

Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to join us in Pisa!
What will you learn?
Just recently the survival of patients with pancreatic cancer has been prolonged by new combinations of chemotherapy, radiation, and/or surgery.
All aspects of pancreatic cancer will be discussed including genetics, histopathology, imaging, minimally invasive and endoscopic techniques, and novel new treatments as well as the exploding entity of intraductal pancreatic tumors (IPMN).
Please, join us!!!

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Saturday, April 24

Session 1 - Overview of Pancreatic Cancer

Welcome, Dedication
History of the Pancreas and its Cancer
Pancreas Cancer, where have we been?
Where are we going?
Primer of Genetic and Histologic Changes for Pancreatic Cancer and its Precursors
Surveillance and Clinical Management of Patients in Pancreatic Cancer Kindreds
Panel Discussion

Break

Session 2 - Imaging and staging

CT Scanning, the Gold Standard
Laparoscopy and Pancreatic Cancer - Should we be doing it?
MRI Scanning, any better than CT?
Does PET have a role in the work-up of PC?
Which Staging System Should be used?
Which Classification System should be Used?
JPS and UICC (AJCC) Classification
Panel Discussion

Lunch

Session 3 - Endodiagnostics

Diagnostic ERCP - When is it Necessary?
Is Cytology Useful?
The Diagnosis and Palliative Aspects of EUS
Molecular Biology Studies of Pancreatic Juice to Enhance Diagnosis of Pancreas Cancer
Panel Discussion

Session 4 - Virtual Oral Poster Session

Sunday, April 25

Session 5 - Medical Oncology I - Multimodality Treatment

ESPAC 1 Trials + 3 and EORTC Trials
Improving Radiation Efficacy - the Role of Sensitizers
Contemporary Chemotherapy of Pancreas Cancer
Status of the Newest Clinical Trials in Pancreas Cancer
Panel Discussion

Break

Session 6 - Surgery

Palliative Pancreatoduodenectomy
Resectable Pancreatic Cancer: what determines the outcome?
Extended Lymphatic Clearance - Yes or No?
Single Center Randomized Trial of Extended Lymphadenectomy
Kausch-Whipple or Pylorus Preserving Whipple.
Surgery Alone is not Enough
Panel Discussion

Lunch

Session 7 - Medical Oncology II - Novel Methods or Best Targets

Novel Approaches in Immunotherapy
Genetic Profiling and Drug Response.
Is There a Role for a Vaccine?
Pharmacogenetics of Purine and Folate-Dependent Enzymes in Pancreas Cancer
The Next New Drugs in Pancreas Cancer: New Targets Through Genomics
Integration of Cytotoxic Therapy with Targeted Treatment
Opportunities for the Advancement of Treatment of Pancreas Cancer - An American Perspective
Opportunities for the Advancement of Treatment of Pancreas Cancer - A European Perspective
Panel Discussion

Session 8 - Virtual Oral Poster Session

Monday, April 26

Session 9 - Endotherapy

Endoscopic Treatment of Biliary and Pancreatic Obstruction
Endoscopic Treatment of Gastric Outlet Obstruction
Laparoscopic Biliary Bypass for Palliation of Pancreatic Cancer
The Venerable Open Double Bypass for Palliation of Pancreatic Cancer
Panel Discussion

Break

Session 10 - Surgery

Portal Vein Resection
Portal-Mesenteric Vein Resection-Patient Selection, Pathologic Correlates and Long-term Outcome
Portal-Mesenteric Vein Resection - Allows a Better Prognosis than No Resection
Arterial Resection Does Not Allow a Better Prognosis
Arterial Resection: When and How?
Panel Discussion

Lunch

Session 11 - Those Intraductal Pancreatic Neoplasms

IPMN - An Overview of the Problems
PanIN Classification as it Applies to IPMN
IPMN - Surgical Strategies, Results of Resection and Long Term Follow-Up
Panel Discussion

Session 12 - Virtual Oral Poster Session

Closing Panel Discussion

The Conference ends on Monday, April 26 2004 at 5.30 p.m.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Call for Abstracts

We invite you to submit an abstract representing your work in Pancreas Cancer.

Most of the abstracts will be accepted as poster presentations. Some of them will also be chosen for a brief oral presentation as part of the program.

Abstracts will be accepted ONLY electronically. On our web site, www.pancreascancer2004.org you will find all detailed information for submission and the form to be completed.

