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## PhD TRAINING

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Ond	erzoekschool Oncologie Amsterdam (OOA) courses	Year
>>	Histopathology of tumors	2014
>>	How to write high impact papers and what to do	2015
	when your paper is rejected	
>>	Immunotherapy of Cancer	2016
>>	How to be(come) a successful grant applicant	2017
Othe	er courses	
>>	Experimental oncology (The Netherlands Cancer Institute)	2014
>>	Understanding angiogenesis in cancer (Uppsala University)	2015
>>	Genomics data analysis (Bonn University)	2015
>>	Molecular Pathology (EACR)	2017
Attei	nded conferences, workshops and meetings	
>>	International Symposium on Tumor-Host	2015
	Interaction in Head and Neck Cancer, Essen, Germany (poster)	
>>	Cell Symposium in Cancer, Inflammation	2015
>>	and Immunity, Sitges, Spain (poster)	

2016

2016

2017

#### Lunch seminars

» Dr. Massimiliano Mazzone, Jan 2014

Breckenridge, Colorado (poster)

Keystone symposium in Cancer Pathophysiology,

NIBIT meeting in Cancer Immunotherapy, Siena Italy (poster)

Molecular Pathology Approach to Cancer-EACR, Amsterdam

Weekly lab meetings and scientific seminars, monthly division meetings

- » Dr. Lisa Coussens, June 2014
- » Dr. Joachim Schultze, Oct 2015
- » Dr. Adrian Hayday, March 2016
- » Dr. Karen Knudsen, February 2017

#### Visiting institutes

- » Barts London School of Medicine, UK
- Bonn University, LIMES Institute, Germany
- Uppsala University, Sweden,
- Lund University, Sweden
- » Alligator Bioscience Company, Lund, Sweden

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Bianca Cioni was born in Pisa, Italy, on February 17th 1989. She obtained her Diploma in foreign languages in Lucca in 2008, thereafter she continued her studies in Medical Biotechnology at the University of Florence. During her Bachelor studies she attended the Biotechnology Summer School at the University of Kent, UK, where she learnt basic laboratory techniques. Bianca obtained her Bachelor Degree in 2012 after a training period of 6 months in the microbiology laboratory at the University of Florence under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Alberta Azzi. Subsequently, she started her master studies in Molecular Biotechnology at the University of Birmingham, UK. In 2013 she obtained her Master Degree after a training period of 4 months in the laboratory of proteomics under the supervision of Dr. Elena Odintsova and Dr. Doug Ward. In the same year Bianca was selected for the Initial Training Network (ITN) funded by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie foundation at the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam under the supervision of Dr. AM Bergman and Dr. JP de Boer. In 2018 she started her postdoctoral research in the laboratory of Dr. MP Colombo at the National Cancer Institute in Milan, Italy, where she is currently investigating the role of bifunctional arginine demethylase and lysylhydroxylase (JMJD6) in breast and prostate cancer, funded by the iCARE-2 fellowship awarded by the Italian Foundation for Cancer Research (AIRC) co-funded by the European Union, under the Marie-Sklodowska-Curie ActIon H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2017.

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