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"The coronavirus in Italy since September 2019"

Unexpected detection of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in the prepandemic period in Italy

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<https://t.co/wWPFJMjjFJ>

Maybe a coincidence but an agreement was recently signed by the authors' institute and guess who?

<https://t.co/vh7qX3hyPD>

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The Lead Author specifically of the paper:

"Unexpected detection of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in the pre-pandemic period in Italy"

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Unexpected detection of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in the pre-pandemic period in Italy

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Some funding is involved....

Anyone good at Italian feel free to comment?

Nello specifico tra questi ci sono:

- accordi con le autorità cinesi e con autorevoli professionisti e rappresentanti delle Istituzioni locali sotto il ministero della salute cinese per avviare collaborazioni con ricercatori e clinici di ospedali cinesi;
- Progetti di collaborazione a diversi livelli sul settore di ricerca scientifica e clinica in Cina;
- Promozione di scambio del Capitale Umano e del Know How con attivazione di stage interdisciplinari e collaborazioni tra le Università e le Aziende Cinesi ed Italiane operanti negli specifici settori;
- Rapporti con la comunità cinese in Italia e in particolare a Milano.

SI CONVIENE QUANTO SEGUE:

Con l'accordo di collaborazione in allegato, l'Istituto supporterà la Fondazione IRCCS - Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori di Milano nella creazione di nuovi rapporti e nella gestione di quelli preesistenti con Ospedali di riferimento per le patologie oncologiche in Cina e Ospedali di medicina tradizionale cinese.

S.G. Altari General Manager
IRCCS - Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori

"You findee sars cov 2 in old sample back September time, we give you big fat red envelopeeee, okey dokey?"

More has emerged regarding the Chinese connection

"Oncology research, Italy and China close to the collaboration protocol"

<https://t.co/Mt5hO9Dggc>



Two other authors of the "unexpected" paper are mentioned in the above article
(Ugo Pastorino and Gabriella Sozzi of the National Cancer Institute of Milan)



Rome, 8 September 2017 - Alleanza Against Cancer, the largest Italian cancer research network, and the China National Cancer Center will sign a collaboration protocol aimed at investigating aspects related to technological innovation (NGS) and oncological epidemiology (big data).

The decision was taken after the meeting at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità - also

present the President of the ISS, Walter Ricciardi - included in the three days of delegates in Italy. In ISS the General Director of ACC Luigi Giusto Spagnoli, the President Ruggero De Maria, the scientific director member of the Governing Council Gennaro Ciliberto and authoritative exponents of associated institutes (Ugo Pastorino and Gabriella Sozzi of the National Cancer Institute of Milan) who recalled the strategic lines of Alleanza Contro il Cancro and in-depth some scientific issues related to the Italian expertise on lung cancer, the first for mortality and incidence in China.

Finally, the Medical Director herself...

Patrizia Monti leaves the Lecco hospital to take up the position of medical director at the National Cancer Institute of Milan,
<https://t.co/k54pfF8kWJ>



Her China Connections can be found here:

<https://t.co/GwYbXHde4s>

The delegation's program includes visits to the cities of Beijing, Hangzhou, Wenzhou.

Delegation:

- Head of the Delegation: Arianna Censi, Vice-Mayor of the Metropolitan City of Milan;
- Maria Rosa Azzolina, Director of the Italian-Chinese Cultural Institute Vittorino Colombo;
- Maria Teresa Broggini Moretto, Representative of FIPE and expert in the Energy-Ecology sector;
- Cai Maosheng, President of the Alumni Association of the University of Zhejiang and the Zheli Cultural Exchange Center of Milan;
- Roberto Cociancich, Councilor of the Presidency of the Council for European Policies and Head of International Coordination;
- Eleonora Finetto, Comieco, Ecology-Recycling;
- Pier Francesco Fumagalli, Ambrosiana: Academy, Art Gallery, Library; Member of the Executive Committee of the Italian-Chinese Cultural Institute Vittorino Colombo;
- Alessandro Vincenzo Giana, Expert in the Energy-Ecology sector;
- Daniela Mainini, President of the Grande Milano Study Center;
- Patrizia Monti, Health Director of the IRCCS Foundation - National Cancer Institute.

and here she is in 2018 having a friendly discussion which laid the basis for future cooperation....

The delegation from the Milan, Italy visited Zhejiang University School of Medicine

<http://210.32.0.77/index.php?a=detail&catid=197&id=22906&web=english>

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[Source]: [Author]: [Date]: 2018-04-23 [Views]: 1101

April 19th , Arianna Censi, Vice Major of Metropolitan City of Milan (Urbanistic) , Roberto Cociancich , Presidency Counselor of European Policies Council and Responsible Senator for International Coordination, Daniela Mainini , President of Centro Studi Grande Milano , Patrizia Monti Hospital Director of Fondazione IRCCS in a group of fifteen visited Zhejiang University School of Medicine (ZJUSM). Shu Zheng , Professor of cancer Institute, the Second Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine, and former president of Zhejiang Medical University, Ying Dang, Deputy Secretary General of the Alumni Association of Zhejiang University , Wei Li, Deputy Director of Medical Management Office, Zhejiang University played the host. This meeting was interpreted by Maosheng Cai, Director of Zhejiang University Alumni Association and Zheli Cultural Exchange Centre of Milan.

Arianna Censi thanked Zhejiang University School of Medicine for its warm reception. Patrizia Monti and Professor Shu Zheng introduced the IRCCS national institute of cancer and Cancer Institute, Zhejiang University respectively. Two sides has reached a preliminary cooperation intention. After the meeting, the experts in the field of cancer and food safety also had friendly discussion, which laid the foundation for the future cooperation.

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Some of the other authors of the paper work at VisMederi Research Srl, Siena, and also University of Siena but I don't see any special links to China there.....yet

<https://t.co/3wst0B1pgM>

Linkedin

<https://t.co/RayGH6AKHt>

and

<https://t.co/woRTIo69Lv>

Barcelona and Brazil were not enough?

Is this a response to the WHO investigation reports?

WHO knows?



And here we have a more scientific critique from

[@BallouxFrancois](https://twitter.com/BallouxFrancois)

<https://t.co/XwnOBznLA0>

There is a paper out reporting high prevalence of #SARSCoV2 antibodies (IgG/IgM) in Italy from early September on. Factoring in a 1-2 week needed for seroconversion, this would imply that #COVID19 was in widespread circulation in Italy in August or before.

1/ pic.twitter.com/cnAToNjVLO

— Prof Francois Balloux (@BallouxFrancois) November 15, 2020

As to be expected the Chinese Media is all over this

<https://t.co/tcLHamwfKS>

The #coronavirus may have emerged in Italy earlier than thought. A study shows that the virus could have been circulating in Italy since September 2019, three months before it was first reported in China. #COVID19

pic.twitter.com/Ha794Xxbkp

— China Xinhua News (@XHNews) November 16, 2020

On the pitfalls & dangers of believing new anomalous lab test results which contradict previous findings (Cross-Reactivity)

Example from Canada in 2003 where results showed SARS but were later found to be due to human CoV-OC43 (HCoV-OC43) cross-reactivity

<https://t.co/h8yhefQtIP>

1. A strange Canadian story from 2003 involving Plummer

by [@martinenserink](#) found by [@bej_gff](#)

It's Not SARS--But What Is It?<https://t.co/d7Jx671Xdy>

and a follow up article: A Sequel to SARS?[@martinenserink](https://t.co/mt1Yo7CHyx) any clarification on all that?

— Billy Bostickson \U0001f3f4\U0001f441&\U0001f441 \U0001f193 (@BillyBostickson) November 16, 2020