Accepted abstracts will be published in International Journals.

Deadline for submission is **January 31, 2004**

Languages

English will be the official language at the Congress

Continuing Medical Education

2004 Pancreas Cancer Congress will request the Dept. of Health for ECM Accreditation

Exhibits

A sponsor exhibit will take place during the Congress. Companies interested in participating are requested to contact the Organizing Secretariat

pancreascancer2004@gruppotriumph.it

Fondazione Arpa

Fondazione Arpa will grant prices to the best 3 papers presented by young researchers (under age 35): www.fondazionearpa.it

Registration Fees (tax included)

Please register for Pancreas Cancer 2004 at www.pancreascancer2004.org

- € 350.00 early fee till February 28, 2004
- € 400.00 late fee till March 31, 2004
- € 500.00 after March 31, 2004 or on site registration

- € 200.00 Students - Residents

(The Euro/\$ exchange is approximately 1 to 1)

Registration fees include: admission to the Congress sessions, Congress kit, Abstract book, coffee breaks, working lunches and social event.

Students/Residents: admission to the Congress sessions, Congress kit, Abstract book, coffee breaks and working lunches.

Congress Proceedings

Congress proceedings on CD will be sent to all the registered participants afterwards.

More copies of CD Congress proceedings will be sold after the Congress.

Pisa

Famous all over the world for its beautiful Leaning Tower, Pisa preserves a medieval historic center of exceptional beauty. Together with testimony of the eras of the Medici family are traces of Roman and Etruscan times. The Pisan artists later introduced a new architectural style which is known today as "Romanico pisano" (Pisan romanesque): you can admire it in many churches, first of all in the splendid Cathedral where the alternation of white and black bands, the sequence of blind arches, the succession of "loggette" create an atmosphere of unsurpassed beauty.

Within a range of a hundred kilometres you can visit some of the most interesting places in Italy: Florence, Lucca, Siena, San Gimignano, Volterra and Alpi Apuane.

The prestigious University of Pisa, established in 1343, has achieved world-wide fame and is proud to sponsor this Congress.

Venue

Green Park Resort Hotel (Congress Venue www.greenparkresort.com) is located on the seafront of Tirrenia (Pisa), a quiet beach resort on the Tyrrhenian coast set amidst an age-old pine-wood and frequented by a demanding Italian and international clientele. It is conveniently located 10 km from Pisa Galilei airport, 13 km from Pisa center and 5 km from the port of Livorno. Featured are sandy beaches for the swimmer and boats to the nearby islands of Elba and Capraia as well as to the famous fishing villages of Cinque Terre.

Special rates have been negotiated for Congress participants. Accommodation options and rates are listed on our web site at www.pancreascancer2004.org.

We recommend an early reservation, before **February 28, 2004**, in order to secure the special rates for participants at the Green Park Resort, the site of this Congress, or at one of the nearby hotels.

To register for the Congress and to reserve accommodations please download the forms on www.pancreascancer2004.org or contact the Organizing Secretariat at pancreascancer2004@gruppotriumph.it.

Directions to the Green Park Resort

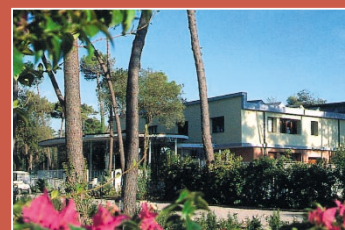
From the A12 motorway, Pisa exit

Follow signs for Tirrenia - Camp Darby.

Continue 4 km on the main road and turn right in the direction of Tirrenia. After 3 km, turn left for Livorno at the intersection and proceed along the shore road for 3 km. Green Park resort will be on your left.

From the Pisa G. Galilei Airport

Follow signs for the A12 motorway, proceed approximately 3 km and take the road with signs indicating Tirrenia - Camp Darby. Continue 4 km on the main road and turn right in the direction of Tirrenia. After 3 km, turn left for Livorno at the intersection and proceed along the shore road for 3 km. Green Park resort will be on your left.



Social Program

Special social activities will be arranged to welcome Pancreas Cancer 2004 participants and their guests, to make their stay in Pisa unforgettable.

April is usually warm, with temperatures around 20-24° (69°-74°F). The appropriate dress for the Congress is business casual.

PANCREAS CANCER 2004

April 24 - 26, 2004

Tirrenia, PI (Italy) - Green Park Resort Hotel



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