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Italian researchers discuss the Peer-Review process

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10am

## Gene Targeting in the 21st Century: Mouse Models of Human Disease from Cancer to Psychiatric Disorders

Lecture by Nobel Laureate in Medicine 2007

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Introduction

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11am

Introduction

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Moderators

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Speakers

**Ignazio Marino**

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*Chief Scientific Officer, Italian Telethon Foundation*

Questions from the audience (5 minutes each)

Conclusion

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What is the  
Peer-Review process?

According to NIH data, in Italy less than 10% of funding for research is allocated through the peer-review process, i.e. through an independent and regulated evaluation of scientific merit by anonymous and competent third parties. In Italy, current funding procedures allow direct, uncontrolled negotiation between the public administration and researchers, group of researchers or scientific institutions. These procedures are against the principles that inspire and regulate funding in countries where the promotion of science is considered to be of public interest and where science attains the highest levels of quality. This issue must be urgently included in current political priorities (extract from the Letter sent to the Italian President of the Republic Napolitano, subscribed by 1500 researchers).

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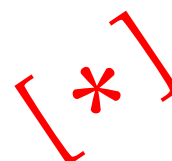


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