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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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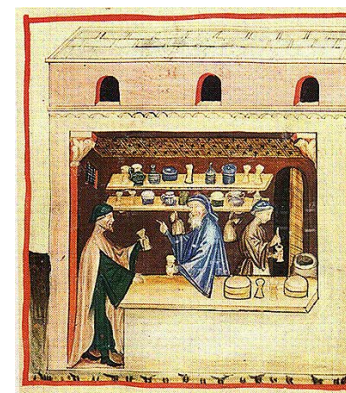
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Exploitation of Research Outcomes towards Cancer Patients' Expectations: European Perspectives

An Italy-Belgium Initiative



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Espace Monte Paschi
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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

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Martine Piccart-Gebhart – Professor of Oncology, ULB & Jules Bordet Institute, Brussels

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 Zurrída – 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

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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 Zurrída*

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.