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#### **Premi e riconoscimenti alla carriera**

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**Premio Alberto Pio III, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, District 2072° - Italia** (8<sup>th</sup> June 2023)

**The Giovanni Armenise Harvard Foundation and AirAlzh, mid-career on neurodegenerative diseases for 2022**

**Ferruccio Ritossa Early Career Award for 2017**, The 8th international congress on stress proteins in biology and medicine, August 13-17, 2017, Turku, Finland.

**Poster Prize** (2017) Phase Transitions in Biology and Disease, 2-3 May 2017, Leuven, Belgio

**Poster Prize** (2014) da Fondazione AriSLA

**Youth Travel Fund** (2009) da EMBO meeting/Federation of European Biochemistry society.

**Best postdoctoral poster presentation Award** (2006) meeting annual della facoltà di medicina, Università Laval, Québec, Canada

**Best Ph.D. oral presentation Award** (2004) Hôtel Dieu de Québec, Università Laval, Québec, Canada

**Travelship Award** (2003) dalla Società Italiana di Farmacologia

**Poster Award** (2000) XXII<sup>nd</sup> Collegium Internazionale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum, Belgio, Bruxelles

**Ph.D. funding** (2000-2004) borsa di dottorato di ricerca finanziata da European Commission-Structural Funds e Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica

**Travelship Award** (2000) dalla Società Italiana di Farmacologia

**Poster Award** (1999) European Regional Congress of the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry, Firenze, Italia

#### **Relatore orale a congressi nazionali ed internazionali, seminari/webinar**

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1. SUMO2/3 conjugation of TDP-43 protects against aggregation. EMBO, EMBL Symposium: Cellular mechanisms driven by phase separation. 14-17 May 2024, Heidelberg, Germany.
2. PML nuclear bodies and SUMOylation: new players in ALS-FTD? Third European C9orf72 workshop Feb 22-23 2024, Munich, Germany.
3. Small HSPs as molecular chaperones at the interface between proteins and lipids. SIBBM 2023, Frontiers in Molecular Biology. Beyond Genomics: Next Generation Molecular Biology. Bari, Italy, 26-28 June 2023
4. Small HSPs as molecular chaperones at the interface between proteins and lipids. EMBO Workshop, Protein quality control: From molecular mechanisms to therapeutic intervention, 21 – 26 May 2023, Srebreno-Dubrovnik, Croatia.
5. Condensate Colloquium Series: virtual, biweekly series organized by Rohit Pappu, Simon Alberti, Amy Gladfelter and Julia Mahamid. Losing the GRIP on DRiP? Implications for condensate dynamics upon stress and in human disease. 7 February 2023.

6. MLOpathy, Membrane-less organelle pathology in ALS: identification of causes and rescuing factors. AriSLA Meeting 2022, Research, development and innovation in ALS. 3-4 November 2022, The Westin Palace, Milan, Italy.
7. Losing the GRIP on DRiP? Implication for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Frontotemporal degeneration. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis – from mechanisms to novel therapeutics. Organizers: Tanya Levin and Prof. Dr. Jared Sternecker. Casa Santo nome di Gesù, October 27-28 2022, Florence, Italy.
8. Protein quality control in biomolecular condensates: where protein disorder and chaperones meet to keep proteostasis. Implications for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Frontotemporal degeneration. Jacques Monod Conference “Protein phase transitions in ageing and age-related diseases: from atomic resolution to cellular solutions” - October 17-21, 2022, CNRS, Station Biologique de Roscoff, France.
9. Small heat shock proteins act on the  $\alpha$ -synuclein lipid-induced aggregation process through multiple mechanisms. Invited speaker. Physics of Biomolecules: Structure, Dynamics and Function, Sept. 5-8, Bressanone, Italy.
10. ALS and FTD: Where RNA metabolism meets protein quality control. Invited seminar. Neurobiology, Experimental Neurology, VIB-KU Leuven, Center for Brain & Disease Research, Leuven, Belgium, 06 May 2022.
11. Misfolding proteico e protein quality control: implicazioni per la SLA. Workshop ALS 2022. Camera di Commercio di Modena, 08 April 2022.
12. Phase transitions and biomedical applications. Anhydrobiosis – cheating death and telling the tale, 21 – 23 March 2022.
13. Condensate targeting as a strategy to prevent irreversible protein aggregation: implications for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Frontotemporal degeneration. Webinar for PARIS-DIDEROT CNRS, 9 March 2022.
14. Condensate targeting as a strategy to prevent irreversible protein aggregation: implications for ALS and FTD. I PhasAGE International Conference “Phase Transitions in Aging and Age-related Diseases”, 12-14 October 2021.
15. Condensate targeting as a strategy to prevent irreversible protein aggregation: implications for ALS and FTD. FASEB Conference on Protein Aggregation: Function, Dysfunction, and Disease, June 23-25, 2021.
16. Hsp90-mediated regulation of DYRK3 couples stress granule disassembly to stress adaptation and cell growth: implications for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Targeted Protein Degradation: From Small Molecules to Complex Organelles”. Keystone eSymposia, 7-8 June 2021.
17. Hsp90-mediated regulation of DYRK3 couples stress granule disassembly and growth via mTORC1 signaling: implications for ALS/FTD. Rapid Fire Presentation, Virtual ENCALS Meeting 12-14 May 2021.
18. Protein quality control of biomolecular condensates: implications for ALS and FTD. AriSLA Webinar 9 April 2021.
19. Protein quality control of biomolecular condensates: implications for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Frontotemporal degeneration. Virtual 31st International Symposium on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis / Motor Neuron Disease, Dec 9 - 11 2020.
20. Protein quality control of membraneless organelles: implications for the stress response and age-related diseases, Cellular and protein homeostasis webinars, Jun 17, 2020 09:30 AM Zurich - Organisers: P. De Los Rios, P. Goloubinoff, A. Barducci and N. Nilleghoda.
21. Quality control of membraneless organelles, Webinars in: “Molecular and cellular mechanism of DISEASES”, 15 May 2020, University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy.

