

Sara Monaco, PhD

Biography

Sara Monaco currently works as Managing Editor at Review Commons, a newly launched platform by EMBO dedicated to peer review of preprints.

Born in Caserta and having lived in Naples, she obtained her Master degree in "*Biotechnologie Farmaceutiche*" from the University of Naples Federico II.

Driven by her fascination for molecular biology and cellular signaling she pursued her PhD in *Molecular Oncology and Endocrinology* under the mentorship of Prof. Guido Rossi and Dr Maddalena Illario at the the "Secondo Policlinico" of Naples.

During her doctoral studies, she broadened her research experience with a brief tenure as a visiting scientist in the lab of Prof. Anthony Means at Duke University (US). This experience set the stage for a decade-long journey in Germany, where she worked as postdoctoral researcher in the lab of Prof. Hilmar Bading focusing on research in the fields of immunology and neural stem cells.

In 2020, Dr. Monaco transitioned from her academic role to join the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO), a renowned non-profit organization based in Heidelberg. Within EMBO, she assumed the role of the first managing editor of Review Commons.

Dr. Monaco is a dedicated advocate for fostering innovation in scientific publishing, and actively promotes open science and preprints.