

## AIMS

To improve human health, scientific discoveries must be translated into practical applications. Such discoveries typically begin at “the bench” with basic research — in which scientists study disease at a molecular or cellular level — then progress to the clinical level, or the patient's “bedside.” Translational research transforms scientific discoveries arising from laboratory, clinical, or population studies into clinical applications to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality.

Although the need for a better coordination of cancer research at all levels and with a strong involvement of the scientific community is widely recognised, the funding process of cancer research in European countries is currently complex and fragmented.

The meeting will present the results of successful projects in Belgium and Italy in the field of cancer translational research, as well as reflections and proposals about research funding policy and instruments which could foster translational research in a coordinated manner throughout Europe, in line with the spirit of building the European Research Area

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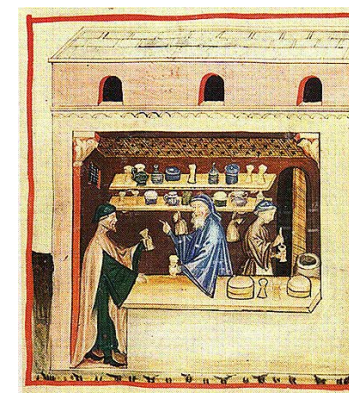
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*Espace Monte Paschi*  
**Av. d'Auderghem 28 – Brussels**

## INVITED SPEAKERS

**Filippo Belardelli** – Director, Department of Cell Biology and Neurosciences, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome

**Philippe Busquin** – Member of the European Parliament

**Christine Desmedt**– Translational Research Unit, Jules Bordet Institute, Brussels

**Maurizio D’Incalci** – Head, Oncology Research, Mario Negri Institute, Milan

**Dominique de Valeriola** – General Medical Director, Institut Jules Bordet and U.L.B., Brussels - Expert for the Belgian Ministry of Public Health

**Enrico Garaci** – President Istituto Superiore di Sanità and Alleanza Contro il Cancro, Rome

**Silvio Garattini** – Director Mario Negri Institute, Milan

**Manuel Hallen** –Acting Director Health Directorate, DG Research, European Commission, Brussels

**Marc Boogaerts** - FWO and Chairman of the Leuven Cancer Institute

**Claudio Lombardo** – Alleanza Contro il Cancro – Istituto nazionale per la ricerca sul cancro, Genoa

**Gordon McVie** - Senior Consultant to the European Institute of Oncology, Milan

**Carlo Emanuele Neumaier** - Istituto nazionale per la ricerca sul cancro, Genoa

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**Marco Pierotti** – Fondazione INT – Organisation of the European cancer Institutes – Milan- Brussels

**Guy Storme** – Director AZ-VUB Cancer Center, Brussels

**Paola Testori Coggi** – Director Adjoint, DG SANCO, European Commission, Brussels

**Stefano Zurrada** – European Oncology Institute, Milan

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

**9:00 SESSION 1** - Chairman: *Claudio Lombardo*

Welcome addresses

**H.E. Amb. Sandro Maria Siggia**

**Enrico Garaci**

Introductory speeches

**Philippe Busquin**

The point of view of the Research Commission of the European Parliament

**Paola Testori Coggi**

The role of DG SANCO in building the European Platform Against Cancer

**Manuel Hallen**

Cancer translational research within the Health Theme of the 7th Framework Programme

-- Coffee Break --

**11:00 SESSION 2** - Chairman: *Alfredo Nicolosi*

**Silvio Garattini**

Translational research on anti-cancer drugs: state of the art in Europe

**Marco Pierotti**

Reducing fragmentation in cancer research promoting quality, excellence and transfer of innovation: the OECI Programme 2009-2011

**Martine Piccart-Gebhart**

The role of EORTC and the cooperation with OECI to improve European competitiveness in cancer translational research

**13.00 Lunch**

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

**14:00 SESSION 3** - Chairmen: *Guy Storme, Gordon Mc Vie*

**Dominique de Valeriola**

The Belgian National Cancer Plan, a Support to translational cancer research

**Claudio Lombardo**

Towards a common effort to coordinate national cancer plans attracting industrial partners

**Marc Boogaerts**

FWO and Translational Cancer Research in Flanders

**Filippo Belardelli**

The Italian Initiative for biomedical translational research

-- Coffee Break --

**15:30 SESSION 4** – “Success stories” – Chairman: *Stefano Zurrada*

**Guy Storme**

From palliation to cure

**Maurizio D’Incalci**

The importance of translational research for drug development: the example of the marine natural product ET-747

**Christine Desmedt**

Better translation from bench to bedside: breakthroughs in the individualized treatment of cancer.

**Carlo Emanuele Neumaier**

MR and iron magnetic nanoparticles: imaging opportunities in preclinical and translational research.