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**NEW TECHNOLOGIES
AND STRATEGIES
TO FIGHT CANCER**

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

DAY 1 / 18/09/2025

AUDITORIUM

13:45-14:15

WELCOME ADDRESSES OF THE AUTHORITIES

Ruggero De Maria - *President, Alliance Against Cancer*

14:15-14:20

OPENING REMARKS

Stefania Gori - *IRCCS Sacro Cuore Don Calabria, Negrar (VR)*

AUDITORIUM

LECTIO MAGISTRALIS

Introduction: Ruggero De Maria

14:20-15:20

Forget lung, breast or prostate cancer: why tumor naming needs to change

Giuseppe Curigliano

AUDITORIUM

SESSION 01: TUMOR-TYPE SPECIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS_1

15.20-17.50

Chairs: Lucia Del Mastro, Gabriella Sozzi

15:20-16:20

Giovanni Scambia: A Legacy of Excellence in Gynecologic Oncology and Beyond

Anna Fagotti

New strategies beyond immunotherapy and targeted therapies

Paolo Ascierto

PARELLEL SESSIONS

16:20-17:50

BREAST CANCER

Chairs: Fabio Puglisi, Valentina Guarneri

ROOM 1

Diet and breast cancer: facts and myths

Claudio Vernieri

Liquidomic landscape of breast cancer

Andrea Botticelli

3 selected oral presentations

16:20-17:50

LUNG CANCER

Chairs: Alessandro Sgambato, Luca Roz

ROOM 2

Tumor-Associated Microbiota drive Immune Suppression in Lung Cancer: Impact on T Cell Response and ICI Effectiveness

Lucia Sfondrini

Raising the bar: strategies for improving the OS of lung cancer patients

Federico Cappuzzo

Small Cancer Lung Cell: from translational research to the clinic

Francesco Passiglia

3 selected oral presentations

16:20-17:50

OVARIAN CANCER

Chairs: Gustavo Baldassare, Antonio Russo

ROOM 3

New therapeutic strategies in ovarian cancer

Domenica Lorusso

Translational research: the added value to clinical trials

Delia Mezzanzanica

5 selected oral presentations

17:50-18:10

Coffee Break

SPECIAL SESSIONS

18:10-19:40

NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN CANCER TREATMENT

Chairs: Ester Orlandi, Matteo Salgarello, Roberto Orecchia

ROOM 1

New frontiers of Radiotherapy in oncology

Filippo Alongi

Prostate cancer Theranostics: PSMA Targeted Therapy

Stefano Fanti

Molecular Imaging and Radiomics: Advancing Precision Medicine in Oncology

Marco Ajello

3 selected oral presentations

18:10-19:40

HEALTH CARE MODELS AND SURVIVORS

Chairs: Francesco De Lorenzo, Nicola Silvestris

ROOM 2

The mission “Cure Supportive and Survivorship” - Paolo Pedrazzoli

Present and future of Nutrition in Oncology - Riccardo Caccialanza

Developing a personalized survivorship care plan: the challenge to integrate clinical care, research and health policy - Alexia Bertuzzi

Healing is not enough: the importance of survivorship care for the quality of life - Paolo Tralongo

