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Sbarro Institute Post-Doc Named Woods Hole Fellow

(Philadelphia, May 15) -- Cristina Giacinti, MD, Ph.D., a Post-Doc at the Sbarro Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine (www.shro.org) has won the “Borsa Monroy” Fellowship from the University of Palermo to attend “Embryology: Concepts and Techniques in Modern Developmental Biology” at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, MA. from June 9th to July 22nd.

The Fellowship is the result of a national Italian competition in Embryology, the study of developmental biology. During their stay at MLB, students examine a wide range of embryonic systems, including genetic systems that illustrate the developmental strategies that drive evolutionary change.

“My training in mechanisms that regulate cell proliferation and differentiation began and evolved during my time as a post-doc at the Sbarro Institute in Philadelphia working with Dr. Antonio Giordano,” says Giacinti. “His knowledge about genetic regulation gave me the chance to grow up scientifically and to obtain significant results in genetic regulation of skeletal muscles, my main field of studies.”

Giordano, the Founder and President of the Sbarro Health Research Organization (SHRO), directs the Sbarro Institute of Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine with labs in Philadelphia at Temple University and at the University of Siena.

The integrated lectures and laboratories at MBL provide a comprehensive coverage of the paradigms, problems, and technologies of modern developmental biology, cast within a framework of metazoan evolution.

The course is supported by grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the Company of Biologists Ltd., and the Society for Developmental Biology. MBL also raises funds to support research efforts of scientists from around the world.

The Sbarro Health Research Organization (www.shro.org), located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (USA), is a nonprofit organization that finances and promotes the work of established researchers and young scientists in medicine, molecular biology, genetics, physics, chemistry and biomathematics. SHRO funds the Sbarro Institute of Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine located at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA and a lab in Siena, Italy.