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TUMORS:
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PRESENTATION

The rapid advance of science and technology in human medicine has opened huge new opportunities in prevention, diagnosis and therapy.

The application of these advances to cancer medicine is essential for human health.

The Mediterranean School of Oncology aims at providing health care professionals, i.e., physicians, nurses and investigators who are involved in management of cancer patients, with the best possible deepening of their oncological skill in a specific area or organ site. Additionally, there are training courses designed to fulfil the educational needs of those who have only recently approached cancer medicine and health professionals who are not frequently dealing with cancer patients.

The School, which is located in Rome, Italy, is open to candidates of any nationality, allowing the interaction of students with somewhat different national and educational background.

I would like very much to welcome you to the courses of the Mediterranean School of Oncology in Rome because we expect both Rome and the courses to be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Since only a limited number of students can be accepted, we invite those interested to register as early as possible, to ensure both the possibility of attending the chosen course(s) and the preferred type of accommodation.

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**Unknown Primary Tumors:
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Rome, March 5-6, 2010
Domus Sessoriana, Rome

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Course Description:

The nosographic entity of Unknown Primary Tumors (UPT) refers to those malignancies characterized by the absence of a clinically detectable primary tumor in presence of a biopsy proven metastatic disease. They represent one of the 10 most frequently diagnosed cancer worldwide, accounting for approximately 3-5% of all tumor cases. In HIV-infected patients the incidence reported is of 23 per 1000,000 person-year in USA.

Although no consensus is present as to whether UPT simply represent a group of metastatic tumors with unidentified primaries or a distinct entity with specific genetic/phenotypic features, these tumors are characterized by early development, uncommon metastatic sites (renal, cutaneous, heart), resistance to treatment and poor prognosis. In spite of their biological and clinical interest, a still limited number of studies has been performed to gain insights into the molecular derangements responsible for their natural history and sensitivity to treatments. It is likely that the new approaches of gene expression profiling, including microRNA, will offer this opportunity. Nevertheless the last decades have much improved our strategies to identify the source of UPT through a highly multidisciplinary approach which includes sensitive and specific immunohistochemistry and molecular genetics, serum markers, positron emission tomography, MRI, fiberoptic endoscopy. Although taxanes and platinum compounds remain the major medical treatment, the identification by clinico-pathological criteria of subsets of responsive patients is likely to benefit the testing of a number of new targeted therapies, including anti-angiogenesis agents.



Program

Friday, March 5

10.00 - 13.00

Introduction

Pier Giorgio Natali, Chieti - Stefano Iacobelli, Chieti

Statistics about unknown primary tumors

Riccardo Capocaccia, Rome

10 years experience of a Comprehensive Cancer Center

Valerio Ramazzotti, Rome

Biological Features

Marcella Mottolese, Rome

12.30 - 13.00

General discussion

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch

14.00 - 17.30

The pathologist's perspective

Generoso Bevilacqua, Pisa

Unknown primary tumors: common misdiagnosis

Oscar Nappi, Naples

Are serum markers helpful?

Massimo Gion, Venice

Novel diagnostic tools

Patrizio Giacomini, Rome

17.00 - 17.30

General discussion



Saturday, March 6

09.00 - 12.00

Clinical approach to the patient

Sergio Palmeri, Palermo

Functional imaging for the detection of unknown primary tumors

Marco Salvatore, Naples

Prognostic factors and treatment of favorable cases

Giovanella Palmieri, Naples

Newer approaches to treatment of disseminated disease

Matteo Landriscina, Foggia

12.00 - 12.30

General Discussion and Conclusion



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LOCATION AND HOUSING

The School is located in the St. John Lateran Basilica, Coliseum quarter, a walking distance from the centre of historic Rome.

