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**NEW TECHNOLOGIES**  
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**TO FIGHT CANCER**

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**DAY 1** / 10 September 2026

## Preliminary program

### MAIN ROOM

13.45 – 14.25

**WELCOME ADDRESSES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

14.25 – 14.30

**OPENING REMARKS**

Ruggero De Maria and Alfredo Budillon

14.30 – 15.15

**OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Hallmarks of Cancer – therapeutic applications?

Douglas Hanahan

### SESSION 01

15.15 – 16.55

**FROM BIOLOGY TO SPACE: RETHINKING BIOMARKERS IN IMMUNOTHERAPY**

**Chairs:** Paolo Ascierto, Paolo Dellabona, Anna Sapino

15.15 – 15.35

The cancer immune contexture in space and time

Jerome Galon

15.35 – 15.55

AstroPath: Astronomy Accelerates Next-Generation Pathology Biomarkers

Janise Taube

15.55 – 16.45

**Selected Oral Presentations**

16.45 – 16.55

**Discussion**

16.55 – 17.20

**Coffee break**

17.20 – 19.00

**SESSION 02**

**PROPER DATA GATHERING TO TREAT CANCER**

**Chairs:** Giovanni Tonon, Pier Giuseppe Pelicci, Marilina Piccirillo

17.20 – 17.40

**Towards a Federated European Genomic Infrastructure for Research and Healthcare**

Serena Scollen

17.40 – 18.00

**The Project Health Big Data**

Pier Giuseppe Pelicci

18.00 – 18.20

**A community to transform cancer outcomes research in Europe**

Xose Fernandez

18.20 – 18.50

**Selected Oral Presentations**

18.50 – 19.00

**Discussion**

19.00 – 20.30

**Opening cocktail and Poster viewing**

# friday

**DAY 2** / 11 September 2026

## MAIN ROOM

### SESSION 03

in collaboration with AIOM e FICOG

08.45 – 10.25

#### IS CLINICAL RESEARCH IN CRISIS?

**Chairs:** Fabrizio Galliccia, Stefania Gori, Francesco Perrone

08.45 – 08.55

#### Patients' perception of the value of clinical trials

Elisabetta Iannelli

08.55 – 09.05

#### Europe caught in the global squeeze

Giuseppe Curigliano

09.05 – 09.15

#### The Italian scenario

Nicola Silvestris

09.15 – 09.25

#### To what extent does the market influence the development of new drugs?

Giovanni Abbadessa

09.25 – 09.35

#### 2023 AIFA Call for Proposals: the study on hepatocellular carcinoma

Bruno Daniele

09.35 – 09.45

#### 2023 AIFA Call for Proposals: the study on lung cancer

Francesco Passiglia

09.45 – 09.55

#### 2023 AIFA Call for Proposals: the study on kidney cancer

Giuseppe Procopio

09.55 – 10.25

#### Discussion on AIFA Call for Proposals

10.25 – 10.45

#### Coffee break

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

### ROOM 1

10.45 – 12.25

#### NOVEL INSIGHTS IN CANCER: FROM MECHANISMS TO THERAPY

**Chairs:** Giovanni Blandino, Elena Di Gennaro

10.45 – 11.05

The gut microbiome to overcome immune checkpoint inhibitor resistance

Luigi Nezi

11.05 – 11.25

Turning “Cold” Tumors “Hot”: Novel Targets to Restore Immune Responses in Breast Cancer

Giannino del Sal

11.25 – 12.15

**Selected Oral Presentations**

12.15 – 12.25

**Discussion**

### ROOM 2

10.45 – 12.25

#### CLINICAL AND RESEARCH CHALLENGES IN SARCOMAS AND RARE TUMORS

**Chairs:** Katia Scotlandi, Giovanni Grignani

10.45 – 11.05

Targeting MYC in bone sarcoma: challenges and opportunities

Katia Scotlandi

11.05 – 11.25

The Evolving Sarcoma Landscape: Clinical Advances, Research Innovation, and New Insights for AYA Patients

Alexia Bertuzzi

11.25 – 12.15

**Selected Oral Presentations**

12.15 – 12.25

**Discussion**

**ROOM 3**

10.45 – 12.25

**HEALTH CARE MODELS INNOVATION, REGIONAL ONCOLOGY NETWORK AND PATIENT-CENTRIC APPROACH IN CANCER**

**Chairs:** Sandro Pignata, Francesco Schiavone, Francesco De Lorenzo

10.45 – 11.05

**Comprehensive Cancer Care Networks: Strengthening Integrated Cancer Care**

Ellen Griesshammer

11.05 – 11.25

**Oncology regional network: governance and research**

Sandro Pignata

11.25 – 11.45

**Connecting Excellence: OECI's Legacy to Advancing Quality Cancer Care and Research in Europe and Beyond**

Iwona Lugowska

11.45 – 12.05

**What makes a health network sustainable?**

Paolo Casali

12.05 – 12.15

**Selected Oral Presentations**

12.15 – 12.25

**Discussion**

12.25 – 14.00

**Lunch**

**MAIN ROOM**

**SESSION 4 – ACC-SIC JOINT SESSION:**

14.00 – 15.40

**MOLECULAR MECHANISMS UNDERLYING TUMOR EVOLUTION, RESISTANCE AND METASTASIS FORMATION**

**Chairs:** Gustavo Baldassarre, Stefania Scala

14.00 – 14.20

**Cancer persister cells strategies to survive ferroptosis: NMDARs and beyond**

Giovanni Tonon

14.20 – 14.40 **Mechanisms of response and resistance to anti RAS therapeutics in cancer**  
Sandra Misale

