

# Artificial Intelligence in Medicine



Introduction to AIM General Meeting Oct 15-16, 2020

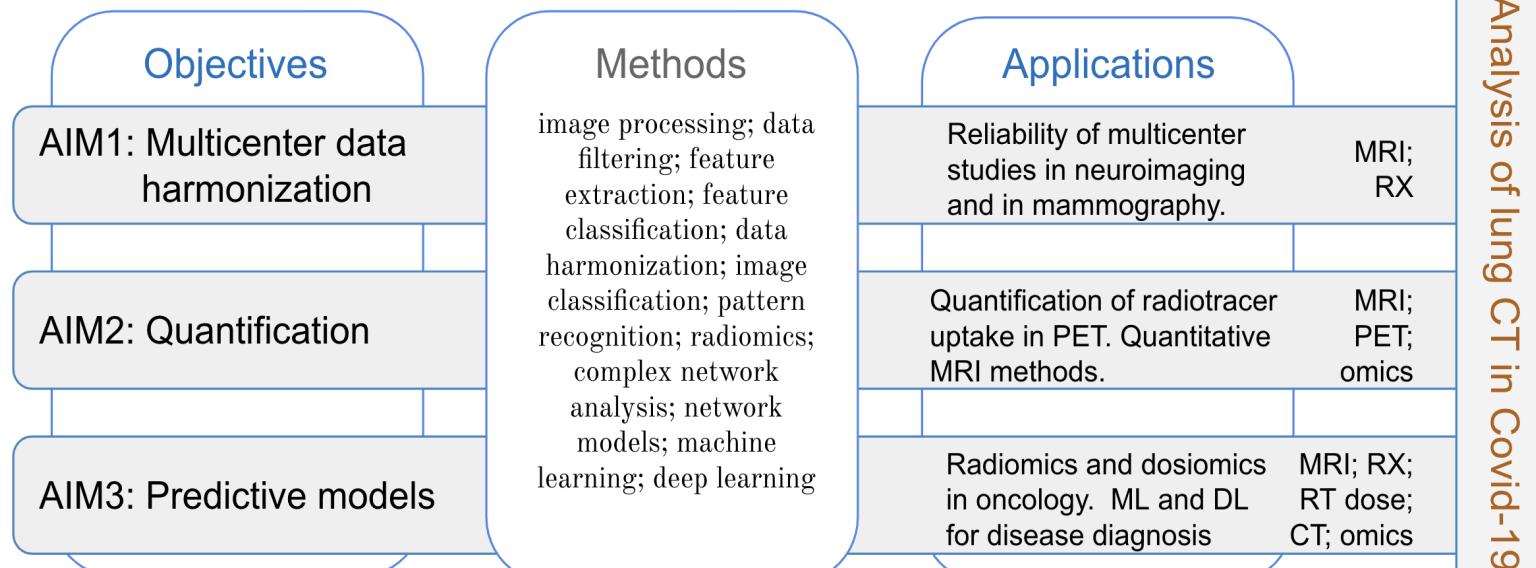
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Resp. Loc.: S. Tangaro (BA), D. Remondini (BO), P. Oliva (CA),  
M. Marrale (CT), C. Talamonti (FI), A. Chincarini (GE), M.E. Fantacci (PI)  
+ C. Lenardi (MI), A. Lascialfari (PV), G. Mettivier (NA), G. Russo (LNS)

# The Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (AIM) INFN-CSN5 Project

**Artificial Intelligence** to become the next revolution in **medical diagnostics and therapy**.

- New image processing and data analysis strategies, including radiomics approaches, need to be developed and extensively validated.



Long-standing collaboration with Italian & European centers (hospitals / IRCCS) and with international consortia for data sharing

# Long-standing collaboration with Italian & European centers

Several researchers from INFN divisions and University Departments collaborate with Radiologists, Clinicians and Medical Physicists in Clinical Centers to develop innovative solutions based on data mining and artificial intelligence.

## Clinical partners

- IRCCS S. Martino (GE)
- IRCCS Stella Maris (PI)
- IRCCS Gaslini (GE)
- IRCCS Centro S. G. di Dio (BS)
- IRCCS G.Paolo II (BA)

- IRCCS SDN (NA)
- IMAGO7
- AOUP (PI)
- Policlinico (BA)
- Policlinico (PA)
- Osp. Pediatrico Meyer (FI)

## EU / consortia

- EADC (EU)
- ADNI (US)
- ABIDE (EU/US)
- ENIGMA (WW)



Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria  
Policlinico Paolo Giaccone  
di Palermo



