



**WORKSHOPS  
“CURRENT TRENDS IN  
BIOMEDICINE”**

**2019**

**SEDE ANTONIO MACHADO  
BAEZA, SPAIN**

**MOLECULAR CAUSES OF  
PRIMARY MICROCEPHALY  
AND RELATED DISEASES**

**Baeza, Spain • 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**



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## **SCOPE**

Primary **microcephaly** is a neurodevelopmental disorder that leads to a smaller brain and is associated with mild to severe mental retardation. *More than 50 rare disorders characterized by microcephaly* have been identified and its incidence is increasing due to the emergence of Zika virus. The spectrum of molecular defects that give rise to the condition are not yet clear but defects in **DNA damage signaling, DNA replication and repair, mitosis, centrosome duplication, ciliogenesis, metabolism and translation**, as well as a number of **viral pathogens**, have been shown to cause microcephaly. The workshop will bring together experts in neurobiology, the molecular processes and agents that underlie microcephaly and will feature diverse and emergent model systems to study its etiology and molecular underpinnings, including **human brain organoids** and the use of **gene editing technologies**.

## **FORMAT OF THE WORKSHOP**

The workshop will bring together a maximum of 15 speakers and 35 participants, to form a group of around 50 people. The scientific programme will start in the morning of Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and will end around noon on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Ample time for informal discussion will be reserved. Participants will be invited to present a poster.



## VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held in Baeza, at the “Sede Antonio Machado”, a XVII century building turned into a Conference Centre of the Universidad Internacional de Andalucía (UNIA). This Seat includes a residence, where participants will be accommodated. Baeza is a World Historic Heritage town, renowned for its Renaissance and Gothic buildings.

## SPEAKERS

**Renata Basto** Institut Curie, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University, CNRS, UMR144, Biology of Centrosomes and Genetic Instability Laboratory. Paris, France.

**Fanni Gergely** Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute, Li Ka Shing Centre, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK.

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