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**ARIA @**  **SAHMRI**

**A Showcase of Italo-Australian Research**

**South Australia's leading Italian and Italo-Australian researchers will speak in the  
fields of Cancer, Wellbeing, Viticulture & more**

**Wednesday 18 November**  
**SAHMRI Auditorium, North Terrace, Adelaide**

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## ARIA @ SAHMRI – PROGRAMME

6.00 pm	<b>SAHMRI tour: Rosanna Senesi, SAHMRI Philanthropy &amp; Engagement Manager</b>
6.30 pm	<b>Welcome: MCs Marco Petta (Radio Italiana 531) &amp; Mario Calabro (ARIA)</b> <b>Acknowledgment of Country</b> <b>President of ARIA: Dr Ilaria Pagani</b> <b>The Consul of Italy in Adelaide: Mr Adriano Stendardo</b> <b>The Scientific Attache' of the Italian Embassy: Dr Annamaria Fioretti</b>
6.55 pm	<b>The Italian Ambassador to Australia: H.E. Francesca Tardioli (Video message)</b>
7.00 pm	<b>Showcase:</b>  <b>Dr Ilaria S Pagani, President of ARIA, SAHMRI, The University of Adelaide</b> Mid-Career Italian migrant - Leukaemia research  <b>Mr Matthew Iasiello, SAHMRI:</b> Early-Career Italo-Australian - Mental Health and Wellbeing  <b>Associate Professor Egon Perilli, Flinders University:</b> Italian migrant – Bio-Engineering  <b>Dr Caterina Selva, The University of Adelaide:</b> Research assistant Italian migrant - Plant Genomics  <b>Dr Tiziana Torresi, Vice-President of ARIA, The University of Adelaide:</b> Mid-career Italian migrant - Politics and International Relations  <b>Dr Corinna Di Niro, The University of South Australia:</b> Italo-Australian - Theatre and Performance Studies
8.00 pm	<b>Panel Q&amp;A</b>
8.20 pm	<b>In closing: Mr Mario Romaldi - President, Radio Italiana 531</b>

**Mr Adriano Stendardo**  
**Consul of Italy in South Australia**



Born in Spilimbergo (Pordenone) on the 14 September 1985.

Attended University “Luiss” Guido Carli – Rome: Graduate in International Relations.

He spent the early parts of his career in Austria in commercial roles in the energy sector.

Following a diplomatic entrance exam, he has worked for the Directorate - General for Cooperation and Development at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

From the 7 January 2020 he has begun his role of Consul of Italy in South Australia.

Adriano is passionate about classical music, soccer and digital photography. He has been married to Clizia since 2018.

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**Anna Maria Fioretti**  
**Ambasciata d'Italia in Australia**  
**Science Attaché**



Anna Maria Fioretti graduated in Geology at the University of Padua (Italy) and began working for the National Research Council (CNR) at the Institute of Geosciences and Earth Resources.

Later, she completed her Master's Degree in Science Communication. Her main subject of interest was the role of magmatic rocks in the geodynamic reconstructions. She also worked on the genesis of extra-terrestrial rocks (asteroids and Martian meteorites) and on the evolution of the Solar System.

Within the Italian National Program of research in Antarctic, she took part in three expeditions in Northern Victoria Land. Until 2020, she was part of the Italian National Scientific Committee for Antarctica of the Ministry of Education, University and Research. She is author or co-author of over 100 scientific publications.

In 2017 Anna Maria was appointed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the Science Attaché at the Embassy of Italy in Canberra, Australia.

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**Dr Ilaria Stefania Pagani**  
**President of ARIA**  
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AHMRI, Beat Cancer Project Mid-Career Research Fellow  
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Dr Ilaria Pagani is a biomedical researcher working on chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML), a tumour of the blood, which can be fatal without treatment.

Ilaria obtained her PhD in 2012 at the University of Insubria, Varese, Italy, followed by a Specialization in Medical Genetics obtained with highest honours at the University of Milan, Italy in 2016. She moved to Australia from Italy in 2014 to work at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) in Adelaide. In 2019 she was awarded the prestigious and extremely competitive Beat Cancer Project Mid-Career Research fellowship by Cancer Council SA leading her independent research.

Ilaria's work has led to advances in our understanding of the biology of CML, clarifying how we can identify CML patients who may be able to discontinue therapy safely, guiding worldwide clinical decisions. This work led to the International John Goldman Research Award in 2019, beating applicants from 14 countries. The Premier of South Australia, the Hon Steven Marshall, and the Italian Embassy personally acknowledged her for this achievement. She has presented her work at 14 national and 24 international conferences.

Ilaria does not only save lives in a laboratory, she is a Surf Live Saver with her local surf lifesaving club, Brighton. In 2014 she left her hometown Corgeno, Varese, in northern Italy, with literally the bag on her back, little money and little English. She took the opportunity to work in Adelaide at the invitation of her new mentors/bosses. After beginning as a visiting Post-doc, she was offered her first contract with SAHMRI. Six years later she is still here working towards her career and life goals. She is now a permanent resident, with established lasting friendships. She brought her passion for science, sport and photography and made herself a new home, now complete with her fiancé and a pet cat Senna.

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**Matthew Iasiello**  
**Wellbeing & Resilience Centre, SAHMRI**  
**Radio Italiana 531, Club G Member**



Matthew Iasiello is a mental health researcher from the SAHMRI Wellbeing and Resilience Centre. He has been focused on building mental wellbeing in the South Australian community for over 5 years, and has been involved in many large-scale projects in at-risk youth, male and female offenders, University students, and workforces.

Matthew is also in the process of completing a PhD at Flinders University, focused on the relationship between mental illness and mental wellbeing. He has been invited to present his research at international academic conferences, and has published his research in peer reviewed scientific journals.

