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**CHARITÉ UNIVERSITÄTSMEDIZIN BERLIN**

**6<sup>th</sup> WORKSHOP IRE ON TRANSLATIONAL ONCOLOGY**  
**CANCER ORGANOIDS AS RELIABLE DISEASE**  
**MODELS TO DRIVE CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**OF NOVEL THERAPIES**

**ROME, SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2024**

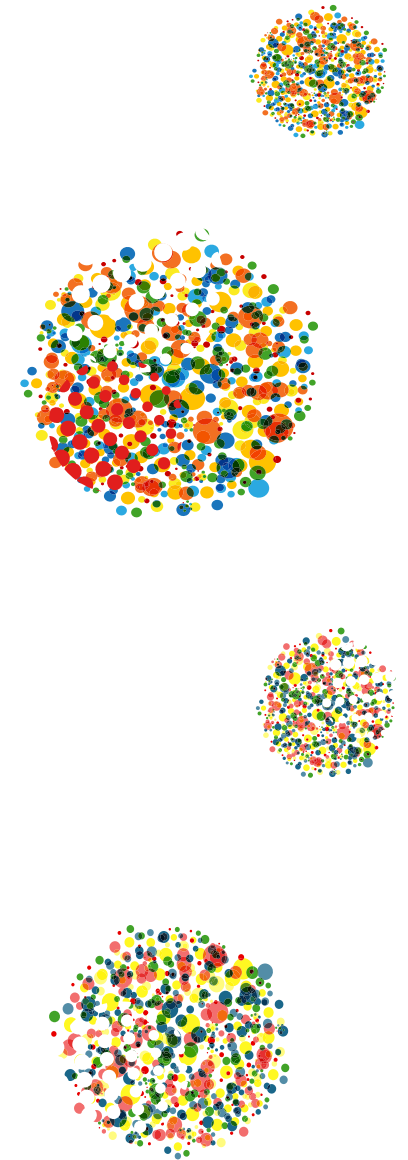
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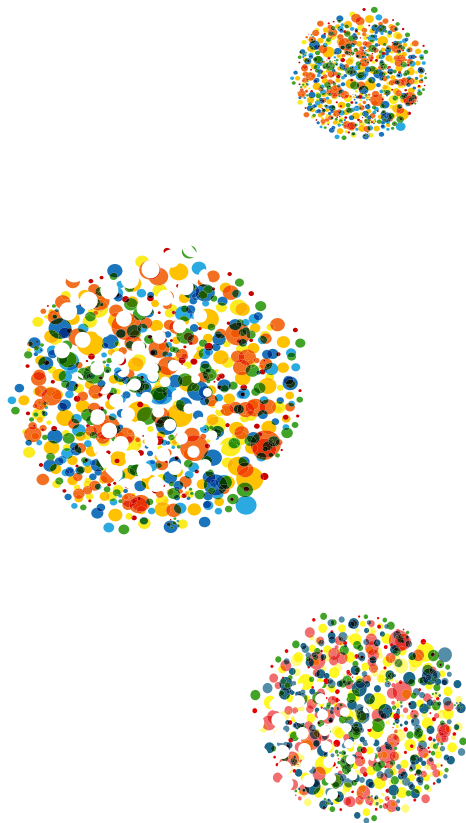
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## WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Modelling the dynamic tumor ecosystems with many elements that display spatial and temporal evolution represents a central challenge in precision oncology. Patient-derived 3D culture models, including organoids, explants, and engineered or bioprinted models, have recently emerged as sophisticated viable systems for studying complex and diverse populations of cancer cells interacting within their microenvironments that can address a myriad of unmet needs in precision medicine for clinical decision making. There has been a recent explosion of techniques and platforms of these human tissue avatars that enable modelling cellular alterations in disease states and screening of compounds and molecules to discover new pathways. This workshop will bring together experts in 3D models from various tissues and will create valuable cross-fertilization of ideas and approaches that will benefit many fields, providing a critical overview at both clinical and preclinical levels. The workshop program will also include engineering approaches that will highlight next generation 3D model technology to recapitulate the complexity of human cancer. An additional aim of this workshop is to evaluate 3D models in the immuno-oncology field as a way to study the interaction of the immune system with epithelial tumors to develop new diagnostic and therapeutic tools. As a result of this meeting, it is anticipated that both senior and junior participants will have a much better understanding of the capabilities of 3D model systems and see new avenues for drug screening exploration.





