



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
**MULTIPLE MYELOMA**  
and related malignancies  
**7<sup>th</sup> Edition**  
**November 7-9, 2024**  
**The Nicolaus Hotel, Bari (Italy)**  
**Presidents and Scientific Responsibles**  
**Prof. Angelo Vacca, Prof. Roberto Ria**

## **PRESENTATION**

In the last 20 years remarkable advancements in the understanding of the pathophysiology of multiple myeloma and related malignancies have paved the way to the identification and the subsequent adoption of new effective and safe therapies. Following the 6th edition which was held on November 5-7th, 2020, the time has come for a thorough biological and clinical update. Like in the previous editions, we aim to provide hematologists, oncologists, internists, radiologists, and other medical specialists as well as young researchers, residents, doctoral and undergraduate students with an invaluable opportunity to deepen and update their knowledge on the already acquired and emerging developments in the biology and treatment of multiple myeloma and related malignancies.

A number of internationally renowned speakers have been invited to deliver state-of-the-art lectures on cutting edge topics. These will include genetic and epigenetic features of myeloma biology, molecular and biological mechanisms of disease progression, new prognostic markers and novel approaches to assess the response to therapy, new single or combined therapeutic molecules specifically targeting tumor cells and/or their microenvironment. Autologous and allogeneic stem cell transplantation, bispecific monoclonal antibodies, and CAR-T cells will also be the object of intensive scrutiny. Finally, supportive therapy, emerging toxicity, and infectious complications will be discussed in their many facets.

We are confident that at the end of the meeting all of us will be enriched with fresh stimuli and renewed enthusiasm, with the deep awareness that the enduring challenges posed by multiple myeloma and cognate tumors may now be approached with more rational and more effective achievements.

*Angelo Vacca and Roberto Ria*

# PROGRAMME

Thursday, November 7, 2024

13.30-14.15 Registration of participants

14.15-14.30 Welcome speech and orientation  
**Angelo Vacca, Roberto Ria**

14.30-15.10 **Opening Lecture**  
**Chairperson: Angelo Vacca (Bari, IT)**

Role of the immune microenvironment in resistance to T-cell based therapies  
**Paola Neri (Calgary, CAN)**

15.10-17.15 **Workshop 1**  
**Biology: Genomic, Epigenomic and Proteomic of Multiple Myeloma and Precursors**  
**Chairpersons: Niccolò Bolli (Milano, IT), Andrzej J Jakubowiak (Poznan, PL)**

15.10-15.35 The supportive role of the endothelial niche in myeloma biology  
**Aldo M. Roccaro (Brescia, IT)**

15.35-16.00 Mitochondrial dysfunctions in multiple myeloma  
**Nicola Amodio (Catanzaro, IT)**

16.00-16.25 Genomic complexity during smoldering multiple myeloma progression  
**Matteo Da Vià (Milano, IT)**

16.25-16.50 Transcriptome of multiple myeloma  
**Anja Seckinger (Jette, BE)**

16.50-17.15 Circulating tumor cells in multiple myeloma  
**Andrzej J Jakubowiak (Poznan, PL)**

17.15-17.30 *Coffee break*

17.30-19.35 **Workshop 2**  
**Biology: Bone Disease and Immunodeficiency in Myeloma**  
**Chairperson: Tom Cupedo (Rotterdam, NL), Karin Vanderkerken (Brussels, B)**

17.30-17.55 New acquisition on myeloma bone disease pathogenesis  
**Nicola Giuliani (Parma, IT)**

17.55-18.20 Dendritic cells in Multiple Myeloma  
**Kim De Veirman (Brussels, B)**

18.20-18.45 Impact of the gut microbiota and motility on myeloma immunity  
**Matteo Bellone (Milan, IT)**

18.45-19.10 The tumor-supportive microenvironment in multiple myeloma  
**Tom Cupedo (Rotterdam, NL)**

19.10-19.35 Mesenchymal stem cells in Multiple Myeloma  
**Ivan Van Riet (Brussels, B)**

## **Friday, November 8, 2024**

**08.30-11.00 Workshop 3**  
**Prognostic Stratification and Big Data**  
**Chairpersons: Mattia D'Agostino, Ella Willenbacher (Innsbruck, AT)**

08.30 - 08.55 Impact of genomic complexity on prognosis of multiple myeloma  
**Niccolò Bolli (Milan, IT)**

08.55 - 09.20 Unraveling the biological underpinnings: Prognostic stratification of smoldering multiple myeloma  
**Annamaria Gullà (Candiolo, IT)**

09.20 - 09.45 1q abnormalities for multiple myeloma risk stratification  
**Mattia D'Agostino (Torino)**

09.45 - 10.10 Next generation sequencing or next generation flow for MRD evaluation  
**Carolina Terragna (Bologna, IT)**

