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23-25 September **2026**

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14th International Meeting on the **R**apid **R**esponses to **S**teroid **H**ormones

ABOUT THE MEETING

We are pleased to announce the **14th International Meeting on Rapid Response to Steroid Hormones**, which will take place in **Naples, Italy**, from **Wednesday, September 23 to Thursday, 25 September 2026**, at the *University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli", S. Patrizia Auditorium*, located in the heart of the city.

The meeting will bring together **scientists, clinicians, and young researchers** from around the world to explore, present, and discuss advances in the understanding of **steroid hormone functions** in both physiological and pathological systems.

Originally conceived to celebrate the **rapid or "non-genomic" actions** of steroid hormones, the conference also embraces their classical **genomic actions**. Through both pathways, steroid hormones control the functioning of the **immune, cardiovascular, skeletal muscle, and nervous systems**, and are key players in diseases such as **cancer, neurodegenerative, cardiovascular, and metabolic disorders**.

This year's meeting will commemorate two eminent scientists:

- **Prof. Brian J. Harvey (1957–2024)**, an innovator in cystic fibrosis and cancer research.
- **Prof. Étienne-Émile Baulieu (1926–2025)**, discoverer of the anti-progesterone RU-486 (mifepristone), a breakthrough in reproductive medicine, that transformed the lives of millions of women worldwide.

MAIN SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

1. Steroid hormones in cancer
2. Steroids in the nervous system
3. Steroid hormone signaling in health and disease
4. GPER: a steroid receptor dressed up as a G-protein
5. Glucocorticoid, mineralocorticoid, and thyroid receptors
6. Targeting steroid receptors in diseases

KEY DATES

- Abstracts submission opens March 10, 2026
- Abstracts submission deadline: May 29, 2026
- Abstracts acceptance: June 15, 2026
- Earlybird registration deadline: June 30, 2026

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

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Marzia Di Donato (*University of Campania L. Vanvitelli- Naples, ITALY*)

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