22. Aberrant phase transitions and neurodegenerative diseases. 20 February 2020, seminar, European Research Institute for the Biology of Ageing, ERIBA, Groningen, The Netherlands.
23. Implication of derailed phase separation and molecular chaperones in the stress response and in age-related neurodegenerative diseases, Physics of biomolecules: structure, dynamics and functions, 5 - 8 February 2020, Bressanone, Italy
24. Deregulated phase transitions as driver of cellular aging and disease. 14 January 2020, seminar, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.
25. Aberrant phase transitions and neurodegenerative diseases. 5 December 2019, seminar, CRMB, Montpellier, France.
26. Deregulated phase transitions as driver of cellular aging and disease. 12 September 2019, ICGEB - International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Trieste, Italy.
27. Protein quality control of membraneless organelles. 06 September 2019, Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Padova, Italy.
28. Symposium chair and speaker, Symposium title: Chaperone networks and signaling pathways in disease and aging, *23rd ESN Biennial Meeting - 7th Conference on Molecular Mechanisms of Regulation in the Nervous System*, September 1-4, 2019, Milan, Italy.
29. Protein Quality Control of Membraneless Organelles: Implications in ALS and Neurodegenerative Diseases. Gordon Research Conference, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Related Motor Neuron Diseases, Mechanisms of Motor Neuron Degeneration and Therapeutic Intervention, Mount Snow, US, July 21 - 26, 2019.
30. Newly synthesized aberrant proteins impair nuclear condensate dynamics: implications for nuclear function and cell viability. *"Cell Death and Disease"*, Italian-German Center For European Excellence, June 26-29, 2019, Villa Vigoni, Como, Italy
31. Defective ribosomal products challenge nuclear function by impairing nuclear condensate dynamics. *Protein quality control: From mechanisms to disease*, 28 April - 3 May 2019, Costa de la Calma, Mallorca, Spain.
32. Implication of derailed phase separation and molecular chaperones in the stress response and in age-related neurodegenerative diseases. CABIMER Andalusian Center for Molecular Biology and Regenerative Medicine, University of Seville, 01 March 2019, Seville, Spain.
33. Implication of derailed phase separation and molecular chaperones in the stress response and in age-related neurodegenerative diseases. Seminar for PhD School in Genetic and Molecular Biology, University "La Sapienza" Rome, 14 December 2018, Rome Italy.
34. Implication of deregulated proteostasis and phase separation in age-related neurodegenerative diseases. Seminar for PhD School in Biomedical Science and Biotechnology, University of Udine, 6 December 2018, Udine Italy.
35. Small Heat shock proteins and their implication in age-related neurodegenerative diseases. *First Autumn School on Proteostasis*, 12-16 November 2018, Medils, Split, Croatia.
36. Implication of derailed phase separation and molecular chaperones in the stress response and in age-related neurodegenerative diseases. CIBIO, University of Trento, 16 October 2018, Trento, Italy.

