

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

November 17, 2003: Early Registration  
Hotel Accommodation  
Abstract Submission

December 12, 2003: Cancellation of registration and hotel accommodation

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# 1<sup>st</sup> ISC International Conference on Cancer Therapeutics Molecular Targets, Pharmacology and Clinical Applications



February 19-21, 2004  
Palazzo dei Congressi, Firenze, Italy

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT**

## WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> ISC International Conference on Cancer Therapeutics Molecular Targets, Pharmacology and Clinical Applications to be held in Florence, Italy, from 19 - 21 February, 2004.

This will be the first of a series of important annual scientific meetings where the latest knowledge in the field of anticancer drug research and development, pharmacology and clinical applications will be presented and discussed. This event is being organised jointly by the International Society of Chemotherapy and the Società Italiana di Chemioterapia.

As you can see from the preliminary scientific programme, the conference will be an important opportunity for scientists and physicians to meet who are involved in laboratory, translational and clinical research in the field of drug treatment of cancer.

The scientific programme will comprise several symposia with presentations from leading scientists working in the most topical fields of molecular targets, cancer therapeutics and their clinical applications.

Poster sessions and selected poster discussion sessions are also planned. There will be ample space and opportunity for individual discussion during the meeting and there will be no parallel sessions.

We encourage scientists and physicians to attend the conference and to submit their excellent new findings for consideration for presentation at this meeting.

We all hope you will join us at this meeting. The meeting organisers have ensured that the social events and the ambience will be as inspiring as the scientific arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you in Florence!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the Scientific Advisory Board,

*Teresita Mazzei*

*Enrico Mini*

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## Preliminary Conference Schedule

### Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 - 10.45 Pre-Congress Clinical Symposium 1
- 11.00 - 11.30 Opening Ceremony
- 11.30 - 12.00 Main Lecture 1:
- The reality of making molecularly targeted cancer drugs
- 12.00 - 12.45 Meet the Expert Sessions 1 and 2
- 12.45 - 14.00 Lunch/Poster Session 1/Exhibition
- 14.00 - 15.45 Plenary Session 1. Discovery and development of molecularly targeted drugs: methodology issues
- Drug discovery strategies
  - Target selection issues
  - Mechanism-based clinical trials design: linking clinical and pharmacodynamic end-points
- 16.00 - 17.45 Plenary Session 2. Pharmacogenetic and pharmacogenomic determinants of drug efficacy and toxicity in cancer therapy
- Pharmacogenomics and pharmacogenetics as new tools to optimise cancer chemotherapy
  - Role of thymidylate synthase gene expression and polymorphism in colon cancer
  - Perspective clinical trials of the pharmacogenetic/pharmacogenomic approach
- 17.45 - 19.30 Clinical Symposium 2
- 20.00 Welcome Reception

## Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 8.30–9.45 Debate on clinical trials of molecularly targeted drugs:
- Regulatory perspectives
  - Industry perspectives
- 9.45–13.00 Plenary Session 3. Emerging data from clinical trials of signal transduction modulators (I)
- Anti-EGFR antibodies
  - Small molecule EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors: an overview
  - Gefitinib induced pulmonary toxicity: a risk-benefit assessment
  - Multiple signal transduction pathway inhibition strategies
- 13.00–15.15 Lunch/Poster Session 2/Exhibition
- 13.45–15.15 Clinical Symposium 3
- 15.15–16.00 Clinical Seminar
- 16.15–16.45 Main Lecture 2:
- Combining targeted cancer therapies with chemotherapy
- 16.45–18.45 Plenary Session 4: Classic chemotherapy targets: are these still exciting?
- DNA topoisomerase inhibitors/Camptothecins
  - Marine compounds: ET-743 and beyond
  - New platinum compounds. From the laboratory to the clinic
  - Pyrrolbenzodiazepines
  - New tubulin agents

## Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

- 8.30–9.00 Main Lecture 3:
- Chemoprevention and adjuvant therapy
- 9.00–11.00 Plenary Session 5: Emerging data from clinical trials of signal transduction modulators (II)
- HER2 pathway inhibition
  - Imatinib mesylate clinical development: an update
  - Antibodies to VEGF and its receptors: overview of clinical trials
  - VEGF receptor inhibition: small molecule approaches
- 11.15–13.15 Plenary Session 6: Other emerging targets for clinical trials
- Clinical trials with histone deacetylase inhibitors
  - Hsp90 antagonists
  - Diethylaminoethyl-demethoxygeldanamycin
- 13.15–15.15 Lunch/Poster Session 3/Exhibition
- 13.45–15.15 Luncheon Symposium. Innovative pharmacological methods for the study of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of anticancer drugs
- New techniques in pharmacokinetic monitoring
  - Molecular imaging-metabonomics: applications in the clinic
  - Application of functional imaging for response assessment in clinical trials
- 14.15–15.15 Meet the Expert Sessions 3 and 4
- 15.15–15.45 Main Lecture 4:
- Resistance to signal transduction inhibitors
- 16.00–17.30 Poster Discussion Session
- 17.30 Closing Remarks

