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INVITATION

We are inviting you to the public lecture given by

Prof. Dr. Andrea Nistri

(Professor of Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology, SISSA, Trieste),

with the title

Basic research to understand spinal cord injury

The lecture is a part of the »Scientific evenings« cycle of lectures and will take place on Thursday, 17 November 2011 at 7PM at Kulturni Center Lojze Bratuž, Gorica, Italy.

The moderator will be Dr. Elsa Fabbretti, research associate for the field of biology at the University of Nova Gorica.

Spinal cord injury often induces lifelong disability with major negative impact on patients, their families and society. In addition to the typical traumatic origin, there is a growing trend for the occurrence of non-traumatic lesions especially in the aging populations of our countries. When surveying the outcome of spinal cord injury, it is clear that few patients will walk normally again and will suffer from a host of associated pathologies affecting the autonomic nervous system. The challenge is to understand the pathological mechanisms triggered by the lesion and the effective strategies to protect the spinal cord or regain its lost function.