Simultaneous care and shared care planning - Vittorina Zagonel

Tavola rotonda - Stefania Costi, Monica Pinto

Conclusioni - Massimo Di Maio

18:10-19:40

HEMATOLOGICAL TUMORS

Chairs: Enrico Derenzini, Antonino Neri

ROOM 3

T-cell engagers in lymphoproliferative disorders

Carmelo Carlo Stella

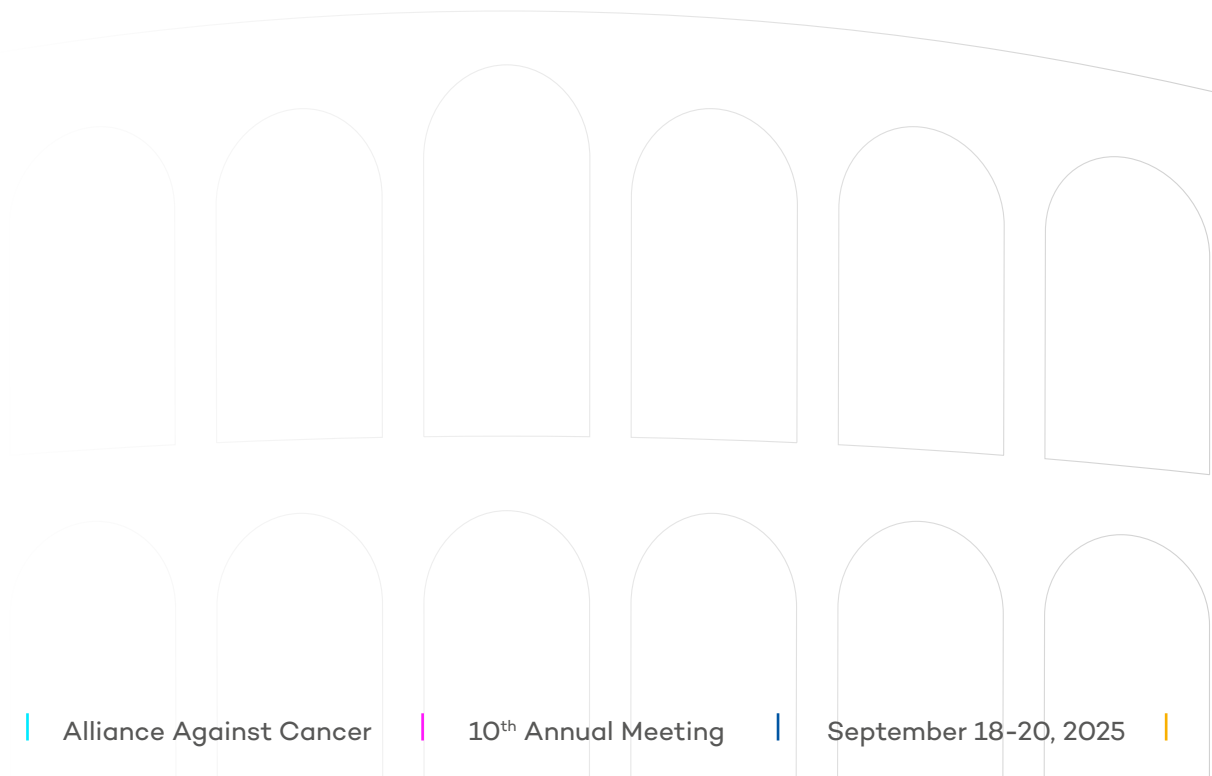
p53 mutations and immunometabolic landscape in AML

Antonio Curti

5 selected oral presentations

19:40-20:30

Poster viewing



DAY 2 / 19/09/2025

AUDITORIUM
8:00-10:30

SESSION 2 - ACC-NIBIT JOINT SESSION: CANCER IMMUNOLOGY: MECHANISMS AND THERAPIES

Chairs: Vincenzo Bronte, Paola Nisticò

8:00-09:30

Lipid-based Control of Antitumor Immunity

Teresa Manzo

The microbiota in cancer treatment

Maria Rescigno

Characterization and induction of tertiary lymphoid structure assembly in glioblastoma

Anna Dimberg

09:30-10:10

4 selected oral presentations

10:10-10:30

Conclusions

Vincenzo Bronte, Paola Nisticò

10:30-10:45

Coffee Break

AUDITORIUM
10:45-13:15

SESSION 3: CANCER GENOMICS AND BEYOND

Chairs: Nicola Normanno, Pier Giuseppe Pelicci

10:45-11:45

Implementation of comprehensive genomic profiling in a reference cancer center

Giancarlo Prunerì

Cancer genomics actionability: what it has delivered and what is still missing

Rodrigo Dienstman

PARELLEL SESSIONS

11:45-13:15

LIQUID BIOPSY

Chairs: Giuliana Pelicci, Stefania Tommasi

ROOM 1

How to traslate liquid biopsy in clinical practice

Marzia Del Re

The plasma as a multi-analyte multi-feature source of quantitative information

Francesca Demichelis

5 selected oral presentations

11:45-13:15

NOVEL BIOMARKERS

Chairs: Rita Alaggio, Paola Ulivi

ROOM 2

Role of circular, chimeric and linear PVT1 transcripts as potential biomarkers in small cell lung carcinoma