Participants will be housed at the:

“Domus Sessoriana”

Piazza Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, 10

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The Domus Sessoriana is a first-class hotel located on the slopes of the Esquiline Hill, in one wing of the Monastery of the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, a short distance from the Coliseum and the St. John Lateran Basilica. This hotel is infused with 2000 years of history and some of the city's oldest ruins can be viewed from the hotel terrace. Accommodation is in a single room basis with a limited number of twin rooms available on a first-come first-served basis. Each room has traditional tiled floors and furnishings, bathrooms with showers, air conditioning, satellite TV and internet access. Some of the rooms are part of the ancient structure, while others on the top floor have rooftop view over Rome and the monastery. In addition to the rooms in the Domus Sessoriana, some participants may be housed in local hotels, depending upon the size of the group.



HOW TO GET TO THE SCHOOL

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By plane:

Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino Airport: board the “Leonardo” train (departure every 30 min.) to the “Termini” central rail station in Rome.

Take Metro A direction Anagnina. Get off at San Giovanni, then on foot to the Piazza Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (500 m). Alternatively, from the Termini station take Bus N.° 649 getting off at the bus stop in Via Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

By train:

From the Roma Termini station, take Metro A, direction Anagnina. Get off at San Giovanni; then walk on foot to the Piazza Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (500 m). Alternatively, from the Termini station take Bus N.° 649 getting off at the bus stop in Via Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

Train schedule can be easily found at website: www.trenitalia.it

By car:

From the ring-road motorway, GRA (Grande Raccordo Anulare), you have two choices:

Exit 14, take the “tangenziale” highway alongside motorway, direction San Giovanni to its end. At the traffic light, turn right. After passing the Roman arch, Santa Croce in Gerusalemme is on your right.

Exit 27, take Via Cristoforo Colombo and follow it to its end; pass the Roman Arch and reach the Baths of Caracalla.

Pass the church of San Giovanni in Laterano, take Viale Carlo Felice to Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.



REGISTRATION FEE

Advanced registration is encouraged as courses are limited to a total of 50 participants. The registration fee includes participation to the classes, educational material and a group photo. The registration fee varies from course to course; the registration fee will be reduced for participants who register 60 days before course commencement, for members of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), for residents and Ph.D. students in oncology or oncology-related disciplines.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration can be made by filling the Registration Form on the website: www.mso.cinbo.org

Click on Course Calendar 2010 and choose your course, or click directly on:

<http://mso.cinbo.org/onlineform.php?Id=56&Invito=>

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Ask your bank to make a wire transfer (SWIFT method) as follows:

Bank name: Cassa di Risparmio della Provincia di Chieti, Chieti, Italy

Account name: CINBO-MSO

IBAN: IT48V0605015598CC0990090051

Reason for transfer of funds:

Fee for _____ (your name)

course _____ (course name)

As soon as we receive the registration form, we will send you a letter of acceptance for the course.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Cancellations should be notified in writing to the School Offices (e-mail or fax). Cancellations received 15 days before the beginning of the selected course: 30% refund; cancellations received after 15 days before the beginning of the course: no refund.



SCHOLARSHIP

A limited number of scholarships is made available to candidates who are 30 years of age or younger. The school may grant a full or a partial scholarship. To apply for a scholarship, please send a brief curriculum vitae and/or a letter of presentation from an authorised officer at the institute of your affiliation. Scholarship applications will only be considered if they reach the School secretariat at least 70 days before the commencement of the course. Successful applicants will receive an offer of scholarship from the school approx. 60 days before commencement of the course. Please note that acceptance of the scholarship is subject to your commitment to come to Rome to attend the course.

Your acceptance and consequent NON-attendance will prevent another applicant who may not have been as fortunate as yourself, from benefiting from your unused scholarship opportunity.

ACCREDITATION

All course programs will be submitted for accreditation to the Italian Ministry of Health (Ministero della Salute) for Continuing Medical Education (ECM) credits.

Upon completion of the courses, participants will receive a certificate of attendance including an indication of the number of credit awarded.

LANGUAGE

Most courses will be conducted in English; therefore a good command of the English language is necessary.

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