On the occasion of the first Italian Research Day in the World, a new initiative launched by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) to promote the important work of Italian scientists and researchers in the World, the Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles has invited Dr. Emiliana Borrelli.

Dr. Michael J. Stamos, MD, FACS, FASCRS Dean of UCI School of Medicine and President of the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, will moderate the evening.

Emiliana Borrelli will receive the IIC Los Angeles Creativity Award, which recognizes Italian excellence in the world. It was designed specifically for the Institute by Emilio Cavallini, artist and designer of international fame. The award design was inspired by the ceiling of the Pantheon in Rome. In the past the IIC has awarded lifetime achievement prizes in the fields of science and technology to the late Renato Dulbecco, Nobel Prize in Medicine and President Emeritus at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies (2007) and Andrew J. Viterbi co-founder of the San Diego-based semiconductor and wireless communications company Qualcomm Inc. and inventor of the Viterbi algorithm, used in satellite and mobile technology (2010).

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