Clelia Tiziana Storlazzi

Transcriptional probing of specialized stromal niches for lymphoma prognostication

Claudio Tripodo

5 selected oral presentations

11:45-13:15

NOVEL TECHNOLOGIES

Chairs: Roberta Maestro, Giovanni Blandino

ROOM 3

PoreMeth2: decoding the evolution of methylome alterations with nanopore sequencing

Alberto Magi

Metastatic determinants in breast cancer

Stefano Piccolo

5 selected oral presentations

13:15-14:00

Lunch

AUDITORIUM
14:00-16:45

**SESSION 4 - ACC-SIC JOINT SESSION:
FUNDAMENTAL MECHANISMS AND DATA SCIENCE**

Chairs: Maurizio D'Incalci, Yinxu Zhan

14:00-15:00

Response to cancer immunotherapy: why space matters

Francesca Ciccarelli

Disentangling clonal evolution using sequencing data and model-based machine learning

Giulio Caravagna

PARELLEL SESSIONS

15:00-16:30

CLONAL EVOLUTION AND RESISTANCE TO THERAPIES

Chairs: Gustavo Baldassare, Federica Di Nicolantonio

ROOM 1

Measuring and Predicting Cancer Evolution

Andrea Sottoriva

MYC ecDNA promotes intratumor heterogeneity and plasticity in PDAC

Vincenzo Corbo

5 selected oral presentations

15:00-16:30

HETEROGENEITY OF TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT AND RESPONSE TO IMMUNOTHERAPY

Chairs: Paola Allavena, Andrea Morandi

ROOM 2

Tumor-Associated Macrophages: a barrier to the efficacy of cancer immunotherapy

Diletta Di Mitri

Microenvironmental regulation of melanoma progression and responses to immunotherapy

Berta Sanchez Laorden

5 selected oral presentations

15:00-16:30

DATA SCIENCE

Chairs: Fabrizio Bianchi, Francesca Buffa, Charlotte K.Y. Ng

ROOM 3

Machine learning models to predict response

Luca Bielo Boscolo

Drug repurposing

Fátima Al-Shahrour

5 selected oral presentations

AUDITORIUM

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

PANCREATIC CANCER

Chairs: Carmine Pinto, Aldo Scarpa

16:45-18:05

Pancreatic Cancer Heterogeneity: deconstructing complexity

Gioacchino Natoli

Precision oncology and pancreatic cancer

Michele Milella

4 selected oral presentations

AUDITORIUM

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

VACCINES AND CANCER

Chairs: Antonella Brunello, Federica Gobbi

18:05-19:30

Antitumor effect of vaccines anti-Hepatitis B vaccine and anti-HPV

Alessandro Inno

Prevention of infectious complications in cancer patients: international and national guidelines with focus on anti- Herpes zoster vaccination

Angioletta Lasagna

Humoral and cellular effect of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccination in solid tumor Patients

