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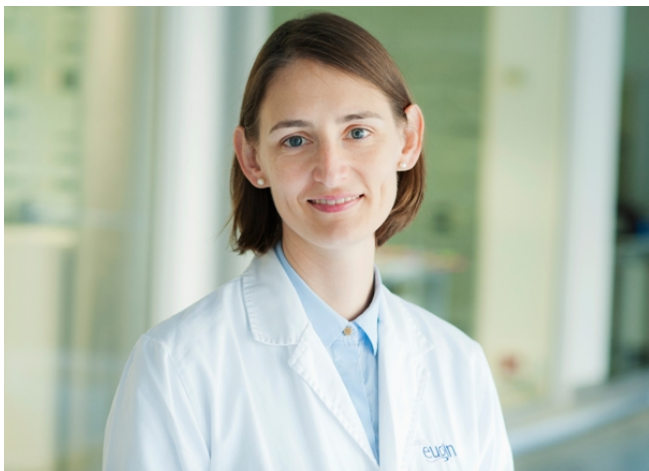
Medicina Veterinaria, Via Celora 10, Aula 4, ore 11.00

*Lecture*

## "It's not all in your head: the contribution of the sperm to successful fertilization"

Dr. Rita Vassena, DVM, PhD

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*Dr. Rita Vassena is the General Scientific Director of the EUGIN Clinic in Barcelona and the 11 EUGIN associate clinics in 5 countries. She graduated in Veterinary Medicine in 1998 and achieved a PhD in Biotechnology applied to Veterinary and Animal Sciences at the University of Milan studying in the field of oocyte biology.*

*Dr. Vassena then joined the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, studying cow follicle*

*dynamics and ultrasound imaging in relation with oocyte competence. In 2004 she moved to Temple University, Philadelphia, US, working on embryo quality in mice using nuclear transfer and later focusing her interests on pluripotency and stem cells. In 2008 Dr. Vassena joined the Barcelona Stem Cell Bank to work on human embryonic genome activation, then starting from 2013 she was recruited from EUGIN to establish a formal research Department, due to her expertise. Author of more than 70 indexed articles on prestigious journals, she is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology.*

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