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**PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2024**

13.30-14.00

**Welcome Address**

**Livio De Angelis**

CEO Istituti Fisioterapici Ospitalieri  
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**Gennaro Ciliberto**

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**SESSION I**

**ORGANOIDS IN CANCER MODELING**

Chairperson:

**Daniela Corda**

IEOS National Research Council of Italy - CNR  
Naples, Italy

**Silvia Soddu**

IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

14.00-14.30

**3D-BIOPRINTED CANCER MODELS FOR  
TARGET DISCOVERY, DRUG DEVELOPMENT,  
AND PERSONALIZED THERAPY**

**Ronit Satchi-Fainaro**

Cancer Biology Research Center, Tel Aviv University  
Tel Aviv, Israel

14.30-15.00

**ADVANCES OF PATIENT-DERIVED ORGANOIDS  
IN PERSONALIZED RADIOTHERAPY**

**Ingeborg Tinhofer**

Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin  
Berlin, Germany

15.00-15.30

**A 3D CULTURE PLATFORM FOR HIGH-THROUGH PUT  
DRUG SCREENINGS AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL OMICS  
AND IMAGING ASSAYS ON PATIENT-  
DERIVED ORGANOIDS**

**Giovanni Tonon**

Vita Salute San Raffaele University, Center for Omics Sciences,  
IRCCS San Raffaele Scientific Institute  
Milan, Italy

15.30- 16.00 Coffee break

**SESSION II**

**NEXT GENERATION 3D CANCER MODELS**

Chairperson:

**Anna Bagnato**

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**Claudio Sette**

IRCCS Fondazione Policlinico Agostino Gemelli  
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart  
Rome, Italy

16.00-16.30



Lecture sponsored by the  
Italian Foundation for Cancer Research  
**ADVANCING TUMOROID MODELS THROUGH  
BIOPRINTING AND BIOMATERIALS DESIGN**  
**Sarah C. Heilshorn**

Stanford University  
Stanford, California, USA

16.30-17.00  
**MODELING AND MODULATING ANTITUMOR IMMUNITY IN HUMAN CANCER TISSUES**  
**Daniela S. Thommen**  
Division of Molecular Oncology & Immunology  
The Netherlands Cancer Institute  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

17.00-17.30  
**PERSONALIZED FUNCTIONAL PROFILING**  
**Yong-Jun Kwon**  
Luxembourg Institute of Health  
Luxembourg

17.30-18.00  
**SUPPORT OF MOLECULAR TUMOR BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH INSIGHTS FROM ORGANOID**  
**Ulrich Keilholz**  
Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin  
Berlin, Germany

**TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
  
**YOUNG INVESTIGATOR SESSION**  
Chairperson:  
**Sara Donzelli**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

**Pasquale Zizza**  
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09.15-09.27  
**PRECLINICAL MODELS FOR RARE TUMOURS TO ADVANCE PRECISION ONCOLOGY**  
**Ana Pestana**  
Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin  
Berlin, Germany

09.27-09.39  
**BLADDER-DERIVED TUMOR ORGANOID PLATFORM TO TEST CANCER PRECISION MEDICINE**  
**Carlotta Frascolla**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

09.39-09.51  
**GENETICALLY ENGINEERED LIVER ORGANOID**  
**AS PRE-CLINICAL MODELS IN INTRAHEPATIC CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA**  
**Luca Pompili**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

09.51-10.03  
**DEVELOPING 3D-PRINTED OSTEOSARCOMA MODELS TO COMPREHENSIVELY CHARACTERIZE MOLECULAR TRAITS AND EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF NOVEL THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES**  
**Aurora Puce**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

10.03-10.15  
**CANCER SPHEROIDS AS RELIABLE MODELS FOR DRUG SCREENING: FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERIZATION OF A NEW CLASS OF G-QUADRUPLEX LIGANDS**  
**Sara Iachettini**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

10.15-10.27  
**HMENa-MEDIATED AUTOPHAGY IN THE DIALOGUE AMONG CAFs AND CANCER CELLS IN NSCLC: ORGANOTYPIC TISSUE SLICES AS A PRECLINICAL TOOL**  
**Annalisa Tocci**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-11.12  
**IDENTIFYING DRUG SENSITIVITY OF MULTIFOCAL PRIMARY PROSTATE CANCER**  
**Sofia Karkampouna**  
Department for Bio Medical Research  
University of Bern  
Bern, Switzerland

