Moschese, Italy

16:30–17:30: Case session 6:  
Headed by Prof. Viviana Moschese and Prof. Ibtihal Benhsaien  
When the skin tells a deeper story  
*Dr. Federico Forgione, University of Florence*  
Management of a complicated GLILD case  
*Dr. Gianluca Lagnese, University of Naples Federico II*  
Common Variable Immunodeficiency: a novel heterozygous NFKB2 variant in a multiplex family  
*Dr. Amal Zammelli, University of Tunis El Manar*  
An unexpected monogenic disorder in a familial case of mild hypogammaglobulinemia  
*Dr. Germano Sardella, University La Sapienza*

**Thursday, 29 January 2026**

## **Session 5: Inborn errors of Immunity with Immune Dysregulation**

09:15–10:00: Immune dysregulation: Novel insights into  
Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome  
Prof. Imen Ben Mustapha, Tunisia

10:00–10:45: Interplay between allergy and immunodeficiency  
Prof. Francesca Conti, Italy



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10:45–11:45: Case session 7:

Headed by Prof. Imen Ben Mustapha and Dr. Germano Sardella

Severe Flu in STAT1 GOF: what else?

*Dr. Roberta Romano, University of Naples Federico II*

Defective IL-6/STAT3 signaling in T cells uncovered by an immunogenetic study of WAS patients

*Dr. Firas Bouzakoura, University of Tunis El Manar*

Lymphoproliferation and hypogammaglobulinemia

*Dr. Gianluca Coscia, University of Palermo*

Lympho mess

*Dr. Giorgio Bellina, A.R.N.A.S. Civico - Palermo*

12:00–13:30: *Light Lunch*

13:30–14:15: Inborn errors of immunity with T Reg deficiency

Dr. Federica Barzaghi, Italy

14:15–15:15: Case session 7:

Headed by Dr. Federica Barzaghi and Dr. Giorgio Bellina  
HLH with atypical features: a diagnostic challenge in childhood

*Dr. Manel Gouja, University of Tunis El Manar*

HLH/HUS in APECED: what a mess!

*Fabrizio Rosario Gaglione, University of Naples Federico II*

Fatal HLH and multiple autoimmune manifestations in 2 siblings with Roifman Syndrome

*Dr. Francesca Cillo, University of Naples Federico II*

When liver tells the story

*Dr. Manel Gouja, University of Tunis El Manar*

15:15: Coffee break



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16:15–17:00: Closing lecture: Anti-cytokine antibodies and their role in susceptibility to infectious diseases.  
Anne Puel, France

17:00–17:30: Immuno Games

20:00 – *Closing Dinner*

**Friday, 30 January 2026**

## **Session 6: Concluding remarks**

10:00–11:00: Building diagnostic algorithms for IEs  
All speakers coordinated by Dr. Giorgio Bellina and Dr. Federico Forgione

11:00–12:00: Post-course evaluation test

12:30–13:30: *Light Lunch*



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