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

### MAIN TOPICS

#### Drug discovery technologies

#### Experimental/molecular therapeutics

- New cytotoxic agents
- Signal transduction modulators

#### Immunoactive agents (vaccines, biologicals, antibodies)

#### Gene therapy, antisense, ribozymes, small RNA interference

#### Drug resistance

#### Molecular and cellular pharmacology

#### Pharmacogenetics and pharmacogenomics

#### Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics

#### Clinical pharmacology

#### Clinical trials

#### Drug treatment of solid tumours and haematological malignancies

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English.

### CONFERENCE VENUE

The 1<sup>st</sup> ISC International Conference on Cancer Therapeutics, Molecular Targets, Pharmacology and Clinical Applications will be held at Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazza Adua 1, 50123 Firenze, Italy ([www.firenze-expo.it](http://www.firenze-expo.it))

#### How to get to the conference venue:

##### *Arrival by train*

Palazzo dei Congressi is located just in front of “Santa Maria Novella” main railway station of Firenze and is within walking distance of the hotels reserved downtown.

##### *Arrival by plane*

The Conference Venue is easily reached from “A. Vespucci” Firenze Airport by taxi (approximately 15 minutes – reservation numbers +39-055-4242/4798/4390) or by shuttle service Volainbus to “S. Maria Novella” main railway station (about 30 minutes, tickets can be bought directly on the bus - for timetable please check [www.ataf.net](http://www.ataf.net)).

For those landing at “G. Galilei” Pisa Airport, direct trains to “S. Maria Novella” Firenze main railway station are available (travel time approximately 60 minutes - for train schedules please check [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it)).

##### *Arrival by car*

From the A1 highway take the “Firenze Sud” or the “Firenze Nord” exit depending on your travel itinerary, then follow the indications for Firenze “Centro” and then “S. Maria Novella” railway station. There are different fee parking lots in the area where you can leave your car. For detailed map and route info please check [www.michelin.com](http://www.michelin.com).

### REGISTRATION FEES (20% VAT INCLUDED):

Status	Before November 17 <sup>th</sup>	After November 17 <sup>th</sup>	On site
ISC/SIC members	€ 320,00	€ 370,00	€ 400,00
Non-members	€ 370,00	€ 420,00	€ 450,00
Juniors*	€ 200,00	€ 250,00	€ 280,00
Daily registration	€ 170,00	€ 200,00	€ 230,00
Accompanying person**	€ 170,00	€ 190,00	€ 210,00

\* to qualify for junior status, the applicant should be under the age of 31. This must be certified by a copy of the relevant page of the passport to be sent together with the registration form.

\*\* the registration fee for accompanying persons includes the welcome reception, the social dinner and a half-day city tour of Firenze.



### Conference registration fees include:

- Access to scientific sessions
- Conference kit
- Final programme
- Abstract book
- Working lunches
- Coffee breaks
- Welcome reception
- Gala dinner

### HOW TO REGISTER

The Registration and Hotel Form is to be filled out and returned to the Organising Secretariat OIC Srl either by fax (+39/055/55.28.421-57.02.27), by mail (OIC Srl - Viale Matteotti, 7 - 50121 Firenze to the attention of Ms Annalisa Batistini) or e-mail ([isc2004@oic.it](mailto:isc2004@oic.it)).

**Please note that registration to the conference is absolutely necessary both for participation in the scientific sessions and submission of the abstract.**

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Different price-category hotel rooms, located in the city centre of Firenze and near the Conference Venue, have been reserved by the Organising Secretariat for the duration of the Conference.

Please return the Hotel Reservation Form together with the requested deposit to the Organising Secretariat **no later than November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003** (including € 20,00 for the handling fee - see the chart below), in order to ensure that your hotel reservation is confirmed properly.

Accommodation cannot be guaranteed if your hotel request is received after the deadline, although OIC will make every effort to meet the participants' request. Please indicate an alternative hotel category in case your preferred one is already fully booked.

As single rooms are limited, the Organising Secretariat will assign double rooms for single occupancy if necessary.

Reservations cannot be confirmed until the deposit and handling fee are correctly received. Upon receipt of the requested deposit, room confirmations with the hotel reservation details will be sent to participants.

