

Brief history of the Section of Immunology

In 1971, back from a period of study and research at the Transplantation Immunology Unit – Alberta University - Canada, Prof. Giuseppe Tridente sets up a Laboratory and starts the Immunology research activity at the Institute of Pathological Anatomy, University of Padua secondary branch in Verona, as Assistant MD.

In 1977, the diagnostic activity is added to the research activity by the creation of the Immunopathology Adjunct Service in convention with USL 25, at the Institute of Pathological Anatomy, in exclusively dedicated laboratories.

In 1982, the birth of the University of Verona gives life to the Institute of Immunological Sciences of this University, located on the ground floor of the southern side of the Policlinico G.B. Rossi. Thus the immunological activity becomes autonomous, with dedicated personnel and areas and with Prof. Giuseppe Tridente as executive director.

In 1989 the Institute of Immunology and Infectious Diseases is created by the fusion of the two former Institutes of Immunological Sciences and of Infectious Diseases, to consolidate the collaboration between the two disciplines and to potentiate the diagnostic and research activity on the HIV. In fact, since early in 1985, in one laboratory of the Institute of Immunological Sciences, one of the two Venetian Regional Centers had already been launched. Prof. Giuseppe Tridente is appointed again as executive director.

In 1999 the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Verona is reorganized in nine Departments. Among them, the Department of Pathology comprises five sections: Pathological Anatomy, Immunology, Infectious Diseases, Microbiology, General Pathology. In October 2004 the Immunology section moves from the small location on the ground floor of the southern side of the Policlinico G.B. Rossi to the second floor of the "Piastra Servizi" of Policlinico GB. Rossi. Prof. Giuseppe Tridente is appointed as executive director of the Department of Pathology from 2000 to 2006 and of the Immunology Section till his retirement in January 2010.

In 2010 Prof. Marco Colombatti becomes executive director of the Immunology Section for one year.

Since January 2011 up to the present, Prof. Vincenzo Bronte is executive director of the Immunology Section.

Since 2016 up to the present, due to a reorganization of the Department of the University of Verona, intended to reduce the Departments number, the Immunology section is part of the Department of Medicine .

Prof. Bronte guides the Immunology Section until 1 March 2022 since he becomes the Scientific Director of Venetian Institute of Oncology (IOV, located at Padova). Prof. Bronte enters on leave for three years, and is replaced pro tempore by Prof. Stefano Ugel for the University direction, and by Dr. Giovanna Zaroni for the Hospital Trust of Verona direction.