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PITCH CONTEST in RESPIRATORY DISEASE

11th September 2026 | Parma, IT

PITCH DAY SCHEDULE

10:00 – Opening Remarks

Francesca Buttini (Pitch Contest Chair, University of Parma)
Daniel Milanese (TTO Representative, University of Parma)
Maria Paola Chiesi (President Chiesi Farmaceutici)

10:30 – 11:00 “Creating Things That Matter: The Journey from Scientific Ideas to Real Impact”
David Edwards (SC Therapeutics, US)

11:00 – 11:15 Pitch 1

11:15 – 11:30 Pitch 2

11:30 – 11:45 Pitch 3

11:45 – 12:00 Pitch 4

12:00 – 12:15 Pitch 5

12:15 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Enjoy lunch while networking throughout the conference venue

14:00 – 14:15 Pitch 6

14:15 – 14:30 Pitch 7

14:30 – 14:45 Pitch 8

14:45 – 15:00 Pitch 9

15:00 – 15:15 Pitch 10

15:15 – 16:15 Round Table “What It Takes to Attract Investment: Perspectives from Investors and Entrepreneurs”

Maddalena Adorno (BioInnovation Institute)

Pietro Puglisi (Claris Ventures)

Giovanni Rizzo (IndacoBio Fund)

Silvio Traversa (Sintica Biotech)

Moderator: Carmelida Capaldi (Chiesi Farmaceutici)

16:15 -16:30 Closing Remarks and Award Ceremony

Valeria Brambilla (Deloitte)

Fabrizio Conicella (Chiesi Farmaceutici)

Francesca Buttini & Pier Luigi Marchini (University of Parma)

16:30-18:00 Drink Reception

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