37. VCP AND AUTOPHAGOLYSOSOMAL PATHWAY: GUARDIANS OF PROTEOSTASIS AND STRESS GRANULE DYNAMICS. UNRAVELING THEIR IMPLICATIONS IN ALS. *Focus SLA*, Palazzo della Meridiana, 27-29 September, Genova, Italy.
38. HSPB2 and HSPB3 affect lamin organization with consequences on nuclear morphology and function: implications in neuromuscular diseases. *3rd CSSI Workshop on Small Heat Shock Proteins*, 26-29 August 2018, Quebec, Canada.
39. HSPB2 forms nuclear compartments that affect lamin A and compromise nuclear function: implications in neuromuscular diseases. *SIBBM, Italian Society of Biophysics and Molecular Biology, Frontiers in Molecular Biology*, La Sapienza University, 20-22 June, 2018, Rome, Italy.
40. HSPB2 forms nuclear compartments that affect lamin A and compromise nuclear function. *Cell Death and Disease Meeting*, Villa Vigoni, Italian-German Center For European Excellence, 27-30 June, 2018, Villa Vigoni, Menaggio (Como), Italy
41. HSPB2 forms nuclear compartments that affect lamin A and compromise nuclear function. *EMBO | EMBL Symposium: Cellular Mechanisms Driven by Liquid Phase Separation*, 14-17 May 2018, Heidelberg, Germany.
42. Protein Quality Control of stress Granules, *Cold Spring Harbor Meeting: Protein Homeostasis in Health & Disease*, April 17-21, 2018, USA.
43. Implication of derailed phase separation and molecular chaperones in the stress response and in age-related neurodegenerative diseases. 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018, invited seminar at *Italian Institute of Technology*, Genoa, Italy.
44. The HSPB8-BAG3-HSP70 complex: implication in protein homeostasis and neurodegenerative diseases. 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017, invited seminar at *TIGEM*, Pozzuoli, Naples, Italy
45. New functions of chaperones in disease. *234<sup>th</sup> ENMC (European NeuroMuscular Centre) workshop on Chaperone*, 8-10 December 2017, Naarden, The Netherlands
46. Granulostasis: protein quality control of ribonucleoprotein particles. *XVII Congress Italian Society for Neurosciences (SINS)* 1-4 October 2017, Lacco Ameno, Ischia, Naples, Italy
47. The everyday life of HSPB8: buffering and clearing to avoid irreversible protein aggregation. *The 8th international congress on stress proteins in biology and medicine*, August 13-17, 2017, Turku, Finland
48. Granulostasis: protein quality control of stress granules. *Meeting on Cell Death and Disease*, 14-17 June 2017, Villa Vigoni, Italy
49. Aberrant compartment formation by HSPB2 mislocalizes lamin A and compromises nuclear integrity and function. *EMBO Conference, Protein Quality Control: Success and failure in health and disease*, 14th to 19th May 2017, Sant Feliu de Guixols, Girona, Spain.
50. Molecular chaperones and protein aggregation: from cellular function to disease. *Telethon, THE SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION, Riva del Garda, Trento*, 13-15 March 2017.
51. Granulostasis: A Surveillance Function of the HSPB8-BAG3-HSP70 Chaperone Complex That Maintains Stress Granule Integrity and Dynamism. *The Eighth International Symposium on Heat Shock Proteins in Biology and Medicine*, Hilton Old Town Alexandria, VA, USA, October 29 - November 2, 2016.
52. Unexpected properties of HSPB2 and HSPB3: implications in neuromuscular diseases. *The small HSP World, Second International Workshop of Cell Stress Society International (CSSi)*, 12-15 October 2016 – Bertinoro, Italy.

