

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Cristina Festari		POSITION TITLE Postdoctoral Researcher at IRCCS – Centro San Giovanni di Dio	
EDUCATION/TRAINING (<i>Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.</i>)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Milan – Bicocca (Italy)	B.Sc.	2005/2008	Psychological Sciences
University of Milan – Bicocca (Italy)	M.Sc.	2008/2011	Clinical and Developmental Psychology and Neuropsychology
University of Milan – Bicocca (Italy)	Certificate of competency	2011	State examination for certification to practice.
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan, campus of Brescia (Italy)	Specializing Master	2013-2014	Neuropsychology: Assessment, diagnosis, rehabilitation
University of Brescia (Italy)	Ph.D.	2015/2019	Biomedical Sciences and Translational Medicine (Curriculum: Neuroscience)

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A. Positions and Honors.

Positions:

- 2011-2012: “Figlie di San Camillo” Institute, Cremona, Italy. Post graduate fellow in the Department of Neurology- Outpatient Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, headed by Prof. Sara Mondini, PhD. Development of customized cognitive trainings for patients with neurodegenerative diseases (prodromal or mild stage) and psycho-educational group interventions for caregivers.
- 2013-present: Scientific Institute Saint John of God – The National Centre for Research and Care of Alzheimer's and Mental Diseases, Brescia, Italy. Psychologist - researcher in the laboratory of Prof. Giovanni B Frisoni, M.D. Assessment of incremental value and clinical utility of imaging techniques in diagnostic work-up of neurodegenerative disease. Neuropsychological assessment for clinical and research purposes.

Honors:

- 2016: Chairman at the International Congress: “Alzheimer’s Association International Conference – AAIC”, Toronto, Canada.
- 2017: Travel Fellowship at the International Congress: “Alzheimer’s Association International Conference – AAIC”, London, UK.
- Peer-reviewer for Alzheimer's Research & Therapy

B. Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order).

1. Boccardi M, Altomare D, Ferrari C, **Festari C**, Guerra UP, Paghera B, Pizzocaro C, Lussignoli G, Geroldi C, Zanetti O, Cotelli MS, Turla M, Borroni B, Rozzini L, Mirabile D, Defanti C, Gennuso M, Prella A, Gentile S, Morandi A, Vollaro S, Volta GD, Bianchetti A, Conti MZ, Cappuccio M, Carbone P, Bellandi D, Abruzzi L, Bettoni L, Villani D, Raimondi MC, Lanari A, Ciccone A, Facchi E, Di Fazio I, Rozzini R, Boffelli S, Manzoni L, Salvi GP, Cavaliere S, Belotti G, Avanzi S, Pasqualetti P, Muscio C, Padovani A, Frisoni GB; Incremental Diagnostic Value of Amyloid PET With [18F]-Florbetapir (INDIA-FBP) Working Group. Assessment of the Incremental Diagnostic Value of Florbetapir F 18 Imaging in Patients With Cognitive Impairment: The Incremental Diagnostic Value of Amyloid PET With [18F]-Florbetapir (INDIA-FBP) Study. *JAMA Neurol.* 2016 Dec 1;73(12):1417-1424.

2. Boccardi M, **Festari C**, Altomare D, Gandolfo F, Orini S, Nobili F, Frisoni GB; EANM-EAN Task Force for the Prescription of FDG-PET for Dementing Neurodegenerative Disorders. Assessing FDG-PET diagnostic accuracy studies to develop recommendations for clinical use in dementia. *Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging*. 2018 Jul;45(9):1470-1486
3. Nobili F, **Festari C**, Altomare D, Agosta F, Orini S, Van Laere K, Arbizu J, Bouwman F, Drzezga A, Nestor P, Walker Z, Boccardi M; EANM-EAN Task Force for the Prescription of FDG-PET for Dementing Neurodegenerative Disorders. Automated assessment of FDG-PET for differential diagnosis in patients with neurodegenerative disorders. *Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging*. 2018 Jul;45(9):1557-1566.
4. Altomare D, Ferrari C, **Festari C**, Guerra UP, Muscio C, Padovani A, Frisoni GB, Boccardi M; Incremental Diagnostic Value of Amyloid PET With [(18)F]-Florbetapir (INDIA-FBP) Working Group. Quantitative appraisal of the Amyloid Imaging Taskforce appropriate use criteria for amyloid-PET. *Alzheimers Dement*. 2018 Aug;14(8):1088-1098. doi: 10.1016/j.jalz.2018.02.022
5. Cotta Ramusino M, Altomare D, Bacchin R, Ingala S, Brà C, Bonetti M, Costa A, Barkhof F, Nicolosi V, **Festari C**, Frisoni GB, Boccardi M. Medial temporal lobe atrophy and posterior atrophy scales normative values. *Neuroimage Clin*. 2019 Jul 15;24:101936. doi: 10.1016/j.nicl.2019.101936.

C. Research Support.

1. **EANM-EAN guideline on the clinical use of 18 F-fluorodeoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography (FDG-PET) in dementia - Guideline coordination.** Consultant. Started in 2016(duration 12 months). Funded by the European Association of Nuclear Medicine & European Accademy of Neurology.
2. **The Gut Microbiota in Alzheimer's Disease.** Consultant (rater). Started in 2016 (duration 36 months) Funded by a private donation of 250k CHF
3. **RETE-AD: Development of operational research diagnostic criteria for diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in the preclinical/predementia phase and implementation of SOPs for imaging and CSF biomarkers in Memory Clinics. An integrated care pathway for early diagnosis and best management in the National Health Service of five Italian regions. NET-2011-02346784-4.** Consultant (WP 4 Study coordinator): Implementation of SOPs of structural, metabolic, biochemical and molecular biomarkers of AD in Expert Memory Clinics of the National Health Service. Started in 2015 (duration 48 months). Funded by the Italian Ministry of Health. (<http://www.centroalzheimer.org/area-ricerca/collaborazioni/cooperation/progetti-nazionali/progetto-rete-besta/>)
4. **Effect of mindfulness on EEG brain activity for cognitive and psychological well-being in the elderly.** Consultant (Study coordinator). Started on 2019 (duration 36 months). Funded BIAL foundation (<https://www.centroalzheimer.org/mindfulness/>).
5. **"ComuniChiaAmo": supportive local network development for dementia.** Principal Investigator. Started in 2019. Funded by Fondazione della Comunità Bresciana (€ 19.650,00)