- ASST Grande Ospedale Metropolitano Niguarda (ASST GOM Niguarda)
- Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria San Giovanni di Dio Ruggi d'Aragona in Salerno
- Ospedale Cardarelli di Napoli
- Istituto Neurologico Mondino-IRCCS di Pavia
- IRCCS San Matteo di Pavia



# Participants 2021

<b>BA</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Amoroso Nicola</u>		40	
<u>Bellotti Roberto</u>		20	
<u>Diacono Domenico</u>		10	
<u>La Forgia Daniele</u>		10	
<u>Lombardi Angela</u>		70	
<u>Maggipinto Tommaso</u>		40	
<u>Massafra Raffaella</u>		10	
<u>Monaco Alfonso</u>		60	
<u>Tangaro Sabina</u>		50	
	<b>9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.344</b>

<b>BO</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Castellani Gastone</u>		30	
<u>Matteuzzi Tommaso</u>		50	
<u>Merlotti Alessandra</u>		60	
<u>Remondini Daniel</u>		70	
<u>Sala Claudia</u>		40	
<u>Testa Claudia</u>		80	
<u>Vistoli Maria Cristina</u>		10	
	<b>7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.486</b>

<b>CA</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Barberini Luigi</u>		50	
<u>Fanti Alessandro</u>		30	
<u>Golosio Bruno</u>		30	
<u>Mazzarella Giuseppe</u>		10	
<u>Oliva Piernicola</u>		30	
	<b>5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.300</b>

<b>CT</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Bartolotta Antonio</u>		90	
<u>Borgese Riccardo</u>		70	
<u>Collura Giorgio</u>		70	
<u>D'Oca Maria Cristina</u>		90	
<u>Marrale Maurizio</u>		90	
<u>Tomarchio Elio Angelo</u>		70	
	<b>6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.800</b>

<b>FI</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Calusci Silvia</u>		20	
<u>Pallotta Stefania</u>		30	
<u>Piffer Stefano</u>		50	
<u>Talamonti Cinzia</u>		40	
	<b>4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.350</b>

<b>GE</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Alchera Nicola</u>		60	
<u>Boccacci Patrizia</u>		20	
<u>Chincarini Andrea</u>		30	
<u>Corosu Mirko</u>		20	
<u>Peira Enrico</u>		100	
<u>Sensi Francesco</u>		100	
	<b>6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>0.550</b>

<b>LNS</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Rifuggiato Danilo</u>		20	
<u>Russo Giorgio</u>		30	
<u>Stefano Alessandro</u>		70	
	<b>3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.400</b>

<b>MI</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Arosio Paolo</u>		30	
<u>Carrazza Stefano</u>		20	
<u>Groppi Flavia Maria</u>		10	
<u>Lenardi Cristina</u>		20	
<u>Manenti Simone</u>		10	
<u>Orsini Francesco</u>		10	
<u>Veronese Ivan</u>		10	
	<b>7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.157</b>

<b>NA</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Mettivier Giovanni</u>		25	
<u>Russo Paolo</u>		25	
	<b>2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.250</b>

<b>PI</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Arezzini Silvia</u>		10	
<u>Barca Patrizio</u>		40	
<u>Biagi Laura</u>		10	
<u>Bosco Paolo</u>		20	
<u>Ciampa Alberto</u>		10	
<u>Fantacci Maria Evelina</u>		50	
<u>Lamastra Rocco</u>		50	
<u>Laruina Francesco</u>		50	
<u>Lizzi Francesca</u>		100	
<u>Mazzoni Enrico</u>		5	
<u>Retico Alessandra</u>		70	
<u>Tosetti Michela</u>		10	
	<b>12</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.354</b>

<b>PV</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
<u>Cicolari Davide</u>		30	
<u>Figini Silvia</u>		20	
<u>Filibian Marta</u>		10	
<u>Lascialfari Alessandro</u>		30	
<u>Mariani Manuel</u>		20	
<u>Negri Andrea</u>		10	
<u>Pichieccio Anna</u>		20	
<u>Postuma Ian</u>		10	
<u>Protti Nicoletta</u>		20	
<u>Rinaldi Lisa</u>		30	
	<b>10</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.200</b>

<b>TOTALE</b>	<b>PERSONE</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>FTE / PERS.</b>
	<b>71</b>	<b>26.55</b>	<b>0.374</b>

(nel 2020: 51 persone, 21.45 FTE )

# Planned activity 2020 vs. 2021

## AIM 1: Data harmonization

AIM1.T1 - Multi-site data harmonization in MRI (PI, BA, BO)

AIM1.T2 - Multi-site data harmonization in mammography (PI, CA)

(New) AIM1.T3 - Multi-site data harmonization in PET (GE)

## AIM 2: Quantification

AIM2.T1 - Quantification models in Nuclear Medicine (PET and SPECT) (GE)

