



Nomination for Councillor

For the three positions as Councillor six nominations have been received and as a result, elections will be organised early 2022 for the three Councillor positions. The elections will be held electronically as we have had the last four times.



Luca Vago

I am Group Leader of the Unit of Immunogenetics, Leukemia Genomics and Immunobiology at the San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milano, and part of the clinical staff of the Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit in the same institution. I am a physician scientist, combining direction of a translational research group with clinical activity. I qualified in medicine and achieved my PhD in Milano, and spent part of my training in immunology at Stanford University, under

the supervision of Prof. Peter Parham. My research is focused on elucidating the interplay between immune system and leukemia, especially in the model system of allogeneic HCT. In particular, my group focuses on understanding mechanism by which post-transplantation relapses occur, combining cutting-edge immunogenomic analysis of patient samples with the development of innovative humanized animal models. Our long-term aim is to develop personalized therapeutic approaches able to rewire a proficient graft-versus-tumor effect. I am a long-standing member of EFI, where I currently sit as Chair of the Scientific Committee, and I lead the immune reconstitution subcommittee in the EBMT CTIBWP. I've been coordinating a number of national and international collaborative studies on immunogenetics and on leukemia immunobiology, including the HLALOSS and HLACOVID-ITALIA initiatives. If elected in the EFI Executive Committee, I could further strengthen the dialogue with the immunogenetic scientific community, with a specific interest in promoting decision-making on how to facilitate young researchers and the integration of new expertise and technologies in histocompatibility research.

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