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LIQUID BIOPSY: TRACKING CANCER
29 - 30 April 2016

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SESSION I
LIQUID BIOPSY TO ADDRESS CANCER HETEROGENEITY

Chairpersons: P. Gazzaniga (Italy), C. Alix-Panabières (France)

09.15 Circulating tumor cells biology: focus on cancer cell plasticity
  K. Pantel (Germany)

10.00 Cell plasticity and cancer stem cells
  R. De Maria (Italy)

Break

11.00 Oligoclonal Precursors of Breast Cancer Metastasis: Circulating Tumor Cell Clusters
  N. Aceto (Switzerland)

11.45 Liquid biopsy: monitoring cancer-genetics in the blood
  A. Bardelli (Italy)

12.30 Discussion

13.00 Lunch
SESSION II
FUNCTIONAL CTC STUDIES
Chairpersons: I. Screpanti, R. De Maria (Italy)

14.00 Circulating tumor cells, drug development and in vitro models
   A. Zeuner (Italy)

14.45 Circulating tumor cells, drug development and mouse models
   C. Dive (UK)

15.45 Break

16.00 “Technological platforms for liquid biopsy: state of the art”. Companies meet scientists

17.30 Discussion

17.45 End of the first day
SESSION III
CIRCULATING BIOMARKERS TO PREDICT TREATMENT RESPONSE

Chairpersons: G. Naso, L. Frati (Italy)

09.00  Frequent expression of PD-L1 on circulating breast cancer cells
C. Alix-Panabieres (France)

09.30  Circulating tumor cells as a biomarker for response to immune checkpoints inhibitors
P. Gazzaniga (Italy)

10.00  Assessment of high-sensitive methods for the detection of EGFR mutations in circulating free tumor DNA from NSCLC patients
N. Normanno (Italy)

10.30  Break
10.45  Circulating tumor cell–based AR-V7 detection as a treatment selection biomarker in castration-resistant prostate cancer
E.S. Antonarakis (US)

11.15  Opinion lecture
Liquid biopsy promotes precision medicine?
E. Cortesi (Italy)

11.45  Discussion

12.00  Alberto Gulino: Memory of a great scientist, leader and friend
G. Giannini (Rome, Italy)

Poster presentation: Award in memory of Alberto Gulino

13.00  Closing remarks
A. Santoni (Chief Dept. Molecular Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome)
**CONGRESS VENUE**
Rome 29 - 30 April 2016
Sapienza University of Rome - P.le Aldo Moro

**LANGUAGE**
The official language of the Congress is English.

**SECRETARIAT**
The Secretariat will be operative at the Congress venue from 08.00 on Friday, April 29, 2016, throughout the Event.

**REGISTRATION FEES**
Registration fees include:

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VAT 22% is not included

- Attendance to all scientific sessions
- Entrance to the exhibition area
- Attendance certificate
- Badge and congress kit
- Coffee break
- Lunch

Every single day will be accredited for the following professionals:
Medical Doctors and Biologists.

Note: The invoice addressed to the ASL must be requested at the time of registration.
PARTICIPATION
A valid registration is required in order to access the conference, the exhibition and the scientific sessions.
For safety reasons and regulations, badges must be visible at all times during the Congress and at the related events.
In case of loss, a new badge will be provided upon payment of €15.00 and the same amount will be charged if the badge is not handed in to the Secretary at the end of the Congress.

HOW TO REGISTER
To be eligible for entry you must submit the application form, filled in all its parts, and the corresponding membership fee to:
CONGRESS LINE - Via Cremona, 19 - 00161 Rome by 15 February 2016.
Accepted payments methods are:
- check or bank draft attached to the registration form
- bank transfer to a/c no. 000029475288 payable to CONGRESS LINE
  c/o Unicredit Bank - Agency: Rome Ferdinando di Savoia
  Via Ferdinando di Savoia, 6
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- American Express (no VISA).

In case of cancellation, communicated to the Secretariat no later than 15 February 2016, 50% of the amount paid will be refunded. Cancellations received after this date will not be entitled to any refund. Any change of holder of membership in the Congress, announced three days before, will be subject to a penalty equal to €40.00 + VAT 22%.

CREDITS - CME
This program has been submitted for CME accreditation to the italian national commission for Continuing medical education in compliance with the procedures indicated by the italian Ministry of Health.
If the participant does not attend all Congress sessions for selected day, he/she will be not entitled to acquire any credit.
ACQUISITION OF CREDITS
In order to acquire credits you are requested to:
- Attend all Congress sessions for selected day;
- Answer 75% of the questions correctly;
- Ensure that the electronic badge beeps to confirm registration;
- Hand over the CME questionnaires, the duly completed and signed event evaluation forms, and the badge to the secretariat at the end of the Congress.

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION
Upon request to the Secretariat, all registered participants will receive a certificate for the days of attendance to the Congress.

AUDIOVISUAL INSTRUCTIONS
- Presentations received after this term cannot be guaranteed audiovisual support.
- Personal electronic devices cannot be connected to the projectors of the Congress venue.
- Speakers who created their presentation using a system different from MS Windows (such OS MAC or Linux) are kindly requested to provide their slides in a Windows compatible format.

EXHIBITION
A technical-scientific exposition will be held in the Congress Venue throughout the scientific works.

MOBILE PHONES
Delegates are kindly required to keep their mobile phones off on the premises during the scientific sessions.

NO-SMOKING
Smoking is not permitted in all inside areas of the Congress venue.

INSURANCE
Congress organizers assume no liability or responsibility for personal injuries
or loss or damage of personal belongings which may occur either during or as a result of the Congress.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**
The Organizing Secretariat will make every effort to confirm your reservation in the hotel category of your choice; if not possible you will be offered a different solution. Roman hotels have very few single rooms, therefore double rooms for single occupancy will be assigned once the single rooms are no longer available. Confirmation documents have to be sent within 15 February 2016. We would like to inform you that the payment of the entire amount plus the agency fee of 20 euros is required. Please note that hotels are listed for categories/rate ranges and rooms will be assigned according to availability on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

**PAYMENT POLICY**
Accepted payment methods are: credits cards, cheques issued by Italian banks and Euro bank transfers. All costs to transmitters’ charge. Please, write clearly your name and on cheque/money orders; a copy of the payment is requested along with the registration and hotel accommodations forms. Registration and hotel accommodation will be confirmed only upon receipt of the relative payments. The settlement is required to process your reservation. Congress Line will issue a regular invoice for registration (22% VAT inclusive) and hotel accommodation (10% VAT inclusive); therefore, the European VAT code (only for EU countries) is due to be included in the forms. Please note that VAT could be subject to changes. The VAT rate will be applied depending on the Italian fiscal law at the time of payment.

**CANCELLATION TERMS**
Any cancellation should be notified in writing to Congress Line and will be subject to the following conditions:
Before 28 February 2016: refund of registration and hotel accommodation is subject to a 30% administrative charge. All refunds will be processed after the Congress.
After 28 February 2016: no refund will be granted.
HOTEL CATEGORIES

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All prices are breakfast and taxes included. The rates, updated on 1 March 2015, are subject to change in line with inflation.

CHANGES IN PROGRAM

For scientific and/or technical reasons the Scientific Committee, the Organizing Committee and the Secretariat reserve the right to make any change in the Workshop program.
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