10.10 - 10.35 Role of registry to increase knowledge on multiple myeloma  
**Wolfgang Willenbacher (Innsbruck, AT)**

10.35 – 11.00 High risk disease beyond CAR-T and BiTEs: Machine learning guided approaches  
**Antonio Giovanni Solimando (Bari, IT)**

11.00-11.20 *Coffee break*

**11.20-13.00 Workshop 4**  
**Clinical Features**  
**Chairpersons: Mario Boccadoro (Turin, IT), Stephen Jolles (Cardiff, UK)**

11.20 - 11.45 Cellular therapies for difficult-to-treat patients  
**Massimo Martino (Reggio Calabria, IT)**

11.45 - 12.10 Treatment of secondary immunodeficiency and infections in multiple myeloma  
**Stephen Jolles (Cardiff, UK)**

12.10 - 12.35 Monoclonal gammopathies of clinical significance  
**Daniele Derudas (Cagliari, IT)**

12.35 - 13.00 Secondary primary malignancies in multiple myeloma  
**Graham H. Jackson (Newcastle, UK)**

13.00 - 14.30 *Lunch*

**14.30 - 15.00 Keynote Lecture**  
**Chairperson: Franco Dammacco (Bari, IT)**

CAR-T and Beyond in multiple myeloma  
**Nizar Jacques Bahlis (Calgary, CAN)**

**15.00 – 16.40 Workshop 5**  
**First Line Therapy**  
**Chairpersons: Salomon Manier (Lille, FR), Pellegrino Musto (Bari, IT)**

15.00-15.25 New evidence on induction therapy in transplantable patients  
**Alessandro Corso (Legnano, IT)**

15.25-15.50 Upfront therapy in transplantable patients: can we develop a personalized strategy?  
**Francesca Gay (Turin, IT)**

15.50-16.15 How I treat high-risk myeloma  
**Paola Tacchetti (Bologna, IT)**

16.15-16.40 Special problems in the management of elderly patients with multiple myeloma  
**Salomon Manier (Lille, FR)**

16.40-17.00 *Coffee break*

**17.00 - 19.10 Workshop 6**  
**Relapsed/Refractory Myeloma**  
**Chairpersons: Roberto Ria (Bari, IT), Fredrik Schjesvold (Oslo, NO)**

17.00 - 17.25 New strategies for first relapsed patients  
**Ciro Botta (Palermo, IT)**

- 17.25 - 17.50 Over the second relapse  
**Alessandra Romano (Catania, IT)**
- 17.50 - 18.15 Unmet medical need for lenalidomide refractory myeloma patients  
**Javier de la Rubia Comos (Valencia, ES)**
- 18.15 - 18.40 New combination of anti-CD38 monoclonal antibodies  
**Fredrik Schjesvold (Oslo, NO)**
- 18.40 - 19.05 MRD-guided therapeutic strategies  
**Roberto Mina (Turin, IT)**

*Dinner*

## **Saturday, November 9, 2024**

- 08.30 - 11.00 Workshop 7**  
**Newest Drugs and Strategies**  
**Chairpersons: Shaji Kumar (Rochester, USA), Thomas Lund (Odense, DK)**
- 08.30 - 08.55 Development of new clinical trial in multiple myeloma  
**Shaji Kumar (Rochester, USA)**
- 08.55 - 09.20 Pathway-directed therapy in multiple myeloma  
**Niels Weinhold (Heidelberg, D)**
- 09.20 – 09.45 Selinexor therapy for multiple myeloma  
**Claudio Cerchione (Meldola, IT)**
- 09.45 - 10.10 CelMod a new treatment of relapsed/refractory disease  
**TBD**
- 10.10 - 10.35 Targeting B cell maturation antigen (BCMA) in multiple myeloma  
**Hermann Einsele (Würzburg, D)**
- 10.35 - 11.00 Emerging antigen target for multiple myeloma immunotherapy  
**Benedetto Bruno (Turin, IT)**
- 11.00-11.30 *Coffee break*

**11.30-13.10 Workshop 8**

**Plasma Cell Dyscrasias**

**Chairpersons: Alessandro Corso (Legnano, IT), Hermann Einsele (Würzburg, D)**

11.30 - 11.55 Molecular classification, diagnosis, and evidenced-based treatment of plasma cell leukaemia

**Thomas Lund (Odense, DK)**

11.55 - 12.20 Extramedullary myeloma

**Meral Beksac (Ankara, TR)**

12.20 - 12.45 Current approach to Waldenström macroglobulinemia

**Marzia Varettoni (Pavia, Italy)**

12.45 - 13.10 New strategies for insoluble organ-deposited amyloid depletion

**Paolo Milani (Pavia, IT)**

13.10 - 13.25 Closing Remarks

**Angelo Vacca, Roberto Ria**

Congress Closure and CME questionnaire