AIM2.T2 - Machine-learning (ML) and deep-learning (DL) methods for quantitative MRI (BO)

(New) AIM2.T3 Tumour contouring with ML techniques (PV)

(New) AIM2.T4 Quantification of muscle deterioration in MRI (PV)

## AIM 3: Predictive models (PM)

AIM3.T1 - PM for Radiation Therapy treatments (FI, PI, CT)

AIM3.T2 - PM for mammography, CESM, DBT, BCT and MRI (PI, CA, BA, new NA)

AIM3.T3 - PM for transcranial-MR-guided Focused US Surgery (CT, BO)

AIM3.T4 - PM for Systems Medicine (BO, GE).

AIM3.T5 - PM for tumor classification (BO, CT).

## AIM-Covid19-WG (PI, LNS, MI)

- Raccolta e strutturazione in un database multicentrico di dati CT e correlati clinici di soggetti affetti da covid-19
- Armonizzazione dati multicentrici
- Segmentazione del parenchima polmonare
- Quantificazione dell'area affetta da GGO
- Modelli predittivi di evoluzione della patologia e prognosi del paziente

# Milestones 2020

## Milestones

## Percentuale di completamento

M1.1 (30-06-2020) Acquisition of suitable MRI data sample for testing (e.g. ABIDE, ADNI, ...), identification of test metrics and validation.

M1.2 (31-12-2020) Database consolidation and validation of the harmonization algorithm and publication of the results

M2.1 (31-12-2020) Method validation on EU multicentric dataset and all fluorinated tracers

M2.2: (31-12-2020) Application of Deep Learning tool to real MRF data.

M3.1 (31-12-2020) Software development for the selection of the most important features and first test on data

M3.2a (30-06-2020) Validation of the CNN on the complete data sample of mammograms and publication of the results

M3.2b (31-12-2020) Further patient data acquisition and application of the analysis software on the data acquired in the first year and validation of an automatic classification method

M3.3 (31-12-2020) Further patient data acquisition and application of the analysis software on the data acquired on the first year

M3.4 (31-12-2020) Application of the pipeline to real patient case studies for personalized targeting

M3.5 (31-12-2020) Application of the analysis software on the data acquired in the first year and validation of an automatic classification method. Acquisition of data from other patients.

# Milestones 2021

Milestones		Deadline
AIM.1	Valutazione dell'impatto delle diverse strategie implementate per l'armonizzazione dei dati e identificazione delle strategie ottimali rispettivamente per studi MRI/Mammografici/PET multicentrici	31/12/2021
AIM.2	Confronto tra i metodi implementati per la quantificazione del segnale in PET e in MRI e identificazione delle strategie ottimali	31/12/2021
AIM.3	Identificazione delle principali problematiche implementative nello sviluppo di modelli predittivi su set di dati limitati e definizione di linee guida per valutare la robustezza e garantire la riproducibilità dei risultati.	31/12/2021
CovidWG.1	Validazione di una strategia di segmentazione del parenchima polmonare	31/06/2021
CovidWG.2	Validazione di un metodo di quantificazione del danno polmonare	30/09/2021
CovidWG.3	Validazione di un modello predittivo di evoluzione della patologia	31/12/2021

# Financial resources

<http://www.ac.infn.it/assegnazioni/sito/home.php?esperimento=AIM&inf=tab>

	Budget
<b>2019 (+ant 2018)</b>	<b>48 kE</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>35 kE (restituiti 19.5 kE di missioni)</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>40.5 kE + 7.5 kE di assegnazioni anticipate al 2020 = 48 kE</b>

**N.B.:** Anticipi 2021 → spendere ora!  
 PI, GE, NA, MI, PV  
 (NA, MI, PV assegnati fondi sotto dotazioni 5)

## Verbale del Referee

L'esperimento AIM prosegue in modo proficuo sulle molte attività previste nei tre WP, con l'aggiunta di una nuova attivita' su sviluppo di modelli predittivi per l'evoluzione e prognosi della malattia Covid-19 a partire da dati CT di pazienti affetti dalla patologia. Sono pertanto finanziate spese per manutenzione e integrazione delle risorse di calcolo specifiche necessarie per la prosecuzione del progetto. Riconoscendo che la vitalità della collaborazione dipende dal mantenimento di contatti tra le varie sedi coinvolte, si propone di finanziare parte delle richieste di missione per incontri e workshop tematici, s.j. alla possibilità di svolgere nel 2021 degli incontri tra i membri della collaborazione in presenza.

