



Campus "A. Buzzati-Traverso"  
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## Laboratory Course on CRYOPRESERVATION OF MOUSE GERMPLASM

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**Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche  
"A. Buzzati-Traverso" Campus  
I-00015 Monterotondo Scalo, Rome, Italy**

The Istituto di Biologia Cellulare of Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche-"A. Buzzati-Traverso" Campus and The Jackson Laboratory offer a comprehensive course on cryopreservation of mouse embryos, sperm and ovaries. European participants can apply for financial support provided by the European Mouse Mutant Archive (EMMA; [www.emmanet.org](http://www.emmanet.org)) Network, European Union Framework Programme 6.

### CRYOPRESERVATION COURSE

The course is offered to teach methods in cryopreservation for banking of various strains of mice used in research, including inbred, transgenic and knock-out strains. Several methods of cryopreservation are now available and because no single method is adequate for all the various strains of mice being developed, a variety of methods are taught. The course is designed primarily as a "hands-on" laboratory program in which participants learn techniques for the cryopreservation of cleavage-stage embryos, spermatozoa and ovaries.

*Techniques include:*

- *Embryo "two-step" equilibrium freezing in plastic straws.*
- *Embryo non-equilibrium "ultra-rapid" cooling or "vitrification" in straws.*
- *Sperm freezing and recovery of frozen sperm by in vitro fertilization.*

In addition, general principles of cryobiology, development of inventory databases for individual programs, and adaptation of long-term storage systems and cryogenic equipment for different situations will be presented and discussed.

### **Course faculty:**

#### **Stanley P. Leibo (Course leader)**

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### **Enrollment**

Enrollment is limited to **10** participants and early application is advised. European participants can apply for financial support provided by the European Mouse Mutant Archive (**EMMA**) Network, European Union Framework Programme 6.

#### **Course Fees\*:**

Academic or Non-Profit Institutions: **Euro 1,900.00**

Other Institutions: **Euro 2,400.00**

***\*Fees do not include participant's travel and lodging.***

***An acceptance letter will be sent to the selected participants including details about payment requirements and lodging information.***

**Deadline for applications: October 5, 2008**

**Download the Course application form at:**  
<http://www.emma.cnr.it/Courses/Course08/Applic-form08.doc>

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