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Camera di Commercio Industria Artigianato e Agricoltura di Bari Corso Cavour, 2, 70121 **Bari** 

BIOINSPIRED THERAPEUTICS: UPCOMING PROMISE OR NEW CHALLENGES FOR DESIGN AND CHARACTERIZATION?

CRS ITALY WORKSHOP

# Workshop theme

The 2025 CRS Italy Chapter Workshop will focus on bioinspired therapeutics, specifically cutting-edge systems whose structures and functions mimic those of biological materials and natural processes. The workshop will provide an outlook on systems isolated from natural sources, used as-is, or combined with synthetic components to enhance biocompatibility and efficacy, with a particular emphasis on their conceptualization, rational design, and characterization. Contributions from invited scientists across multiple disciplines will create a rich environment where participants can gain insights and discuss the latest trends in bioinspired systems and their potential impact on drug delivery and controlled release. The workshop will be organized into few sessions, featuring invited speakers from Italy and abroad, who will explore various applications of bioinspired systems. Poster sessions and selected talks will provide opportunities to deepen discussions, explore interactions, and foster collaborations. The Organizing and Scientific Committees look forward to welcoming you to Bari for a highly stimulating and engaging workshop.

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# **Invited Speakers**:

#### Stefania Bruno

Università degli Studi di Torino (Italy)

## Luigi Calzolai

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