11.12-11.24  
**ENHANCED PARP INHIBITOR EFFICACY IN 3D HIGH- GRADE SEROUS OVARIAN CANCER MODELS**  
**Piera Tocci**  
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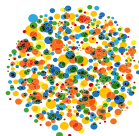
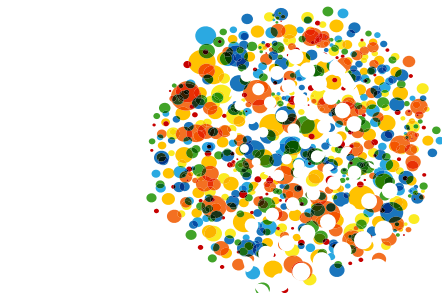
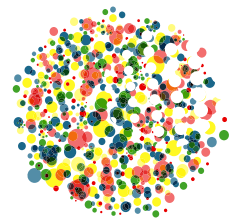
11.24-11.36  
**INTEGRATING SPATIAL TRANSCRIPTOMICS AND ORGANOTYPIC TISSUE SLICES TO UNVEIL THE TUMOR IMMUNE MICROENVIRONMENT IN NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER**  
**Nicla Porciello**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
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11.36-11.48  
**AN ORGANOTYPIC 3D MODEL TO STUDY THE HUMAN LIVER FIBROSIS INDUCTION**  
**Klizia Maccaroni**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

11.48-12.00  
**UNRAVELING THE COMPLEXITY OF METASTATIC BREAST CANCER. INSIGHTS FROM ORGANOID CULTURES AND MULTI-OMICS PROFILING**  
**Daniela Rutigliano**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
Rome, Italy

12.00-13.00  
**MEET THE EDITOR**  
**Gerry Melino**  
Editor in Chief  
Cell Death & Differentiation  
Rome, Italy

13.00-14.00 Light lunch



SESSION III  
**TOWARDS PRECISION ONCOLOGY  
WITH 3D MODELS**

Chairperson:  
**Federico Cappuzzo**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
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**Maurizio Fanciulli**  
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14.00-14.30  
**DRUG SCREENING IN TUMOR ORGANOIDS**  
**Giovanni Blandino**  
IRCCS Regina Elena National Cancer Institute  
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14.30-15.00  
**DISSECTING PLASTICITY DURING METASTASIS**  
**Karuna Ganesh**  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
New York, NY, USA

15.00-15.30  
**INTEGRATION OF MACHINE LEARNING AND  
PATIENT- DERIVED ORGANOIDS INSTRUCTS  
NEXT-GENERATION PRECISION  
CANCER MEDICINE**  
**Antonio Iavarone**  
The Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center  
University of Miami  
Miami, Florida, USA

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15.30-16.00 Coffee break  
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SESSION IV  
**3D MODELS IN IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY**

Chairperson:  
**Paola Nisticò**  
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**Silvia Piconese**  
Sapienza University of Rome  
Rome, Italy

16.00-16.30  
**CONNECTING TOPOLOGY TO FUNCTION IN  
THE TUMOR ECOSYSTEM**  
**Massimiliano Pagani**  
IFOM ETS - The AIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology  
Milan, Italy

16.30-17.00  
**UNCOVERING TREATMENT-DRIVEN CHANGES IN  
BLADDER CANCER: A COMPREHENSIVE OMICS ANALYSIS**  
**Marianna Kruihof-de Julio**  
Department for Bio Medical Research - University of Bern  
Bern, Switzerland

17.00-17.30  
**PATIENT-DERIVED MICRO-ORGANOIDS  
ENABLE PRECISION ONCOLOGY**  
**Xiling Shen**  
Department of Biomedical Engineering - Pratt School of Engineering  
Duke University - Durham, NC, USA

17.30- 18.00  
**CLOSING REMARKS**  
**Gennaro Ciliberto**  
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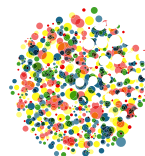
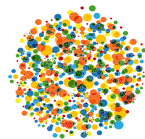
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