**referee:** Luca Tomassetti

**referee:** Vincenzo Monaco

**referee:** Angelo Taibi

# Today's Agenda



## AIM General Meeting

Agenda - 15 e 16 Ottobre, 2020

Meeting Telematico

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/24238/>

Zoom link 15/10 Meeting ID: 956 9129 4163

<https://cern.zoom.us/j/95691294163?pwd=dFNsb0piUGdVZkvpV3QyRW5zNjNLQT09>

Zoom link 16/10 Meeting ID: 948 4423 6494

<https://cern.zoom.us/j/94844236494?pwd=NEpUZDJTzm1L1ijdHBNcUp1anduUT09>

Giovedì 15 Ottobre mattina (9:00-12:00)

9:00 - 9:15 Intro (A. Retico)

9:15 - 10:30 Session I - AIM1, Data Harmonization - chair M.E. Fantacci

- AIM1.T1 Multi-site data harmonization in MRI (*PI, BA, BO*)
  - Harmonization strategies for MRI features: summary of PI, BA and BO analyses and future goals, A. Retico, PI (15' + 5' discussion)
- AIM1.T2 Multi-site data harmonization in mammography (*PI, CA*)
  - Harmonization of mammographic data, *Francesca Lizzì, PI* (15' + 5' discussion)
- (new) AIM1.T3 Multi-site data harmonization in PET (*GE*)
  - Quality vs. quantity: disentangling clinics and scanners in heterogeneous multicentric dataset, *A. Chincarini, GE* (15' + 5')
- Discussion on similarities and differences across modalities (15' discussion)

10:30 - 10:45 coffee break

10:45 - 12:00 Session II - AIM2, Quantification - chairs M. Marrale, A. Retico

- AIM2.T1 Quantification models in Nuclear Medicine (*GE*)
  - Nuclear Medicine techniques and analysis in neurology. Expertise overview in Genoa, A. Chincarini, GE (10' + 5' discussion).
- AIM2.T2 Quantification models in MRI (*BO, PV*):
  - DL models for image reconstruction in MRF and QSM, C. Fiscone, BO (10' + 5' discussion)

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- Standardization and harmonization of MRI relaxation time mapping techniques, *Davide Cicolarì, PV* (10' + 5' discussion)

- (new) AIM2.T3 Tumour contouring with ML techniques (*PV*)
  - Proposed strategy for tumour contouring with ML techniques, *Ian Postuma, PV* (5' + 5' discussion)
- (new) AIM2.T4 - Quantification of muscle deterioration in MR (*PV*)
  - Proposed strategy for quantification of muscle deterioration in MR, *Francesca Brero, PV* (5' + 5' discussion)
- Discussion on optimal strategies for quantification in different imaging modalities (10' discussion)

Venerdì 16 Ottobre mattina (9:00-13:00)

9:00 - 10:30 Session III - AIM3, Predictive Models - chairs S. Tangaro, D. Remondini

- AIM3.T1 Predictive models for Radiation Therapy treatments (*FI, PI, CT*)
  - Update from FI, PI, CT analyses, *Leonardo Ubaldi, PI* (10' + 5')
- AIM3.T2 Predictive models for mammography CESM, (new) DBT, BCT and MRI (*PI, CA, BA, new NA*)
  - Proposed strategy for DBT and BCT analyses, *Giovanni Mettivier, NA* (5' + 5')
- AIM3.T3 Predictive models for transcranial-MR-guided Focused Ultrasound Surgery (*CT, BO*)
  - Analysis update, *Maurizio Marrale, CT* (10' + 5')
- AIM3.T4 Predictive models for Systems Medicine (*BO, GE*)
  - Predictive models for Systems Medicine, *D. Remondini, BO* (10' + 5')
  - Association between Structural Connectivity and Generalized Cognitive Spectrum in Alzheimer's Disease, *A. Lombardi, BA* (10'+5')
- AIM3.T5 Predictive models for tumor classification (*BO, CT*)
  - Analysis update, *Maurizio Marrale, CT* (5' + 5')
- Discussion on suitable strategies to set up robust and reproducible analysis pipelines (10' discussion)

10:30 - 10:45 coffee break

10:45 - 12:15 Session IV - (new) AIM-Covid19-WG - chair C. Talamonti, M.E. Fantacci

- Processing lung CTs of subjects with COVID-19 pneumonia, *Alessandra Retico, PI* (20' + 10' discussion)
- Unsupervised Lung Segmentation for Radiomics Studies: Preliminary Results, *Alessandro Stefanò, LNS* (20' + 10' discussion)
- Potential contribution of medical imaging in the management of the health emergency, *Alberto Torresin, Ospedale Niguarda, MI* (20' + 10' discussion)

12:15 - 12:45 Wrap up, focus on key objectives for 2021

- How to meet the milestones agreed with referees for 2021