Chiara Piubelli

2 selected oral presentations

WORKING GROUP MEETING

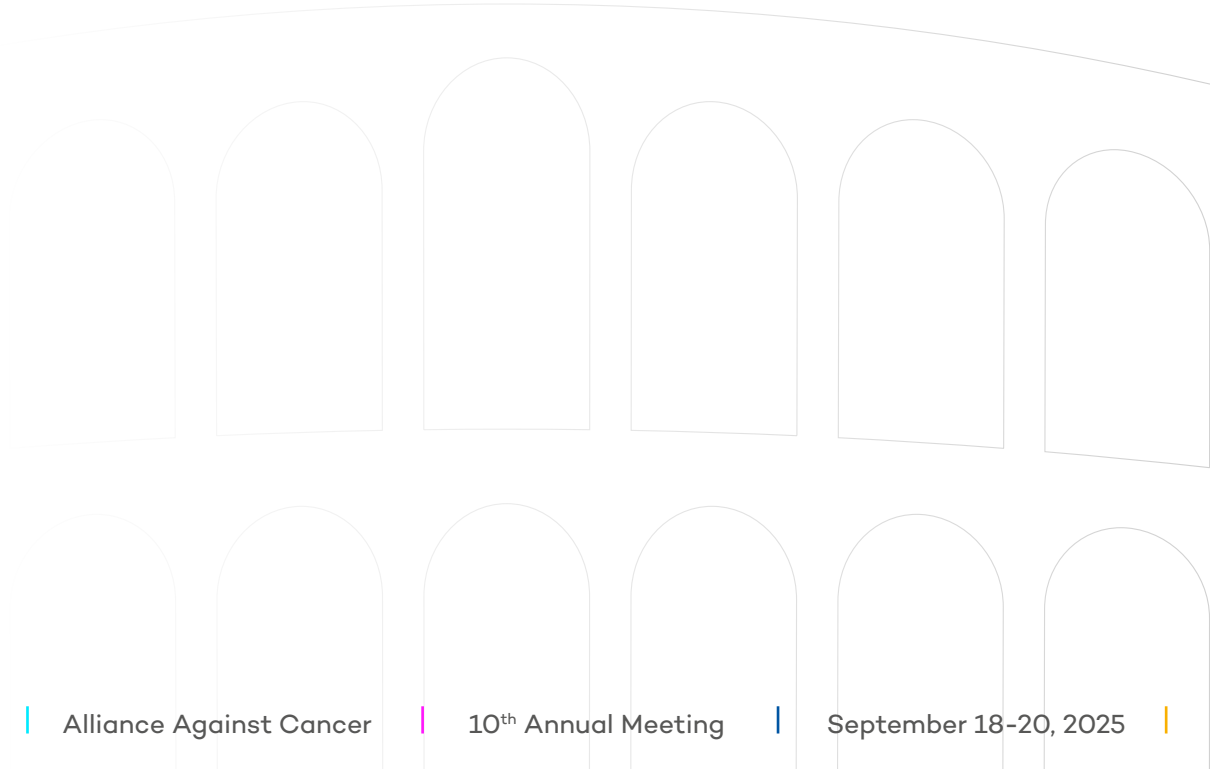
Coordinamento: Luca Boldrini

Poster viewing and Cocktail

ROOM 3

18:05-19:30

19:30-20:30



DAY 3 / 20/09/2025

AUDITORIUM
8:00-10:45

SESSION 5: TUMOR-TYPE SPECIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS_2

Chairs: Luisa Lanfrancone, Stefano Indraccolo

8:00-9:10

Transcriptional footprints of cancer dependency shock as a computational tool for early anti-cancer drug discovery

Francesco Iorio

Personalization of neoadjuvant immunotherapy for improved response to toxicity ratios

Christian Blank

PARELLEL SESSIONS

9:15-10:30

MELANOMA/RARE TUMORS

Chairs: Massimo Guidoboni, Toni Ibrahim

ROOM 1

The new frontiers in immunotherapy beyond the big killers

Marco Donia

5 selected oral presentations

9:15-10:30

BRAIN TUMORS

Chairs: Gaetano Finocchiaro, Andrea Pace

ROOM 2

Cancer neuroscience of brain tumors and beyond: a new concept of cancer - but also a new pillar of therapy in oncology?

Franz Winkler

5 selected oral presentations

9:15-10:30

ROOM 3

GASTROINTESTINAL TUMORS
Chairs: Alfredo Budillon, Livio Trusolino

Spatial Transcriptomics and Advanced Omics in Pancreatic Carcinogenesis
Carmine Carbone
Advanced GIST: from translational research to new therapeutic options
Maria Abbondanza Pantaleo

4 selected oral presentations

10:30-10:45

Coffee Break

AUDITORIUM

LECTIO MAGISTRALIS
Introduction: Ruggero De Maria

10:45-11:45

Be-Rome Trial
Paolo Marchetti

11:45-13:30

ACC PROJECT & ACTIVITIES
Chair: Lisa Licitra

13:30-13:45

CLOSING REMARKS
Stefania Gori, Ruggero De Maria

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From there, the conference center can be reached in just a few minutes, as it is only 500 meters away.

The shuttle journey takes between 20 and 30 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

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English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

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