### Hotels in Firenze (average price categories\*)

Hotel	Single Min/Max	Double for single use Min/Max	Double Min/Max	Deposit required (incl. booking fee)
★★★★	€ 135,00-190,00	€ 140,00-320,00	€ 160,00-350,00	€ 370,00
★★★	€ 85,00-135,00	€ 110,00-210,00	€ 120,00-220,00	€ 240,00

\* The indicated rates, calculated in Euro, are special congress rates, not valid in other periods of the year and include overnight stay, continental breakfast, tax, V.A.T.

### Economy Accommodation (★★/★)

Some economy accommodations are available downtown. Please apply to the Organising Secretariat and specify your request in writing to finalise this kind of reservation.

### TERMS OF PAYMENT

All payments (registration fees and hotel accommodation deposits) must be processed as follows:

- ◆ bank transfer (free of charge for the recipient) to:

O.I.C. Srl

Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze – Agenzia 1

Viale Matteotti, 20/r – 50132 Firenze

Account No. 10628/00

IBAN: IT 39S0616002801000010628C00 (for foreign delegates)

ABI 6160 – CAB 02801 – CIN S (for Italian delegates)

A photocopy of the transfer issued by the bank must be attached to the Registration and Accommodation Form and mailed to OIC srl. The sender's full name and address should be clearly indicated on the transfer order as well as the payment details.

- ◆ Credit card: VISA – AMERICAN EXPRESS – EUROCARD – MASTERCARD
- ◆ Bank cheque payable to OIC Srl (personal cheques are not accepted)

### GROUP RESERVATIONS

Group reservations (5 rooms or more) will be handled by separate contracts. Please contact the Organising Secretariat for further information.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellation of registrations or hotel reservations will be accepted **until December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003**.

In case of cancellation please apply in writing to the Organising Secretariat. The paid amount will be refunded with a deduction of 30% for administrative charge. No refunds will be processed for cancellations received after December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

In case of change please apply to the Organising Secretariat. In the event of no-show, hotel reservations will be cancelled after one night. No-shows cannot be refunded. All refunds will be made after the meeting.

## **SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

All full conference participants and accompanying persons are invited to the Welcome Reception on Thursday, February 19 and to the Gala Dinner on Friday, February 20. Admission is included in the registration fee. Accompanying persons are also invited to participate in a half-day city tour of Firenze.

## **EXHIBITION**

A Trade Show Exhibition, located at Palazzo dei Congressi, will be held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2004. It will feature pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, medical publishers and scientific societies. Please contact the Organising Secretariat for further information.

## **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

This conference will be submitted to ECM (Italian programme of Continuing Medical Education) for accreditation.

An application for accreditation will also be submitted to the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE).

## **SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

### **ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts must be submitted by e-mail, following the format instructions given in the subsequent sections. Please do not submit the same abstract more than once. The abstract must be written in English.

The abstract form is not included in the printed announcement but is available online at the congress website [www.pharm.unifi.it/isc2004.html](http://www.pharm.unifi.it/isc2004.html).

All abstracts are subject to acceptance by the Scientific Advisory Board, and will be presented as posters. The best submitted abstracts might be selected for oral presentation in plenary sessions or in the poster discussion session.

Fit the abstract into the box (23 cm high and 16 cm wide) and print in characters no smaller than 12 characters per inch (cpi). Single-space all typing. The title should be brief and descriptive and should be typed in all capital letters and in bold face. Authors' names should include first initials and last names. Underline the name of the presenting author. List the institution(s) of the author(s). Give only name of the institution, city and country, no address or ZIP code. Leave a single space line between the affiliations and the text of the abstract. If references are cited in the abstract, they should be in the following format (Smith et al., BMJ 1999; 55:100-2) within the text.

Simple tables may be included if they fit within the space allowed. However, use the tab key, not the space bar, to separate data points in tables. If you use a table editor feature of your word-processing software, ensure that each data point is contained within a unique cell, i.e. do not use carriage returns within cells. Figures are not permitted.

Send the abstract, saved as a WORD or Rich Text Format document, by e-mail as an attachment file (not pasted onto your message) to the e-mail address [isc2004@pharm.unifi.it](mailto:isc2004@pharm.unifi.it) after filling in the first page containing contact details for the corresponding author, the abstract title, full list of authors, affiliations and the name of the presenting author.

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**Deadline for submission of abstracts is: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003.**

**Registration is necessary for presenting the abstract.**

# MAP OF DOWNTOWN FIRENZE - CONFERENCE VENUE AREA

