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# **AVVISO DI SEMINARIO**

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Nell'aula seminari del Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche

Terrà un seminario dal titolo:

# Development of peptide drugs and peptide based vaccines at CIGB

Proponente: Prof. Mariano Venanzi



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#### ABSTRACT

Peptides are highly selective and efficacious and relatively safe and well tolerated. Consequently, there is an increased interest in peptides by pharmaceutical industry. Currently, there are more than 60 approved peptide medicines on the market and this is expected to grow significantly in the near future [1, 2]. In the seminar, we will talk about peptide therapeutics and peptide-based vaccines, the advantages and disadvantages of these molecules as pharmaceutical products and how to overcome the weaknesses. The Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB) of Havana, have some synthetic peptides in their biomedical project pipeline that currently are in research or clinical trial stages. We will present the results of four peptide projects of the CIGB. We will talk about: (i) Peptide-based vaccines against *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup B [3, 4]; (ii) Therapeutic peptide vaccine against prostate cancer (HeberProvac) [5, 6]; (iii) Therapeutic peptide against rheumatoid arthritis (CIGB-814) [7, 8] and (iv) Therapeutic peptide for cancer therapy (CIGB-552) [9, 10]. At the end, we will briefly summarize the results of the CIGB main product for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcer (HeberProt-p).

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