



ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DEI LINCEI

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CONFERENCE

## ALLOSTERY TURNS 60

### A DISCUSSION MEETING ON THE PAST AND THE FUTURE OF ALLOSTERY

20 MAGGIO 2025

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#### PROGRAMME

The Monod–Wyman–Changeux (MWC) model for allosteric proteins is an elegant and powerful theoretical paper published in May 1965 in the *Journal of Molecular Biology* with the title: "On the nature of allosteric transitions: a plausible model". The paper represented a remarkable conceptual evolution in the field of biological regulation introducing a conformational selective mechanism to allow enzymes to cope with the ever-changing physiological demands of the cell. The idea emerged from experiments on the control of L-threonine deaminase activity carried out at the Institut Pasteur à Paris by Jean-Pierre Changeux as a PhD student of Jacques Monod. The MWC model, based on rigorous and elegant thermodynamics, has been inspiring many outstanding scientists round the world, and proved remarkably successful as witnessed by the fact that it is presented in *Biochemistry & Biophysics* textbooks and has been cited more than 10,000 times, possibly a record for a theoretical paper in protein science.

Over and above the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the MWC model publication, this one-day Conference will be devoted to a deep discussion on the future of Allostery. The day will begin with a talk by Jean-Pierre Changeux lui-même, and will continue with presentations dealing with applications of the basic concepts to several natural and synthetic proteins and protein complexes; including hemoglobin that has been considered the paradigmatic allosteric protein; over to membrane receptors and brain pathophysiology; the conformational dynamics by time resolved advanced methodologies; bioenergetic's molecular mechanism and medical relevance of allosteric control.

#### Martedì 20 maggio

9.00 Welcome addresses

Roberto ANTONELLI (Presidente dell'Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei)

Martin BRIENS (Ambasciatore di Francia in Italia)

Maurizio BRUNORI (Linceo, Sapienza Università di Roma): *Introductory remarks*

#### Chair: Antoine TRILLER (Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris)

9.30 Jean-Pierre CHANGEUX (Linceo, Institut Pasteur, Paris): *Allostery: from bacterial regulatory enzymes to brain receptors*

10.10 Kurt WÜTHRICH (Institut f. Molekularbiol.u.Biophysik, ETH, Zurich): *Transmembrane signaling by GPCRs viewed by NMR*

10.50 Coffee break

#### Chair: Sir Alan FERSHT (Linceo, University of Cambridge)

11.10 William Allen EATON (Linceo, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda): *Hemoglobin, the paradigm of multisubunit allosteric proteins*

11.50 Maurizio BRUNORI (Linceo, Sapienza Università di Roma): *Variations on the theme*

12.20 Amnon HOROVITZ (Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot): *The GroEL nano-machine: allostery and function*

13.00 Break

**Chair: Peter BRZEZINSKI (University of Stockholm)**

- 14.20 Zoe COURNIA (Academy of Athens): *Allostery and drug discovery*  
15.00 Sir John WALKER (University of Cambridge): *Allosteric regulation of ATP synthase*  
15.40 Jean Marie LEHN (Linco, Université Louis Pasteur Strasbourg): *The management of oxygen: the ITPP Story - From the Laboratory to the bedside*  
16.20 Coffee break

**Chair: Giorgio PARISI (Linco, Sapienza Università di Roma)**

- 16.40 Dame Carol ROBINSON (Kavli Institute, Oxford): *From recombinant complexes to regions of the brain: what role does Allostery play?*  
17.20 Peter WOLYNES (University of Houston): *Frustration and allostery*  
18.00 Jean-Pierre CHANGEUX (Linco, Institut Pasteur, Paris): *The future...*  
18.20 *Concluding remarks by Giorgio Parisi*

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