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MEETING

At the leading edge  
of cancer biotherapy

23-25  
OCTOBER 2025

Accademia Navale

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12:00 | Arrival and Registration

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13:30 | Welcome addresses

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13:45 | **INAUGURAL KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
*Chair: V. Bronte*

**Guido Kroemer (University of Paris, France)**

*Turning Danger into Cure:*

*The Immuno-Oncology Potential of the Danger Theory*

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**SESSION 1**  
**MYELOID CELLS IN CANCER**  
*Chairs: R. Ferrara, A. Sica*

14:25 | **Jennifer Guerriero (Harvard Medical School – Boston, USA)**  
*Unraveling the complexities of tumor associated macrophages  
for anti-cancer therapy*

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14:45 | Selected abstract

14:55 | Selected abstract

15:05 | Selected abstract

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15:15 | General discussion

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**THURSDAY**

**SESSION 2**  
**UNCOVERING THE MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS WITHIN**  
**THE TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT**

*Chairs: B. Belmonte, P. Nisticò*

15:40 | **Renato Ostuni (Vita-Salute San Raffaele University - Milano, Italy)**  
*Molecular and spatial organization of the immune tumor microenvironment*

16:00 | Selected abstract

16:10 | Selected abstract

16:20 | Selected abstract

16:30 | **Gioacchino Natoli (IEO, European Institute of Oncology -Milano, Italy)**  
*Fidelity in lineage determination and inducible gene expression in macrophages*

16:50 | General Discussion

17:15 | Poster Walk

18:15 | NIBIT General Assembly

19:30 | Welcome reception

**OCTOBER 23**

### SESSION 3 B AND T CELLS IN CANCER

Chairs: M. Tazzari, C. Tripodo

9:00 | **Isaias Hernandez (Centre de Recherche des Cordeliers – Paris, France)**  
*Shaping B cells via neuroimmune signals: toward better checkpoint inhibitor responses*

09:20 | Selected abstract

09:30 | Selected abstract

09:40 | Selected abstract

09:50 | **Silvia Piconese (Sapienza University - Roma, Italy)**  
*BRCAing bad: Tregs in the tumor microenvironment*

10:10 | General discussion

10:30 | Coffee break

### SESSION 4 AI IN IMMUNE ONCOLOGY FROM RESEARCH TO CLINIC

Chairs: M. Benelli, A. Prelaj

11:00 | **Daniel Truhn (Aachen University, Germany)**  
*Healing with words - Large language models in oncology*

11:20 | Selected abstract

11:30 | Selected abstract

11:40 | Selected abstract

11:50 | **Arsela Prelaj (Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori - Milano, Italy)**  
*AI for first Line immunotherapy prediction: from NSCLC to pancancer*

12:10 | General discussion

13:00 | Lunch

# FRIDAY

**SESSION 5**  
**EMPOWERING IMMUNE CELLS FOR ADOPTIVE CELL THERAPY**  
*Chair: R. Sommaggio*

14:00	<b>Concetta Quintarelli (Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù - Roma, Italy)</b> <i>Innovative Applications of CAR-T Cells in Emerging Clinical Indications</i>
14:20	Selected abstract
14:30	Selected abstract
14:40	<b>Ruggero De Maria (Catholic University - Roma, Italy)</b> <i>Development of CAR T cell therapies for colorectal cancer</i>
15:00	Selected abstract
15:10	<b>Chiara Bonini (Vita-Salute San Raffaele University - Milano, Italy)</b> <i>Genome editing to overcome T cell exhaustion</i>
15:30	General discussion
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	Poster Walk
17:30	<b>PEZCOLLER KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <i>Chair: M. P. Colombo</i>  <b>Marco Colonna</b> <b>(Washington University School of Medicine - St. Louis, USA)</b> <i>Harnessing Innate Immune Receptors in Cancer and Neurodegeneration</i>
18:20	Session ends
20:00	Social Dinner

**OCTOBER 24**

**SESSION 6**  
**IMMUNOTHERAPY. WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE GOING**  
*Chair: L. D'Ambrosio*

8:30 | **Tina Cascone (MD Anderson Cancer Center – Houston, USA)**  
*Unraveling the complexities of tumor associated macrophages for anti-cancer therapy*

