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## 2019 Adaptive Immune Receptor Repertoire (AIRR) Community Meeting IV “Bridging the Gaps”

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to announce registration for the 2019 AIRR Community (**AIRR-C**) Meeting is open.  
NOTE: To avoid the higher fee, please register before 15 March.

**[Here](#) is the link to the Registration Site.**

### **Agenda**

The theme of this meeting, “Bridging the Gaps”, addresses:

- technological gaps between the amounts of accumulated data and our ability to process them, and
- the need to engage stakeholder communities (industry, clinicians, patent communities) in working toward universal standards for the generation, analysis, deposition, exploration and sharing of high-throughput AIRR sequencing (**AIRR-seq**) data.

We have confirmed two outstanding Keynote speakers – Dr. Sai Reddy from ETH Zurich and Dr. Antonio Lanzavecchia from IRB Bellinzona. Two planned panel discussions will include representatives from other institutions and companies that work with AIRR-seq data. In addition, two “challenge” sessions are planned to address the above-mentioned gaps. Two pre-meeting workshops will be available to teach the basics of immunology, and of AIRR-seq data analysis for beginners. Also planned are two poster sessions; and two demo sessions (one for tools and one for pipeline tutorials).

The AIRR-C Meeting Committee has organized the 2019 meeting over five days, May 11-15. Here is a link to both [brief and full agendas](#). The first day, Saturday May 11, will focus on Working Group (**WG**) Meetings, Workshops and WG Progress Reports. Sunday May 12 will focus on Working Group and Communication Subcommittee Progress Reports as well as the Welcome Reception. Monday May 13 and Tuesday May 14 will focus on Scientific Progress & Challenges in both Basic Science and Clinical Science and Translation. The Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) of the AIRR-C/TAbS membership is scheduled for the final day, Wednesday May 15. Registration for this meeting will allow you to join TAbS, and thus become a voting member of the AIRR-C, for no additional charge; this will allow you to attend and vote in the 2019 AGM. For more information about TAbS and how to become a member please click [here](#) and follow the prompts.

We are delighted to host the 2019 meeting at the University of Genoa in beautiful Genoa, Italy. Click on the [interactive map](#) for information about the area.

### **Registration**

We are actively fundraising for this event and trying to keep costs as low as possible particularly for Students/Trainees. To cover facility rental costs, AV support, invited speakers’ costs, and event catering registration fees have been set at:

<b>Type</b>	<b>Early</b>	<b>After March 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; On Site</b>
Regular	\$350.00 (USD)	\$450.00 (USD)
Student/Trainees	\$250.00 (USD)	\$350.00 (USD)

The number of registrants is limited by the available space. If you intend to participate, please register as soon as possible. For those who cannot attend in person, attendance by videoconference will also be available, with details to follow.

### **Posters**

If you are interested in presenting a Poster, please complete the Poster section in the online registration site including your title and 300-word abstract (you can go back in to the registration site to update/modify your information). There will be a limited number of spaces available, and acceptance will be on a "first come-first served" basis. Further instructions for the posters will be sent to you upon acceptance (after March 15).

### **Oral Presentations**

If you are interested in presenting a 5-7 minute "preview" talk on your poster, before the poster session for that day, please indicate your interest in the Oral Presentation section in the online registration site. 3 posters per day will be chosen for presentation by the Meetings Subcommittee. Further instructions for the Oral Presentations will be sent to you upon acceptance (after March 15).

### **AIRR-seq Tool Demos**

If you are interested in presenting during the AIRR-seq Tool Demo Session, please complete the AIRR-seq Tool Demo section in the online registration site including your title and <300-word abstract. (Feel free to return to the registration site anytime to update/modify your information.) There will be a limited number of spaces available, and acceptance will be on a "first come-first served" basis. Further instructions for the Tool Demo Session will be sent to you upon acceptance (after February 15).

### **AIRR-seq Pipeline Tutorials**

If you are interested in presenting a Pipeline Tutorial complete the AIRR-seq Pipeline Tutorial section in the online registration site, including your title and <300-word abstract. (Feel free to return to the registration site anytime to update/modify your information.) There will be a limited number of spaces available, and acceptance will be on a "first come-first served" basis. Further instructions for the Pipeline Tutorial session will be sent to you upon acceptance (after February 15).

### **Accommodations**

There are many large chain and small boutique hotels near the University of Genoa. A list of hotels can be found in the Lodging section of the registration site. Click on the [interactive map](#) for further information about hotels in the area.

### **Food**

This year's conference fee will include a number of refreshment breaks, a welcome reception and lunches on Monday and Tuesday. There will be a "pay your way" group dinner on Tuesday May 14 at Osteria di Vico Palla. See the [Osteria menu](#) for pricing details (in €) and vegan/vegetarian options. If you are interested in attending the group dinner, please sign up and pay in advance through the registration site. *Note that the Students/Trainees dinner cost is being partially subsidized through the conference budget.*

We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable meeting!  
Sincerely,

The Organizing Committee of the 2019 AIRR Community Meeting:  
Jamie Scott, Ramit Mehr, Davide Bagnara, Jean-Philippe Bürckert and Pam Borghardt.

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