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4TH ANNUAL MEETING



# NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND STRATEGIES TO FIGHT CANCER

**November 20-22, 2019**

Aula Magna Palazzo del Rettorato  
University of Rome "Sapienza"

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PRE-MEETING ACC WG ALIGNMENT

## 20 NOVEMBER 2019

**8.45** Introduction  
**Gaetano Guglielmi - Giselda Scalera**  
(General Directorate for Research and Innovation in Health)

**9.00-10.40** Working groups reports

**WG IMMUNOTHERAPY - Concetta Quintarelli**  
(Bambino Gesù Hospital, Rome, Italy)

**WG LUNG - Vanesa Gregorc**  
(IRCCS San Raffaele Hospital, Milan, Italy)

**WG BREAST - Lucia Del Mastro**  
(San Martino Hospital, Genoa, Italy)

**WG GLIOBLASTOMA - Stefano Indraccolo**  
(Oncology Institute, Padova, Italy)

**WG GENOMICS/BIOINFORMATIC - Luca Mazzarella**  
(IRCCS European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy)

**10.40-11.10** Coffee Break

**11.10-12.50** Working groups reports

**WG MELANOMA - Gian Domenico Russo**  
(Dermatological Institute Immacolata, Rome, Italy)

**WG SARCOMA - Katia Scotlandi**  
(Orthopedic Institute, Bologna, Italy)

**WG COLON - Luigi Laghi**  
(Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan, Italy)

**WG ONCO-HEMATOLOGY - Pier Giuseppe Pelicci**  
(IRCCS European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy)

**WG PATHOLOGY - Anna Sapino**  
(IRCCS Tumor Center Candiolo, Turin, Italy)

**12.50-14.00** Lunch

Organized by **Regina Elena National Cancer Institute**

## PROGRAM

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### 20 NOVEMBER 2019

#### 14.00-14.30 Opening session, authorities

**Ruggero de Maria**

*(President Alliance Against Cancer - Prof. Fondazione Policlinico Gemelli)*

**Eugenio Gaudio**

*(Rector University of Rome "Sapienza")*

**Roberto Speranza**

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**Francesco Ripa di Meana**

*(General Director, IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute)*

### SYMPOSIUM 1

#### 14.30-16.00 Preclinical and Clinical Challenges in Cancer Immunotherapy

**Chairs:** Angela Santoni and Sebastien Jaillon

**Franco Locatelli,**

Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Cellular and Gene Therapy, Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital, Rome, Italy

**Is CAR T-cell therapy the new black in pediatric malignancies?**

**Sandra Demaria,**

Professor Radiation Oncology Weill Cornell University, NY

**Mechanistic insights into radiation-induced immune modulation: from mice to patients and back.**

**Graham Pawelec,**

Center for Medical Research, Eberhard-Karls Universität, Tübingen, Germany

**Ageing and the human immune system in the era of immunomodulatory antibody therapy for cancer: is it all downhill?**

**16.00-16.20** Sponsored Talk by Thermo Fisher  
**Luca Quagliata, PhD**  
Global Head of Medical Affairs Clinical NGS and Oncology  
DivisionLife Sciences Solutions  
Title: **Multi-Dimensional Assays and new Potential Biomarkers  
for Immunotherapy therapy selection: moving beyond TMB**

**16.20-16.50** Coffee break

**16.50-17.10** Sponsored Talk by Becton&Dickinson  
**Luigia Pace, PhD**  
Italian Institute for Genomic Medicine, Turin  
Title: **Epigenetic and transcriptional control during T cell  
fate commitment**

**17.10-19.30** **Mini Symposia**  
• Immunotherapy (AulaMagna)  
• Sarcoma (Aula Organi Collegiali)  
• Glioblastoma (Aula Multimediale)

**19.30** Welcome cocktail

## 21 NOVEMBER 2019

**09.30-10.30** **Lectio Magistralis**  
Introduction **Gennaro Ciliberto**  
(*Scientific Director IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute*)  
**Alberto Bardelli,**  
Cancer Institute-FPO, IRCCS Candiolo, and Department  
of Oncology, University of Torino, Italy  
**Colorectal cancer evolution as therapeutic target.**

## SYMPOSIUM 2

**10.30-12.40** **Cancer Genome Driven Oncology**

### **Chairs:**

Giovanni Martinelli and Giovanni Blandino

### **Klaus Pantel,**

Department of Tumor Biology, University Medical Center Hamburg-  
Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany

**Liquid Biopsy: A New Diagnostic Concept in Oncology.**



**11.00-11.30** Coffee break

**Nirupa Murugaesu,**

Clinical Lead for Molecular Oncology at Genomics England,  
Consultant in Medical Oncology at St George's Hospital, London

**The 100,000 Genomes Project: Update on the Cancer Program,  
whole genome sequencing & the impact on Oncology.**

**Angela Hamblin,**

Molecular Diagnostics Centre, Oxford University Hospitals  
NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford, UK

**The 100,000 Genomes Project: Update on Haematological  
Malignancies, the programme legacy and the new Genomic  
Medicine Service.**

+ 2 selected talks to be defined

**12.40-13.00** Sponsored Talk by Akoyabio

**Charles Lépine, PhD**

Georges Pompidou European Hospital, Paris

Title: **Automated multiparameter in situ study of the microenvironment  
of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma related to the Human  
Papillomavirus : impact of oncoproteins E6 and E7 transcription levels**