Matthew's family come from the Frosinone and Benevento regions of Italy. Matthew enjoys spending time at the beach, playing soccer with friends, and spending time with his new-born son, Ari.

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**Associate Professor Egon Perilli**  
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I was born in Bolzano (BZ), Italy. I was awarded my MSc in Physics in 2001 and my PhD in Bioengineering in 2006 at the University of Bologna, Italy, for my research at the Medical Technology Laboratory, Rizzoli Orthopaedics Institute (Bologna), Italy's elite orthopaedics research institute.

In 2007 I moved to Belgium as a post-doc researcher at the Vision Lab, Dept. of Physics, University of Antwerp, where in collaboration with a world-leading micro-CT manufacturer company (SkyScan, now SkyScan-Bruker), I also worked as an application scientist.

In 2008 I moved to Adelaide, where until 2011 I was a Senior Research Fellow at the Bone & Joint Research Laboratory, SA Pathology (Prof Nick Fazzalari). In 2011 I joined Flinders Univ., broadening the spectrum towards whole-bone micro-CT imaging.

I authored 50 publications in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, book chapters and over 70 presentations at national and international conferences.

I am the lead CI of the successful ARC LIEF grant "Large volume, multi-use micro-CT" for the currently biggest cabinet micro-CT system in Australia, which will be officially launched in Flinders in November 2020. I won the Early Career Researcher Award for Australian & New Zealand Orthopaedic Research Society (ANZORS) in 2011 and the Flinders University Vice-Chancellor award for ECRs in 2012.

I am the current President (2018-2021) of ANZORS, board member of the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS) and other societies. I am supervisor of bone and joint-related research topics for post-doc, PhD and Honours projects. I am peer-reviewer for international scientific journals and funding bodies, including the Australian Research Council (ARC), National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Wellcome Trust (UK). I am topic coordinator and lecturer in Flinders Univ. (Medical Physics, Biomaterials, Biomedical Instrumentation), where I am also the Supervisor and instrument leader of the Micro-CT Imaging laboratory.

My research today is in 2D and 3D quantitative imaging of bone structure and biomaterials combined with biomechanical testing. The main field of research is in osteoporosis and osteoarthritis. Outside of work I enjoy visiting wineries, listening to music and dancing.

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**Dr Caterina Selva**  
**The University of Adelaide**  
**Research Assistant**  
**Plant Genomic Research**



Caterina Selva was born in Milan (Italy) in 1990. She completed her primary and secondary education at the Sir James Henderson British School of Milan.

Caterina earned a Bachelor degree in Biology (2012) and Masters in Molecular Cell Biology (2014) at the University of Milan on a project studying flower development in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, a small flowering plant. She then moved to Adelaide in 2016 to start her Ph.D. after receiving a scholarship from the Australian Government. Her project focused on understanding the development of the reproductive organs in cereal crops (barley and wheat) for application in breeding. During the degree she presented her work at conferences in Adelaide and Japan.

Caterina received her Ph.D. at the University of Adelaide in March 2020. Since then she has participated as a research assistant to the Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre, focusing on developing high-value products from industrial potato waste. Concurrently, she is undergoing training to become a certified Italian-English translator.

In her spare time Caterina enjoys outdoor activities. She is passionate about gardening, bouldering and camping in the Australian Outback!

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**Dr Tiziana Torresi**  
Vice-President of ARIA  
Politics and International Relations



Dr Tiziana Torresi is a Lecturer in International Politics at the University of Adelaide, School of Social Sciences. She received her Doctorate in Politics and International Relations from the University of Oxford, where she also held a Lectureship in Politics at Worcester College.

Tiziana's research interests are mainly in contemporary political theory and normative international theory. She has written extensively on migration, membership, integration, citizenship, and temporary migration and published widely on these topics as well as won numerous grants and fellowships.

She is currently working on a book on cyberpolitics in liberal democracies. Tiziana is a founding member of the Global Justice Network and Vice-president of ARIA.

Tiziana was born in Rome, where most of her family still lives, and first came to Australia in 1998 to pursue her undergraduate degree in Politics at the University of New South Wales, where she graduated with First Class Honours and the University Medal.

In her (fairly limited) free time Tiziana enjoys music, art, travelling and reading.

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**Dr Corinna di Niro, UniSA**  
**Theatre and Performance Studies**  
**TEDx speaker**



Dr Corinna Di Niro received her PhD in Commedia dell'Arte for a 21st century Australian context in 2016. She runs her own theatre company, Stage Secrets, and teaches and performs Commedia nationally and internationally, including Zoom presentations for the current Covid-19 climate.

She is co-editing the book, Commedia in the Asia-Pacific, due in September 2021, involving 20 authors comprising of teachers, practitioners, scholars and high-profile Commedia performers.

This year Corinna has authored over 12 separate publications both individually and collaboratively. Her research interest is multidimensional including Commedia dell'Arte, Women/Mothers in Academia, and the over casualisation of academics.

In 2019, Corinna directed Bone Cage, by Geoff Gillham for the 'Violence Against Women and their Resistance' conference by Flinders University. She also directed and performed in Becoming-game, for the J.M Coetzee Centre for Creative Practice – a provocative spoken word piece in collaboration with seven other women in precarious academic positions. Both performances led to multiple publications.

Corinna is an official TEDx speaker for her research on ways to enhance the audience experience in live theatre using virtual reality. Corinna received a grant from UniSA Creative Industries to lead a team of students and industry experts to carry out this research. Her talk can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/2TmZKxh>

Corinna is employed on a casual contract basis at the University of South Australia. Beyond academia, Corinna enjoys going on hikes and exploring the Adelaide Hills wine region.

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