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Dear Dr Nicola Magrini,

Thanks to a grant from the *Compagnia di San Paolo*, Torino, the *Università del Piemonte Orientale* – University of Eastern Piedmont has established a School of Excellence scheduled to be held every year in July. The first edition of the SoE will take place in Novara on July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and will be organized by Prof. Armando Genazzani and Prof. Edoardo Tortarolo.

Every year an umbrella topic will be the focus of the teaching and discussion. Senior scholars will be invited to give a talk and a discussion-based seminar to a group of about 20 highly motivated and promising students of the UPO, who will convene for a week in the Novara campus. We chose "Equality and inequalities" as the subject to be discussed in 2018. Speakers will address this general topic from their disciplinary and experiential perspective. Our aim is to contribute to a comprehensive understanding of the question under scrutiny and share their vision of knowledge and society with the next generation of scientists.

It is an honour to be able to invite you to be a Guest Speaker for a lecture and a seminar on equality and inequalities in the European health systems on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 9 am to 12 pm and from 2.30 pm to 5 pm.

The UPO will be glad to fund your accommodation costs in Novara for three nights (from July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>) and to offer you a lump sum payment of 2.000 euros (before income tax) as a token of gratitude for your contribution. Please note that the UPO will not cover your travel expenses.

We look forward to a positive response to our invitation. The organizers of the SoE will be more than happy to discuss with you practical details concerning your schedule, your accommodation and the teaching format (armando.genazzani@uniupo.it; edoardo.tortarolo@uniupo.it).

Warms regards,

THE RECTOR (prof. Cesare Emanuel) Signed Cesare Emanuel