# "Melanoma Bridge 2018"

# Naples - November 29th - December 1st 2018

#### **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

## **November 29th (Thursday)**

17:00	18:00	Registration**
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18:00 18.30 Opening Session Lecture \*\*, Magdalena Thurin

#### **November 30th (Friday)**

9:00 9:30 Registration\*\*

#### Session - Melanoma as a model system

#### Chairperson: Giuseppe Masucci, Olivier Michielin

9:30	9:50	Neoadjuvant and adjuvant, Sanjiv Agarwala
9:50	10:10	Biomarkers in immunotherapy of melanoma: an update, Claus Garbe
10:10	10:30	Combining MAPK and PD-1/L1 inhibitors- lessons from patients and mice, Roger Lo
10:30	10:50	Clinical evidence emerging from radiation and Immunotherapy, Silvia Formenti
10:50	11:10	Discussion on melanoma as a model system, Giuseppe Masucci, Olivier Michielin
11:10	11:25	Break**
11:25	12:25	Oral Communications**
12:25	13:25	Symposium Title to be defined** - Sponsored by MSD
		Paolo A. Ascierto, Mario Mandalà
13:25	14:10	Lunch**

# Session - Mechanisms of resistance and drivers of response

## Chairpersons: Gerardo Botti, Giuseppe Palmieri

14:10	15:10	Symposium
15:10	15:30	Exosomes, Soldano Ferrone
15:30	15:50	Microbiota, Laurence Zitvogel
15:50	16:10	Title to be defined, Thomas Gajewski
16:10	16:30	Title to be defined, Abi Diab
16:30	16:50	Discussion on mechanisms of resistance and drivers of response, Gerardo Botti, Giuseppe
		Palmieri

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Not included in the CME accredited program

<sup>\*</sup>invited faculty

16:50	17:05	Break**
17:05	18:05	Oral Communications**
18:05	18:20	Conclusions, Gerardo Botti, Giuseppe Palmieri

# **December 1st (Saturday)**

## **Session - Emerging strategies**

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9:30	9:50	Translational research in the therapeutic landscape for metastatic melanoma, Reinhard
		Dummer
9:50	10:10	Title to be defined, Igor Puzanov
10:10	10:30	Advancing the understanding and treatment of melanoma CNS metastases, Michael Davies
10:30	10:50	Emerging strategies for combination immunotherapy in melanoma, Jason Luke
10:50	11:10	Discussion
11:10	11:40	Lecture – Target therapy and Immunotherapy: rational for combination and future
		perspectives, Paolo A. Ascierto
11:40	11:55	Break**
11:55	12:55	Oral Communications**
12:55	13:55	Symposium – IO adjuvant therapy and novel combination
		Chaiperson: Paolo A. Ascierto
		12:55 A new paragdim: IO as adjuvant, Omid Hamid
		13:15 Novel combination strategies, Paolo A. Ascierto
		13:35 Discussion on IO adjuvant therapy and novel combination, Paolo A. Ascierto, Omid
		Hamid
13:55	14:30	Lunch**

#### **Session - Great Debate**

## Chairpersons: Alessandro Testori, Franco Perrone

14:30	15:30	Symposium
15:30	16:00	Is OS still the main endpoint? Yes or no - Alexander Eggermont, Paolo Bruzzi
16:00	16:10	Discussion on Is OS still the main endpoint? Alessandro Testori, Franco Perrone, Alexander
		Eggermont, Paolo Bruzzi
16:10	16:40	Is anti CTLA-4 still the good drug to combine with anti PD-L1? Yes or no - Paolo A. Ascierto,
		Omid Hamid
16:40	16:50	Discussion on Is anti CTLA-4 still the good drug to combine with anti PD-L1?, Alessandro

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		Testori, Franco Perrone, Paolo A. Ascierto, Omid Hamid
16:50	17:20	Adjuvant vs neoadjuvant - Alexander van Akkooi, John
		Kirkwood
17:20	17:30	Discussion on Adjuvant vs neoadjuvant, Alessandro Testori, Franco Perrone Alexander van
		Akkooi, John Kirkwood
17:30	17:50	Conclusions, Paolo A. Ascierto, Corrado Caracó, Igor Puzanov

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## **SCIENTIFIC RATIONAL**

Metastatic melanoma represents a challenging clinical situation due, until relatively recently, to a paucity of effective treatment options. Melanoma treatment landscape changed in 2011 with the approval of the first

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anti-cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein (CTLA)-4 checkpoint inhibitor and of the first BRAF-targeted monoclonal antibody, both of which significantly improved overall survival. Since then, improved understanding of the tumor microenvironment and tumor immuno-evasion strategies has resulted in different approaches to target and harness the immune response. Approval of new immune- and target-therapies have further improved outcomes for patients with advanced melanoma. The new therapies offer the opportunity for various approaches with distinct modes of action being used in combination with one another, as well as combined with other treatment modalities such as radiotherapy, electrochemotherapy and surgery.

However, many questions still remain unanswered, beginning with the identification of melanoma patients who will derive most benefit from different treatments and on the biomarkers that can be employed to help select patients for treatment. Other pending questions that will drive the discussion at Melanoma Bridge are:

- Is melanoma a model system in cancer treatment?
- What do we know of the mechanisms of resistance and of drivers of response?
- Which are the most valuable emerging strategies?

Conclusions will be drawn after the "Great Debate" session, where counterpoint views from leading experts on specific controversial clinical issues will be presented and discussed: (1) whether overall survival is still the main endpoint; (2) whether anti CTLA-4 is still the good drug to combine with anti PD-L1 (programmed death ligand 1); (3) whether neo-adjuvant should be preferred over adjuvant therapy.

Presidents of the event are Paolo A. Ascierto (INT, Naples, Italy), Igor Puzanov (Roswell Park Cancer Center, New York), and Corrado Caracò (INT, Naples, Italy), who will gather with the international faculty members in an interactive atmosphere which stimulates discussion and exchange of their experience regarding the most recent advances in research and clinical management of melanoma patients.

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