

Italian 2nd BIO-ALL Unconference meetings

After the results coming from the work done during 2019 by BIO-ALL partnership, we thought that it would have been interesting to disseminate these first results to a larger audience. The Consortium has six sections all over the Country. It was not possible to organise a meeting in each one of these areas in order to disseminate BIO-ALL first results and to capture suggestions and ideas. Therefore, we decided to organise a first meeting in Naples and a second one, with the fruitful co-operation of Cube Labs, in Rome. In total, there were more than forty participants and they raise a great interest for the BIO-ALL activities and for its future results.

On 27th of February, there was the first part of the Italian second BIO-ALL Unconference in **University “Federico II” – Chemical Department** of the University Complex in Naples. The meeting opened with the general information on the Consortium scientific and managerial life, thanks to the speech of the President of INBB Consortium, Prof. Giovanni Antonini. Then, there was a short re-enactment of the past president of the INBB consortium, Prof. Mita, who died last October and the founder of Naples INBB section, Prof. Marino, remembered him.

Following, the Director of INBB Consortium, Dr. Ragni presented to the audience BIO-ALL project, showing some of the first results coming out also thanks for the contribute of some of the researchers and professors of the hosting University. Prof. Piero Pucci (who is involved also in a large incubator) said also: “It is important that a training offer will be planned for young graduates or researchers who starts their activity, focused on the interface between the university and the world of production. We look forward, with great interest, to the activities that BIO-ALL will produce in the near future”. Prof. Angela Amoresano, the new director of INBB section in Naples, said that she and the colleagues are ready to give their full support to BIO-ALL project.

The second meeting was held in Rome and was focused on the meeting of INBB Consortium, Cube Labs and nine of their spin off companies with a large Group of investments in the world of research (Ulysses Advisory Group). The meeting was organised in Rome, but, in order to avoid too many transfers in the complicated moment of COVID-19, eleven of the participants were remote connected to the meeting.

There was the presentation of the International Group and of the nine Italian spin offs; then the Director of INBB Consortium, Dr. Ragni presented to the audience BIO-ALL project, showing also some of the first results of the project. Some of the researchers, connected to INBB and Cube Labs, already knew the project because they had answered the questionnaires and agreed on the first evaluations that emerged.

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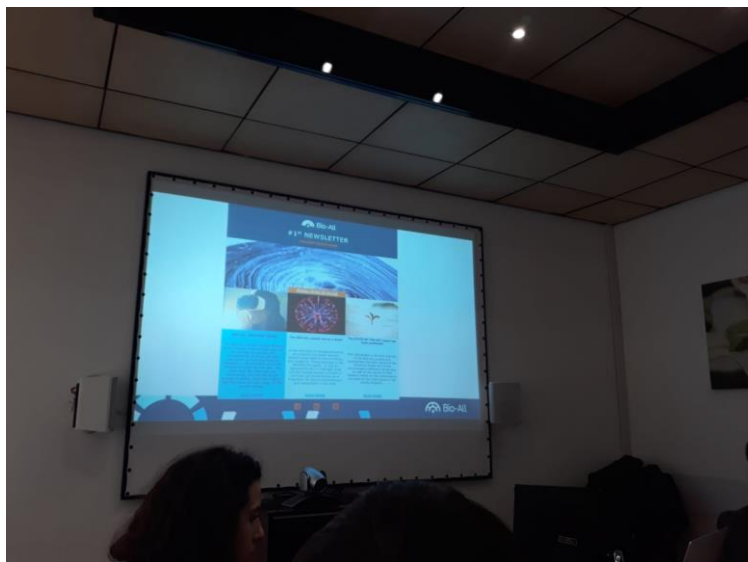
The two owners of the Ulysses Advisory Group expressed a great deal of interest, in particular they said that Italy, Spain and Portugal are Countries in which excellent research is certainly carried out, but often there are no tools to bring winning ideas to the market. Both stressed that they were impressed by the concreteness and the great potential of the Italian spin offs that presented their business. They believe that a lot of high-impact work can be done if there is a better linking between these Countries and the stream of private funding. They concluded by asking the two Italian partners to become, in the coming months, the vehicle for establishing direct contacts with researchers in life sciences who have patents or patentable ideas in Portugal and Spain too.



Naples, the President speech.



Naples, visit to the laboratory.



Rome, BIO-ALL newsletter on the screen



Rome, Dr. Ragni speech