14.40 – 15.30 **Selected Oral Presentations**

15.30 – 15.40 **Discussion**

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

### ROOM 1

15.45 – 17.25 **GASTROINTESTINAL TUMORS**  
**Chairs:** Antonio Avallone, Carlo Calabrese

15.45 – 16.05 **Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer: A Distinct Molecular Cancer?**  
Filippo Pietrantonio

16.05 – 16.25 **Single-cell dissection of stress-shaped CAF heterogeneity in pancreatic cancer**  
Vincenzo Corbo

16.25 – 17.15 **Selected Oral Presentations**

17.15 – 17.25 **Discussion**

**ROOM 2**

15.45 – 17.25

**AI AND NOVEL TECHNOLOGIES IN CANCER RESEARCH AND CARE**

**Chairs:** Roberto Orecchia, Raffaella Massafra, Marco Salvatore

15.45 – 16.05

**Transforming Cancer Research and Care Through the European Health Data Space and AI-Driven Technologies**

Fidelia Cascini

16.05 – 16.25

**Application of AI in Cancer Care**

Antonio Marra

16.25 – 16.45

**New frontiers in particle therapy**

Marco Durante

16.45 – 17.05

**Data Management and AI Applications in Oncologic Imaging**

Mario Aiello

17.05 – 17.15

**Selected oral presentation**

17.15 – 17.25

**Discussion**

**ROOM 3**

15.45 – 17.25

**OTHER TUMOR-TYPE SPECIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS**

**Chairs:** Alessandro Sgambato, Antonio Rosato

15.45 – 16.05

**Metabolic reprogramming drives immunotherapy resistance in HNSCC**

Andrea Sacconi

16.05 – 16.25

**From Organoids to Algorithms: Translational Platforms for Precision Oncology in Solid Tumors**

Marianna Kruithof-de Julio

17.05 – 17.15

**Selected oral presentation**

17.15 – 17.25

**Discussion**

17.25 – 19.00

**Coffee break and Poster viewing**

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

### ROOM 1

08.45 – 10.25

#### **INTEGRATIVE MULTI-OMICS APPROACHES FOR PRECISION ONCOLOGY**

**Chairs:** Marco Seri, Paolo Marchetti

08.45 – 09.05

#### **Multimomics for drug repurposing**

Maddalena Fratelli

09.05 – 09.25

#### **Multimomics Data: how AI can explain, decomplex and integrate?**

Arsela Prelaj

09.25 – 10.15

#### **Selected Oral Presentations**

10.15 – 10.25

#### **Discussion**

### ROOM 2

08.45 – 10.25

#### **BREAST CANCER**

**Chairs:** Lucia Del Mastro, Michelino De Laurentiis

08.45 – 09.05

#### **Predictive Molecular Pathology in Breast Cancer**

Umberto Malapelle

09.05 – 09.25 **Molecular characterization of invasive lobular breast cancer**  
Meritxell Bellet

09.25 – 10.15 **Selected Oral Presentations**

10.15 – 10.25 **Discussion**

### ROOM 3

08.45 – 10.25 **HEMATOLOGICAL TUMORS**  
**Chairs:** Antonino Neri, Concetta Quintarelli

08.45 – 09.05 **Advancing CAR-T Cell Strategies in Haematology Beyond the Commercial Models**  
Concetta Quintarelli

09.05 – 09.25 **AI to accelerate translational and clinical research in hematology**  
Matteo Della Porta

09.25 – 09.45 **Lymphoma Genetics at the Interface of Biology and Clinical Practice**  
Davide Rossi

09.25 – 10.15 **Selected Oral Presentations**

10.15 – 10.25 **Discussion**

10.25 – 10.55 **Coffee break**

**MAIN ROOM**

**SPECIAL SESSION IN COLLABORATION WITH SIBIL**

10.55 – 12.35

**LIQUID BIOPSY: FROM DISCOVERY TO CLINICAL IMPLEMENTATION**

**Chairs:** Gennaro Ciliberto, Marzia Del Re

10.55 – 11.15

Clinical implementation of ctDNA testing

Nicola Normanno

11.15 – 11.35

Genotyping colorectal cancer in the blood

Alberto Bardelli

11.35 – 12.25

**Selected Oral Presentations**

12.25 – 12.35

**Discussion**

**MAIN ROOM**

12.35- 13.30

**ACC PROJECT & ACTIVITIES**

**Chairs:** Ruggiero de Maria, Lisa Licitra

13.30

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