



Scuola di Scienze del Farmaco  
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Convegno Monotematico

## Gruppo di Lavoro sulle Dipendenze

Società Italiana di Farmacologia, Università di Camerino, Fondazione Zardi - Gori

# New perspectives in the study of substance use disorders: From basic mechanisms to pharmacotreatments

**Camerino April 20-21, 2026**

Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) represent a major global health challenge, profoundly affecting individuals, their families, and society.

These disorders are characterized by persistent alterations in reward processing, stress responsivity, executive control, and motivation, domains that collectively drive the transition from voluntary use to compulsive drug seeking.

SUDs often co-occur with neurodevelopmental and psychiatric conditions, and their severity is frequently exacerbated by environmental stressors, social marginalization, or chronic adversity.

The need for a deeper understanding of the neurobiological, psychological, and social mechanisms that contribute to SUD is a priority.

This workshop aims to address this challenge by bringing together young researchers and leading scientists to discuss emerging insights into the neurobiological mechanisms underlying SUD and to explore the development of innovative pharmacological treatments.

The conference is primarily, but not exclusively, intended for early-career researchers, who may register and submit their scientific contributions in the form of oral communications or posters via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/38EwfXFyVLVZMUTn9>  
by **March 15, 2026**.



The Scientific Committee reserves the right to select the oral communications and posters and will subsequently notify the applicants of the outcome.

For SIF members attending the Monothematic Conference, registration is free of charge. In addition, accommodation, the social dinner, and overnight stay on April 20 (in a double or triple room) will be covered for young, non-tenured SIF members under 38 years of age who present an oral communication or a poster.

Non-members may find information on how to join the Society by visiting: <https://www.sifweb.org/>  
For non-members, accommodation costs will not be covered.

The SIF and the Zardi-Gori Foundation each offer two grants, for a total of four grants, with a value of € 500.00 (five hundred euros) gross each, awarded to the best Oral Communications and Posters presented at the Monothematic Conference. These grants are reserved for SIF members under 38 years of age, non-tenured, and in good standing with their membership fees.

At the time of registration, participants may indicate any specific needs related to mobility, accessibility, or food allergies/intolerances.

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## Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

- 12.00 Registration
- 14.00 Opening and Congress  
Presentation
- 14.30 Selected Oral Communication 1
- 15.30 Selected Oral Communication 2
- 16.30 Coffee break  
Poster presentation
- 18.30 Keynote Lecture  
**Rainer Spanagel**  
*Classic and innovative psychedelics  
for the treatment of addiction: Hype or Hope?*
- 20.00 Social dinner

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

- 08.30 Keynote Lecture  
**Markus Heilig**  
*The role of environmental risk factors  
in alcohol addiction - not quite  
what you may have thought*
- 09.30 Selected Oral Communication 3
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 Selected Oral Communication 4
- 12.00 Flash talks and Awards