53. The HSPB8-BAG3-HSPA1A complex ensures stress granule integrity and dynamism. *Protein Homeostasis in Health and Disease, Cold Spring Harbor*, April 18-22, 2016, New York, USA.
54. Impairment of the Protein Quality Control System Affects Stress Granule Response and Dynamics. *VIIth Cell Stress Society International Congress on Stress and Health*, September 15-19, 2015 Huangshan, PRC.
55. Characterization of the interplay between the protein quality control and the stress granule response: implication in neurodegenerative diseases. Invited speaker at: VI Meeting on the Molecular Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration, May 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Milan, Italy.
56. Investigating the interplay between the protein quality control system, molecular chaperones and stress granules: from cell stress response to disease. Invited speaker at: EMBO Workshop "Macromolecular assemblies at the crossroads of cell stress and function", 31 May - 4 June, 2015, Jerusalem, Israel.
57. Inhibition of autophagy, lysosome and VCP alters stress granule morphology and composition. *EMBO Workshop on the Regulation of Aging and Proteostasis*, Israel February 15-20, 2015.
58. Upregulation of HSPB8 as potential therapeutic approach in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. The small HSP World, *A Workshop of Cell Stress Society International (CSSI)*, Québec, October 2-5, 2014.
59. Inhibition of autophagy, lysosome and VCP function impairs stress granule assembly. *MND Satellite FENS Meeting*, Milano 3-4 July 2014.
60. Inhibition of autophagy, lysosome and VCP function impairs stress granule assembly: implications in neurodegenerative diseases. *Rijks University Groningen*, University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands, 01 July 2014.
61. Implications of the HSPB8-BAG3 complex in neurodegenerative and neuromuscular disorders. *Rijks University Groningen*, University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands, 17 May 2011.
62. HSPB8 participates in protein quality control by a non-chaperone like mechanism that requires eIF2a phosphorylation. *EMBO meeting*, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 23-28 May 2009.
63. HspB8/Bag3: a new chaperone complex involved in protein quality control. *8th Dutch Chaperone Meeting*, VU Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 22 February 2008.
64. The new chaperone complex HspB8/Bag3 and its implication in neurodegenerative disorders. *Rijks University Groningen*, University Medical Center Groningen, Groningen, The Netherlands, 22 January 2008.
65. A new chaperone complex involved in the degradation of mutated huntingtin protein by macroautophagy. *Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia*, Dipartimento di Scienze Biochimiche. Modena, Italy, April 2006.
66. Effect of the small heat shock protein HspB8 on mutated huntingtin aggregation. *Università degli Studi di Milano*, Centro di Neuropsicofarmacologia. Milano, July 2005.
67. In vivo chaperone activity of the small heat shock protein HspB8 towards polyglutamine proteins. *Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia*, Dipartimento di Scienze Farmaceutiche. Modena, Italy, December 2004.

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#### Organizzazione di congressi scientifici internazionali

1. *Fourth International Workshop of Cell Stress Society International (CSSI)*, 17-18 November 2022 – online event; organizers: Prof. Heath Ecroyd, Prof. Serena Carra and Prof. Justin Benesch
2. *Workshop ALS 2022: dialogue between preclinical and clinical research*. Camera di Commercio di Modena, 08 April 2022. Organizers: Prof. Jessica Mandrioli and Prof. Serena Carra.
3. *3rd sHSP International Workshop of Cell Stress Society International (CSSi)*, 26-29 August 2018 – Québec, Canada; organizers: Prof. Robert M. Tanguay, Prof. Serena Carra and Prof. Lawrence Hightower
4. *The small HSP World, Second International Workshop of Cell Stress Society International (CSSi)*, 12-15 October 2016 – Bertinoro, Italy; organizers: Prof. Serena Carra, Prof. Robert M. Tanguay and Prof. Lawrence Hightower

### Fondi per la ricerca scientifica, progetti attivi

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1. **PRIN** (2023-2025); PI: Carra S.; Partner: Rosa A. HSPB3: understanding its role in the pathophysiology of the neuromuscular system and testing its druggability for future therapeutic purposes.
2. **Telethon** (2023-2025); PI: Carra S. Boosting HSPB3 to prevent neuromuscular degeneration in peripheral neuropathies
3. **Armenise-Harvard & AirAlzh** (2023-2025); PI: Carra S. SUMO2/3 as a solubility tag to prevent the misfolding and aggregation of key RNA-binding proteins associated with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and Frontotemporal dementia (FTD).
4. **AriSLA** (2023-2026); PI: Carra S; co-PI: Rosa A.; Buratti E. SUMOsolvable.
5. **MDA** (2022-2025); PI: Carra S; co-PI: Rosa A. HSPB3: a promising candidate for the maintenance of the neuromuscular system.

