



INVITATION LETTER

Dear Colleagues, it is our pleasure to introduce you to **the first training congress dedicated to the young researches expert in the extra virgin olive oil sector: EVOO Research's Got Talent 2020.**

Date: Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 January 2020

Venue: University of Bari, Bari, Italy

<https://evooresearchgottalent.wordpress.com/>

This initiative is the outcome of over two years of dedicated work by the COMPETITIVE Project – a project funded by the AGER PROJECT*; we would like to acknowledge all COMPETITIVE Project partners and the AGER PROJECT staff. The Project brought together a collaborative team of Italian researcher with experience, knowledge and expertise in the area of extra virgin olive oil. As we move ahead with researches and implementation of the results obtained in the olive oil chain, we believed that we could stimulate also a positive impact on improving the lives and research outcomes of world young researchers and their career. We ask you to read this proposal carefully and use it as the cornerstone in the planning and building of the future career of our young researchers, who if trained as much for research as for soft skills, will be able to become an international community of scientists able to meet the social challenges that await us.

EVOO Research's Got Talent is the first training congress dedicated to the 24 best researchers under 45 in the world, working on all the scientific aspects linked to extra virgin olive oil, which combines:

- A section dedicated to the young research **oral presentation** (in English language)
- A section dedicated to the training on **soft skills** (e.g. communication, leadership, moderation, etc.)
- A section dedicated to the training on the rules for **application to the call of the “Marie Curie” programme, and the Starting Grant of the European Research Council (ERC)**

The highlights of scientific program are: arboriculture, food technologies, food chemistry, engineering, traceability, marketing, by-products, packaging, shelf-life, legislation, plant protection, sensory analysis, sustainability, circular economy and landscape, nutraceutical and health properties and nutrigenomics.

BENEFITS FOR THE SELECTED YOUNG RESEARCHER:	BENEFITS FOR THE RESEARCH TEAM:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Formal letter as invited speakers – Candidature to the EVOO Research's Got Talent awards – Training for soft skill necessary to young researchers – Training for European funding opportunities for young researchers – Scientific international relationship aimed to build the leadership in the research – Cross-fertilization of knowledge 	<p>It's great if the research team has got the most talented, qualified researchers in the world, but that won't mean much for the success of the research group if they can't work well with each other.</p> <p>Soft skills in a research team are more critical today than ever as they equip the working group with meaningful ways to remain competitive and be productive. The selected young researchers will be able to communicate more effectively with each other; to delegate, provide feedback, accept feedback, take responsibility, and motivate themselves; to be proactive when it comes to recognizing problems and complications; to identify and implement solutions or offer alternative fixe; to “think outside the box” both creatively and critically; to weigh their options, make informed decisions; to collaborate and work together in order to collectively meet research goals and objectives; to improved efficiency and heightened productivity; become a leader in scientific research by training on the main European design tools dedicated to young people.</p>

*Ager (Agroalimentare e ricerca) is a collaboration project between foundations of banking origin united to promote and support scientific research in the Italian food industry. Ager puts the excellence of Italian productions at the center of research, aiming at improving processes and developing cutting-edge technologies.

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ELIGIBILITY

A selection of world 24 best under-45 researchers, working on all the scientific aspects linked to extra virgin olive oil will participate as invited speakers!

The professors of the various disciplines related to the extra virgin olive oil sector can nominate a young researcher by filling in and sending the **NOMINATION FORM FOR THE EVOO Research's Got Talent 2020** and attaching:

- Abstract of the oral presentation of the young researcher
- Short motivation letter
- Description of achievements
- CV and list of publications

Nominations for the EVOO Research's Got Talent must be submitted before November 10, 2019.

The scientific committee will examine the proposal.

The selected candidates will receive before November 30, 2019 an invitation letter for the oral presentation and he/she will register for the conference.

We look forward to meet you in Bari. Kind regards,

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Research's Got Talent
Raffaele Sacchi

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committee
Maria Lisa Clodoveo

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EVOO Research's Got Talent is the first international training congress for young researchers expert in the olive oil sector. The goal of the EVOO Research's Got Talent is to contribute to the professional and human growth of the new generations and develop the talent of new generations creating a growing team aiming for excellence!

The conference registration fees (450,82 € + 22% VAT = 550 €) include: Accomodation; Access to conference; Excellence in Research Training; Soft Skill Training; Welcome cocktail, coffee breaks, lunches and dinners, EVOO experiences; Conference materials. For more information, please, read the eligibility rules: <https://evooresearchgottalent.wordpress.com/eligibility/>

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