8:50 | Selected abstract

9:00 | Selected abstract

9:10 | **Sara Lonardi (IOV Istituto Oncologico Veneto - Padova, Italy)**  
*Immunotherapy role in GI tumors*

9:30 | Selected abstract

9:40 | **Paolo Ascierto**  
**(Istituto Nazionale Tumori “Fondazione G. Pascale” - Napoli, Italy)**  
*Neoadjuvant immunotherapy in the treatment of melanoma*

10:00 | General discussion

10:30 | Coffee break

**SATURDAY**

**SESSION 7**  
**NEW TARGETS IN IMMUNE-ONCOLOGYS**

*Chairs: P. F. Ferrucci, S. Spada*

10:45	<b>Dario Neri (ETH Zürich – Switzerland)</b> <i>Ligand-based delivery of cytokines and other payloads: from the bench to the clinic</i>
11:05	Selected abstract
11:15	Selected abstract
11:25	Selected abstract
11:35	<b>Flavio Curnis (San Raffaele Scientific Institute - Milano, Italy)</b> <i>Blockade of <math>\alpha\beta6</math> and <math>\alpha\beta8</math> integrins with a chromogranin A-derived peptide inhibits TGF<math>\beta</math> activation in tumors and suppresses tumor growth</i>
11:55	General discussion
12:20	<b>PARMIANI KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> <i>Chair: M. Rescigno</i>  <b>Laurence Zitvogel (University of Paris, France)</b> <i>Bile acids are central in gut dysbiosis associated with cancer immune resistance</i>
13:00	NIBIT Awards Nominations
13:30	Adjourn

**OCTOBER 25**

## VENUE

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## REGISTRATION FEES

	Advance Registration <i>Closing at 23.59 on July 23</i>	Regular Registration
Participant over 35 – NIBIT member*	€ 220,00 VAT included	€ 250,00 VAT included
Participant under 35 – NIBIT member*	€ 120,00 VAT included	€ 150,00 VAT included
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Non member (all categories)*	€ 320,00 VAT included	€ 350,00 VAT included
Undergraduate student	Free of charge	Free of charge
Social dinner	€ 50,00 VAT included	
Open to all registered participants		

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To register, please access the link [here](#)

## CALL FOR ABSTRACT

All participants are encouraged to submit an abstract in English.

The abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and selected for oral or poster presentation.

When submitting the abstract, presenting authors must select one of the following topics

- Myeloid cells in cancer
- Uncovering the molecular interactions within the tumor microenvironment
- B and T cells in cancer
- AI in immune oncology from research to clinic
- Empowering immune cells for adoptive cell therapy
- Immunotherapy. Where we are and where we are going

- New targets in immune-oncology

The abstract should respect the following guidelines:

- The abstract must be submitted in English.
- Abstract title should be max 250 characters (spaces included) and should reflect the content of the abstract.
- Commercial names may not be used in the abstract title.
- No more than 10 authors can be listed. Only institutional affiliations, cities and countries
- should follow. One of the authors must be flagged as “Presenting author”.
- Abstracts should be organized under the headings:
  - Introduction
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions
- Tables and figures can be uploaded as a separate file (JPG, max 1 page)
- The online abstract submission procedure will not accept abstracts that exceed 500 words
- Abbreviations may be used if standard or if spelled out and defined at the first use.
- Compounds should be mentioned with the generic name, in lower case. Commercial names are admitted in the text, with an ®, and if in brackets following the generic name, i.e. “generic (Commercial ®)”

### Abstract Selection Process

The Scientific Committee will make the selection of abstracts for the oral or poster presentation.

Please note that submitting an abstract does not constitute registration for the meeting.

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NIBIT will offer a limited number of Travel Grants.

The Grant will cover the travel expenses up to the amount of € 500. The reimbursement will be provided by bank transfer after the end of the meeting, upon receipt of flight and/or ground transportation tickets/invoices.

To be eligible you have to:

- Be the presenting author of a submitted abstract
- Be born after 1 November 1985

To apply, please upload a CV or a bio sketch, including your publications, when submitting the abstract.

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