

My name is Marisa Pinho, and EpiLipidNET has given me the incredible opportunity to travel to Perugia (Italy) for two weeks as part of a Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) in October 2024.

My STSM aimed to use the Lipostar program to combine and evaluate lipidomics data from halophyte samples. During this time, I was able to learn how to use numerous features of Lipostar, such as advanced data integration, visualization tools, and statistical analysis modules. I investigated the software's features and applied them to my data.



Furthermore, I had the opportunity to share this experience with a coworker, Inês Guerra, which enhanced the experience by allowing us to debate Lipostar-related subjects and share our newly acquired information.

During my time at the Perugia lab, I had the opportunity to meet some outstanding people, including Dr. Joanna Godzien, Dr. Laura Goracci, and Dr. Alessandra DiVeroli. Their assistance and skills created a welcoming and inspirational environment, making my stay enjoyable and productive.

I am really grateful for this opportunity, which has been a significant milestone in my professional growth. I recommend anybody thinking about applying for an STSM to seize the opportunity. My stay in Perugia not only helped me improve my abilities but also widened my horizons, both professionally and personally.

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