

24th and 25th October 2008
OEI PATHOBIOLOGY WORKSHOP:
Structure and Genetics, the new Paradigm

Hosted by the Oncology Institute "Prof.Dr. Ion Chiricuta"

Many participants were registered, 120 from 15 countries:

NL, Belgium, Romania, Spain, Estonia, Portugal, Russia, UK, Norway, Sweden, Italy, France, Germany, Serbia, Turkey. There were high quality presentations given which were highly informative for the OEI Pathobiology working group. The presentations all by OEI members or external related organizations (ESP) answered the first two objectives set for the meeting. These objectives were:

- To gain an overview about the state of the art in pathobiology within the OEI institutes and Europe.
- To provide information about different models of biobanks and tumor bank networks oriented towards health care research.

During the keynote lectures the participants were well informed on the latest developments and visions of infrastructural developments for cancer research and care. Also there were good discussions after the presentations.

The last objective of this workshop was a very ambitious one:

- To promote collaborative activities among the OEI pathobiology groups as a base for future initiatives to enhance dissemination of knowledge and innovation potentially resulting in joint projects and activities among OEI members

This objective was even widened during the preparation of the meeting by also trying to strive for closer cooperation between EORTC Pathobiology and the ESP.

The OEI-Pathobiology group has made a first careful start discussing European necessities that on top of OEI-TuBaFrost and the OEI Histopathology platform are needed for better European cooperation. These necessities were:

Implementation of Ring trials on Histology (Virtual Microscopy) and Mol Pathology (Dedicated web site), Exchange of personnel, OEI Workshops on innovation and the need to get more pathologists involved in multi center translational research and International Trials (EORTC). The latter requires a closer collaboration with the EORTC Pathobiology group.

Also ESP was very much in favour of setting up cooperation between ESP and OEI. Although the question how was very difficult to answer, because cancer is a crosscutting subject in all the ESP working groups, therefore setting up a specialized cancer group is not fitting in the ESP structure. It was decided to at least come to an intent of cooperation and link each others website and stimulate our members to join both organisations and work from within the organisations on better linking.



This successful event could not have taken place without the help of co-organizer Antonio Lombart Bosch, so we could function as a small program committee and the indispensable support of Mariana Musat, manager of the OEI who acted as a small executive committee together with Valentin Cernea. In addition, the generous offer from the Oncology Institute "Prof.Dr. Ion Chiricuta" to host the meeting and organise the meeting venue, dinners and outings on their behalf made the meeting to for our well participating OEI members and participants to a wonderful and unforgettable success.