### Fondi per la ricerca scientifica, progetti conclusi

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1. **AFM** (2021-2022); PI: Carra S; co-PI: Rosa A. Unraveling HSPB3 physiological functions to understand its implication in neuromuscular diseases
2. **FAR2020** (2021-2023); PI: Carra S; co-PI: Vilella A. Targeting the lipid and protein homeostasis systems with Trodusquemine to fight Alzheimer's Disease
3. **PRIN** (2019-2022); PI: Poletti A; Partners: Carra S; Bonanno G.; D'Agostino V.; Pennuto M. THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE "RNA/PROTEIN QUALITY CONTROL SYSTEM" AND "EXOSOMES" AS A SPREADING MECHANISM IN AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS [EX\_ALS]
4. **AIFA** (2017-2020); Italian PI: Mandrioli J; Partners: Carra S.; D'Amico R.; Chiò A.; Silani V.; Ceroni M.; Simone I.L.; Riva N.; Sabatelli M.; Monsurrò M.R.; Sorarù G.; Poletti A.; Cereda C.; Bonetto V. "Colchicine for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: a phase II, randomized, double blind, placebo controlled, multicenter clinical trial"
5. **AriSLA** (2019-2022); PI: Carra S; Partners: Poletti A.; Pansarasa O. "Membrane-less organelle pathology in ALS: identification of causes and rescuing factors"
6. **Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale** (Nov. 2017- Apr. 2020); Italian PI: Carra S; Israeli PI: Ben-Zvi A. Tissue-specific protein folding environment can impact metabolic disease etiology

7. **PRIN** (February 2017 – February 2020); Coordinator: Poletti A.; partners: Carra S; Carrì MT; Cozzolino M; Crosio C; Ratti A; Chiò A. "From RNA to Protein toxicity in motor neuron diseases"
8. **JPND** (April 2016-March 2019); Coordinator: Alberti S. (Germany); partners: Carra S; Poletti A; Kaganovich D.; Aguzzi A.; Sternecker J.; Dantuma N. "Stress granules and proteostasis in motor neurons: towards a mechanistic understanding of ALS"
9. **FAR 2016 University of Modena** (March 2017-Feb. 2019); PI: Carra S; partner: Cecconi C. "Biochemical and biophysical characterization of disease-linked mutants of HSPB8 and BAG3: unravelling their impact on protein-RNA homeostasis."
10. **Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale** (Oct. 2016-Sept. 2018); Italian PI: Carra S; Israeli PI: Kaganovich D. "Dynamics and function of stress granules and other protein-RNA assemblies in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/Dissolve\_ALS"
11. **Telethon Research Grant** (Nov. 2015-Oct. 2018); PI: Carra S. "The HSPB2-HSPB3 complex: unraveling new functions that affect nuclear homeostasis and their implication in neuromuscular and muscular diseases."
12. **Cariplo research grant** (June 2015- May 2018); PI: Poletti A.; partners: Carra S; Bicciato S.; Quattrone A.; Provenzano A. "RAN-translation of normal and expanded nucleotide repeat containing transcripts to neurotoxic polypeptides in neurodegenerative diseases."
13. **AriSLA Research Grant** (April 2015- March 2018); PI: Carra S; partners: Poletti A., Mandrioli J., Cereda C. "VCP AND AUTOPHAGOLYSOSOMAL PATHWAY: GUARDIANS OF PROTEOSTASIS AND STRESS GRANULE DYNAMICS. UNRAVELING THEIR IMPLICATIONS IN ALS."
14. **Association française contre les myopathies (AFM): Research Grant** (October 2012-December 2015); PI: Carra S. "Identification of HSPB3 mutations in myopathic patients: understanding the mechanisms of disease."
15. **AriSLA Research Grant** (March 2012- February 2015); PI: Poletti A.; partner: Carra S. "ALS\_HSPB8"
16. **Telethon Exploratory Project** (November 2012- October 2013); PI: Carra S. "Characterization of the R7S mutation of Heat Shock Protein HSPB3 and of two novel mutations found in patients suffering of congenital myopathy: understanding the mechanisms leading to disease."
17. **MIUR: Rita Levi Montalcini grant** (July 2011- July 2014).
18. **Association française contre les myopathies (AFM): Trampoline Grant** (1<sup>st</sup> October 2010-30<sup>th</sup> September 2011); PI: Carra S.
19. **Prinses Beatrix Fonds/Dutch Huntington Association** (1<sup>st</sup> September 2010- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014); PI: Carra S; partners: Kampinga H.H.; Sibon O.C.M.
20. **Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant** (15<sup>th</sup> May 2009- 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012)
21. **Young Investigator Award** (1<sup>st</sup> January 2008- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009), National Ataxia Foundation, USA
22. **Ministero della Salute**, Bando 2011-2012, Progetti di Ricerca Giovani Ricercatori (November 2014- November 2017); PI: Crippa V.; partner: Carra S. "Protective role of HSPB8 in motor neuron diseases (MNDs)"

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