**13.00-14.00** Lunch and Poster viewing

## **SYMPOSIUM 3**

**14.00-16.00** Tumor Progression and Metastasis

**Chairs:**

Paolo Marchetti and Gerardo Botti

**Daide Bedognetti,**

Tumor Biology, Immunology, and Therapy Section, Division  
of Translational Medicine, Research Branch, Sidra Medical  
and Research Center, Doha, Qatar

**Integrative analyses to investigate disease progression and  
metastatic spreading under immunologic pressure.**

**Johannes Reiter,**

Canary Center for Cancer Early Detection in the Department  
of Radiology at the Stanford University School of Medicine,  
California, USA

**Genetic heterogeneity in untreated cancers.**

**Sakari Vanharanta,**

MRC Cancer Unit, University of Cambridge, Hutchison/MRC  
Research Centre, Cambridge, United Kingdom

**Transcriptional control of cancer progression.**

+ 2 selected talks to be defined

**16.00-16.30** Coffee Break

**16.30-16.50** Sponsored Talk by Perkin Elmer  
**Marco Erreni, PhD**  
Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan  
Title: **Targeting Tumor-Associated Macrophages:  
The new Nanobody-based perspective**

**16.50-19.30** **Mini Symposia**  
• Genomics/Bioinformatics (Aula Multimediale)  
• Lung (Aula Magna)  
• Colon (Aula Organi Collegiali)

**20.00** Social dinner

## 22 NOVEMBER 2019

**9.00 - 11.00** **Mini Symposia**  
• Pathology (Aula Organi Collegiali)  
• Breast (Aula Magna)  
• Onco Hematology (Aula Organi Collegiali)  
• Melanoma (Aula Dipt. of Biochemistry)

**11.00-11.30** Coffee Break

**11.30-13.00** **Personalized Oncology - ACC: Strategic Discussion**

### **Chairs:**

Giovanni Apolone and Anna Sapino

### **Federico Caligaris Cappio**

(Scientific Director of Italian Association for Cancer Research)

**The pipeline of AIRC funding for cancer research in Italy.**

### **Pier Giuseppe Pelicci**

(Director of Research of the European Institute of Oncology - IEO)

**ACC Strategies.**

### **Paolo Pronzato**

(Medical Oncology, San Martino Hospital)

**Personalized Oncology and Network.**

**13.00** **Closing Remarks**  
**Ruggero de Maria**

(President Alliance Against Cancer - Prof. Fondazione Policlinico Gemelli)

# SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts submission dead line: **Sept. 15th, 2019**  
Abstracts can only be submitted online. Abstracts sent in any other way will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the online submission process, contact:  
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Abstracts written in English can only be submitted online through the website **[www.adriacongrex.it/en/alliance-against-cancer/](http://www.adriacongrex.it/en/alliance-against-cancer/)** and must not exceed 2500 characters including blanks and excluding the title and the authors.

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by a Scientific Committee and selected for oral or poster presentations (sizes: cm 70x100h).

After **Oct. 15th, 2019** the Organizing Segretatiat will send notification of acceptance or rejection, together with information about session, date, time type of presentation.

Abstracts will be included in the Programme and in the Abstract book only if the Presenting Author will be regularly registered at the Meeting.  
Abstracts must focus on the following topics:

- **Breast**
- **Colon**
- **Genomics**
- **Glioblastoma**
- **Immunotherapy**
- **Lung**
- **Melanoma**
- **Sarcoma**



## REGISTRATION FEES

**Dead Line October 15th, 2019**

### Rates:

Acc Member*	FREE OF CHARGE
Accademic	€ 150,00
Standard Fee	€ 244,00

\*Acc Members are required to fill in the registration form.

### Registration fees are VAT included

Registration fee includes:

- admission to all scientific sessions
- admission to the exhibition area
- attendance certificate
- badge and congress kit
- welcome cocktail, coffee breaks, and light lunches as per program

Registrations can be requested submitting the registration form online:

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In case of cancellation reimbursement will not be done.

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## CONGRESS VENUE

Aula Magna Palazzo del Rettorato  
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### How to reach the Congress Venue

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The nearest FF.SS. stations are Rome Termini and Rome Tiburtina, the largest in the city.

#### Lines B and B1:

Tiburtina FS stop, then from the terminus of Tiburtina Station bus 492 or 71; about 15 minutes walking;

#### Line A:

Termini stop: from the terminus of Termini Station bus 310, 492, C2 or 15 minutes walking;

#### By plane

Intercontinental airport of Rome - Fiumicino “Leonardo da Vinci”

#### Leonardo Express train service:

non-stop train that connects the airport with platform 24 of Termini Station, with departures every 30 minutes and a journey time of 31 minutes;

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Roma EST exit, follow signs for Roma centro / Tiburtino / Policlinico.

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Roma EST exit, follow signs for Roma centro / Tiburtino / Policlinico.

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use the GRA (Grande Raccordo Anulare) and exit at the junction connecting with the A24 / A25, towards Roma centro / Tangenziale / Tiburtino / Policlinico or alternatively to the Via Tiburtina exit towards the city center.

From whatever direction you arrive, once you have reached the East Bypass follow the signs for the Verano Cemetery; Piazzale del Verano, in front of the main entrance to the monumental cemetery, borders the University City of Sapienza.

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