Introductory Course on Epidemiology

Programme

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Parma, Italy

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Venue
Link 124 Hotel
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43122 Parma, Italy

Thursday, March 5, 2026

8:00 - Registration

- 8:30 Welcome (**P.M. Ferraro, U. Maggiore**)
- 8:35 Course presentation (**V. Stel**)
- 8:45 Measures of disease occurrence - Lecture (**N. Chesnaye**)
- 9:15 Measures of disease occurrence - Hands-on (**R. Boenink**)
- 9:45 Measures of effect - Lecture (**N. Chesnaye**)

10:15 - Coffee break

- 10:45 Observational study designs - Lecture (**R. Boenink**)
- 11:15 Randomized controlled trial - Lecture (**A. Ortiz**)
- 11:45 Study designs - Hands-on (**V. Stel**)

12:15 - Lunch

- 13:15 Bias - Lecture (**V. Stel**)
- 13:45 Confounding - Hands-on (**N. Chesnaye**)

14:15 - Coffee break

- 14:45 Stratification and regression - Lecture (**R. Boenink**)
- 15:30 Stratification - Hands-on (**N. Chesnaye**)
- 16:00 Prognostic versus etiological research - Lecture (**V. Stel**)

16:30 - Session end

Friday, March 6, 2026

8:30 - Start

- 8:30 Introduction to SPSS and linear regression - Hands-on (**N. Chesnaye**)
- 9:00 Survival analysis – Kaplan Meier - Lecture (**V. Stel**)
- 9:30 Survival analysis – Kaplan Meier - Hands-on (**R. Boenink**)

10:00 - Coffee break

- 10:30 Survival analysis – Cox regression - Lecture (**N. Chesnaye**)
- 11:00 Survival analysis – Cox regression (Part 1) - Hands-on (**R. Boenink**)

12:00 - Lunch

- 13:00 Survival analysis – Cox regression (Part 2) - Hands-on (**R. Boenink**)
- 13:30 Closing remarks (**V. Stel**)

13:45 - Session end