

## **IBS Bologna Days 2016**

The International Meeting IBS Bologna days 2016, Chaired by Professor Giovanni Barbara was held in Bologna on June 8-10, 2016. At the meeting, endorsed among different Societies by ESNM and the Rome Foundation, participated 540 participants, from the following Nations: Italy (278), Lebanon (23), UK (21), USA (13), Spain (12), Germany (10), Russia (9), Asia (8), Belgium (5) and other locations (Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, France, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Sweden, Tunisia and Ukraine). Participants included 12 young investigators (PhD students and post-docs) from across Europe of the EU-funded Training Network NeuroGUT who used the meeting as a high-level summer school.

The Scientific Committee, chaired by Professor Vincenzo Stanghellini, provided an exciting agenda covering all aspects of IBS The format included keynote Lectures as well as "hot off the press" presentations on most exciting data from young investigators., including the newly released Rome IV criteria, clinical algorithms, epidemiology, overlap with comorbid conditions, the role of genetic factors, diet, microbiota, inflammation and infection, diagnosis and biomarkers, as well as current and future therapeutic approaches. Beside the scientific program, participants had also the opportunity to visit the charming city of Bologna, known for its ancient University (AD, 1088) and typical food.



Giovanni Barbara – June 2016