

22nd MEET THE PROFESSOR

Advanced International Breast Cancer Course (AIBCC)

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Aims

Breast cancer research has been the frontrunner in many fields of cancer research: epidemiology, life-style and genetic risk factors, secondary prevention, conservative surgery, molecular classification, curative adjuvant therapies, neoadjuvant treatments, targeted agents, survival prolongation in advanced stages. Thanks to this knowledge, today many breast cancers can be prevented, most can be diagnosed at early stages and cured and the minority of patients at advanced stages can still enjoy a significant survival with a reasonable quality of life.

As a consequence of these major improvements, the bar of research and clinical excellence for breast cancer has raised even more.

New prognostic and predictive biomarkers are available, need to be validated and to be implemented in trial design and clinical practice. Risk-adapted surgery and radiation therapy allow for less and less invasive procedures. Multiple effective adjuvant therapies in the different molecular breast cancer subtypes, require a more precise definition of risk and predictivity of drug efficacy, to allow for a rational de-escalation or escalation of curative treatments. The impressive advances in the treatment of advanced breast cancers, envisage the possibility of cure with a multimodality approach for some patients and guarantee a prolonged survival for most of them with a rational sequencing of treatments.

The 22nd AIBCC in Padova, will allow to sum up the most recent biological and clinical achievements and to allow an open and friendly discussion of clinical cases among key opinion leaders and participants.

Addressed to

Gynaecologists and obstetrics, medical oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons. Pharmacists.

Programme

Thursday, September 17

10.30 **Introduction to the Conference**
Pierfranco Conte, Valentina Guarneri, Philip Poortmans, Aleix Prat

10.45 **ESMO President Elect – Welcome Remark**
Giuseppe Curigliano

SESSION I – HR+/HER2-

Chairpersons: Giuseppe Curigliano, Valentina Guarneri, Jacek Jassem

11.00 **Clinical and biological definition of early and late risk of relapse**
Carmine De Angelis

11.20 **Navigating adjuvant ET options**
Stephen Johnston

11.40 **Opportunities for radiation therapy de-escalation**
Philip Poortmans

12.00 **Exploiting endocrine resistance in advanced disease**
Gaia Griguolo

12.20 **Revisited metastatic algorithm**
Peter Fasching

12.40 **Discussion**

13.20 *Lunch*

SESSION II – HER2+

Chairpersons: Pierfranco Conte, Lucia Del Mastro, Hesham A.G. Elghazaly

14.20 **Turning biological heterogeneity into clinical action**
Aleix Prat

14.40 **Treatment escalation: neoadjuvant vs post-neoadjuvant strategies**
Sibylle Loibl

15.00 **Redefining 1st line for advanced disease: induction CT vs ADC?
Duration? Which maintenance?**

Sandra Swain

15.20 **Discussion**

15.40 **Clinical Multidisciplinary Shooting Session 1 – HR+/HER2- and HER2+**

Panelists: Pierfranco Conte, Carmine De Angelis, Lucia Del Mastro, Hesham A.G. Elghazaly, Peter Fasching, Gaia Griguolo, Valentina Guarneri, Jacek Jassem, Sibylle Loibl, Stephen Johnston, Philip Poortmans, Aleix Prat, Hope Rugo, Tanja Spanic, Sandra Swain
Shooter: Michele Bottosso

17.00 **Ceremony for the presentation of the University of Padua Award for Advances in Breast Cancer 2026 (non CME session)**

17.15 **Lecture of the Awardee**

18.00 **Adjourn**

Friday, September 18

SESSION III – TNBC

Chairpersons: Valentina Guarneri, Aleix Prat, Fabio Puglisi

9.00 **Markers of sensitivity/resistance to immunotherapy**

Maria Vittoria Dieci

9.20 **Balancing escalation and de-escalation in eTNBC**

Hope Rugo

9.40 **1st line PD-L1+: ADC + ICI for all?**

Mario Giuliano

10.00 **Discussion**

10.20 *Coffee break*

SESSION IV– Round table discussion: focus on young women

Chairpersons: Sibylle Loibl, Fedro A. Peccatori

- 10.50 **Fertility and pregnancy** – Matteo Lambertini
Hereditary syndromes - Banu Arun
Surgical management - Eleftherios Mamounas

12.00 **Discussion**

12.30 *Lunch*

SESSION V – HOT TOPICS

Chairpersons: Bettina Borisch, Michelino De Laurentiis, Sandra Swain

- 13.30 **Clinical implications of liquid biopsy: MRD, monitoring, guide for target treatment**

Luca Malorni

- 13.50 **AI applied to histopathology**

Frederique Penault-Illorca

- 14.10 **Dealing with new patterns of toxicity**

Federica Miglietta

- 14.30 **The right to be forgotten: Ending Discrimination Against Cancer Survivors**

Grazia Scocca

14.50 **Discussion**

- 15.20 **Clinical Multidisciplinary Shooting Session 2 – TNBC and special situations**

Panelists: Banu Arum, Bettina Borisch, Michelino De Laurentiis, Maria Vittoria Dieci, Mario Giuliano, Matteo Lambertini, Sibylle Loibl, Luca Malorni, Eleftherios Mamounas, Federica Miglietta, Fedro A. Peccatori, Frederique Penault-Illorca, Aleix Prat, Fabio Puglisi, Sandra Swain
Shooter: Davide Massa

- 16.40 **Take home messages and adjourn**

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Award & Fellowships

UNIVERSITY OF PADUA AWARD FOR ADVANCES IN BREAST CANCER 2026

The Scientific Committee will select a young researcher working in Europe (≤ 40 years old, oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists). Candidates will be asked to submit a publication where they are the lead author, published in 2025–2026, along with a CV.

For application, the candidates have to send their CV and chosen publication 2025-2026, by July 30th, 2026 to info.bologna@accmed.org

The winner will be invited to present his study at the AIBCC (with travel and accommodation expenses covered).

FELLOWSHIPS

Some fellowship (for < 40) will be awarded including registration, 1 hotel night and travel organization. Those interested should send the registration form together with a short CV and a motivation letter within July 30th.

The organizing secretariat will confirm the award of the fellowship within August 5th and proceed with the organization of logistics.

CME

Based on the in force regulations approved by the CNFC, Accademia Nazionale di Medicina (provider n. 31) will assign to the activity CME (31-486639): 11 CME points.

Training objective: professional and technical content (knowledge and skills) specific to each profession, specialisation and highly specialised activity. Rare disease.

To obtain CME credits, participants must meet the following requirements:

1. Their declared profession/specialization must correspond to those accredited for CME;
2. They must attend at least 90% of the course;
3. They must complete the online meeting evaluation form;
4. They must pass the learning assessment test with at least 75% correct answers. Only one attempt is allowed.

The learning assessment test and meeting evaluation form must be submitted within three days of the event.

Registration

Online registration at <https://meettheprofessor.acmed.org> before **September 5th**; the application will be completed only after the payment of the registration fee:

- **€ 120,00**
- **€ 80,00** for graduate students
- **€ 80,00** for AIOM members

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

- In order to cancel please give advise with a written communication to Accademia Nazionale di Medicina within 10 days from the beginning. A 70% of the registration fee will be returned. Any cancellation after that deadline will not be reimbursed.

Official Language

The official language of the Meeting is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Meeting Venue

Palazzo della Salute
Via San Francesco, 90
Padova

How to reach the venue:

The Center is located in the ZTL area.

We recommend the Interparking Italia – Via Trieste 50

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