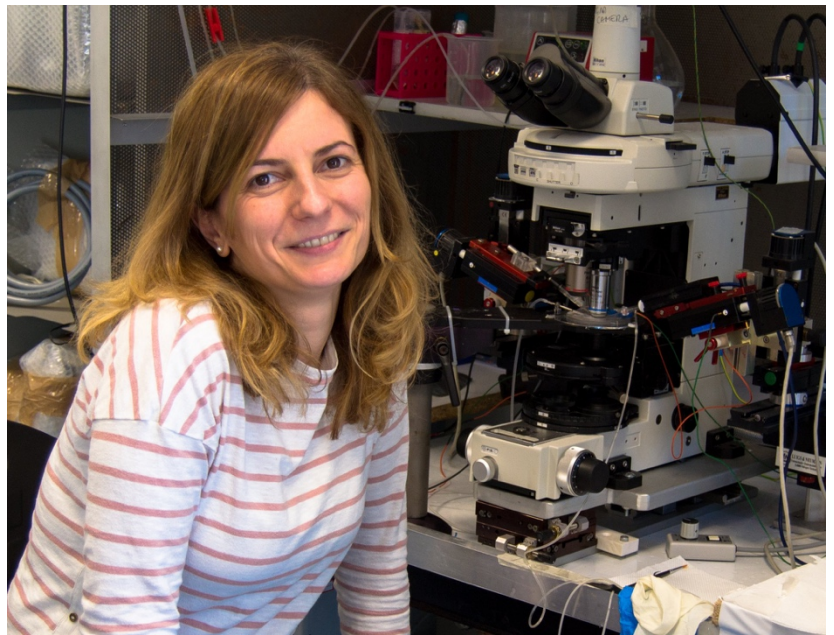


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Marilena Griguoli graduated in Biological Sciences at Sapienza University (Rome) in 2006 with a thesis on the molecular features of the ectopic lymphoidogenesis in multiple sclerosis. She received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA, Trieste) in 2010, under the supervision of Prof Enrico Cherubini. In Trieste, she investigated the role of nicotinic acetylcholine receptors in controlling the activity of inhibitory neurons in the hippocampus. In 2011, she moved to Interdisciplinary Institute for Neuroscience (IINS, Bordeaux, France) in Dr Mulle's laboratory, where she expanded her technical skills including *in vivo* recordings combined with opto-chemogenetic manipulation of distinct neuronal populations. In 2015, she moved in Rome to work at EBRI- Rita Levi-Montalcini Foundation in Prof Cherubini's laboratory, where she started to dissect out inhibitory circuits involved in social behavior in physiological conditions and in models of autism spectrum disorders. Currently she holds a permanent position as researcher at the National Research Council-Institute of Neuroscience in Pisa (2020- ) and a group leader position at EBRI- Rita Levi-Montalcini Foundation in Rome (2021- ). Her research focuses on

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