



The Course of the PhD School in " Nano- and Physical Sciences" 2008

"DNA, Proteins, and Lipids: the basic bricks of living matter" (Prof. Paolo Facci)

including

- 1) Introduction: What is Biophysics? Chosen examples. The beginning of Biophysics: The Miller's experiment. The chemical bases of life. The Physics of matter of biological origin. The nucleic acids: chemistry, structure, superstructures.
- 2) The proteins: chemistry, structures. The protein folding process. Molecules assisting protein folding in bacteria: chaperonines. DNA-protein interaction: higher order structures of DNA; modulation of gene expression level in procaryotes. The protein synthesis. The genetic code.
- 3) Biological membranes. Lipids. Membrane proteins. Biophysics of excitable membranes. Voltage dependent ion channels.

will be held in the following days at Physics Department Aula D

19 November ore 14-17

26 November ore 14-17

27 November ore 14-17

Focus Groups will be arranged at the end of the course

The Director of the PhD School in " Nano- and Physical Sciences"
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