



# European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer

## Pharmacology and Molecular Mechanisms Group



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**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**



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# *Preliminary Scientific Programme and Meeting Schedule*

## **Wednesday, February 5**

9.00            **REGISTRATION**

### **PRE-MEETING SESSIONS**

10.30-12.30   **National Cancer Institute (NCI) – European Organization for  
Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) – Cancer Research  
Campaign (CRC) Compound Meeting**

12.30-13.30   Lunch

13.30-15.30   **Screening and Pharmacology Group (SPG) Meeting**

15.30-18.00   **EORTC Laboratory Research Groups Joint Symposium**

*Participating Groups:*

- **Pathology Group**
- **Receptors and Biomarkers Group**
- **Screening and Pharmacology Group**
- **Pharmacology and Molecular Mechanisms Group**
- **Functional Imaging Group**
- **New Drug Development Group**

18.00-19.30   **Satellite Symposium**

18.00-19.30   **PAMM Board Meeting**

19.30           Welcome Reception

## Thursday, February 6

8.30-9.00 Welcome

9.00-11.00 Symposium 1

### UPDATES ON SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION INHIBITORS

*Topics:*

- **Combination of tyrosine kinases inhibitors and cytotoxics: rationale and early results**
- **Targeted signal transduction inhibitors: the imatinib paradigm**
- **Combination of farnesyltransferase inhibitors and cytotoxics: rationale and early results**
- **Thrombospondin 1**

11.30-13.00 Proffered Paper Session 1

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Symposium 2

### APOPTOSIS MODULATORS – POTENTIAL THERAPEUTIC AGENTS?

*Topics:*

- **Proteasome-ubiquitin pathway inhibition as a new approach to cancer chemotherapy**
- **Reactivation of p53 by small molecules as a strategy to combat cancer**
- **Modulation of apoptosis as a therapeutic strategy**
- **Survivin as a possible target for new therapeutic interventions**

16.00-18.00 Proffered Paper Session 2

18.00-19.00 PAMM Business Meeting

20.30 Gala Dinner

## Friday, February 7

8.30-10.30 Symposium 3

### **EPIGENETIC APPROACHES TO CANCER THERAPY**

*Topics:*

- Histone deacetylase inhibition
- Modulation of DNA methylation
- COX inhibitors as chemopreventive and chemotherapeutic agents

10.30-11.45 Round Table Discussion

### **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: MOLECULARLY TARGETED DRUGS VIS-A-VIS “NEW” CYTOTOXIC DRUGS – HOW PROMISING ARE THEY?**

11.45-13.30 Proffered Paper Session 3

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-17.30 Symposium 4

### **NEW THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES: NEW CYTOTOXIC DRUGS/GENE THERAPY**

*Topics:*

#### **a) New cytotoxic drugs**

- Novel marine anticancer agents
- Agents targeting topoisomerase I
- Agents targeting tubulins: new vinca alkaloids
- Agents targeting tubulins: new taxanes and epothilones

#### **b) Gene therapy**

- Protection of bone marrow toxicity by drug resistance gene transfer
- MGMT/MDR-1 gene therapy for normal tissue protection: pre-clinical studies
- Therapeutic viruses

17.30-18.05 Plenary Lecture

### **A EUROPEAN DRUG DISCOVERY ADVENTURE – NOW INTO ITS 7<sup>th</sup> DECADE**

18.30 PAMM Football Match

20.30 PAMM Dinner

## Saturday, February 8

8.30-12.00 **Proffered Paper Sessions 4 and 5**

12.00-13.00 **Poster Discussion Session**

13.00-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-16.00 **Workshop**

### **PHARMACOGENETICS, PHARMACOGENOMICS AND TREATMENT OUTCOME**

*Topics:*

- **Thymidylate synthase expression and polymorphism**
- **Dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase mutations**
- **Uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyltransferase mutations**

16.00 **Farewell**

# *Proffered Paper and Poster Session Topics*

## **Experimental/molecular therapeutics**

Alkylating agents

Antimetabolite agents

DNA-reactive drugs

Platinum complexes

Antitubulin agents

Agents targeting topoisomerases or telomeres

Cell cycle inhibitors

COX inhibitors

Histone deacetylase inhibitors

Antiapoptotics

Signal transduction inhibitors

GFR inhibitors

Farnesyltransferase inhibitors

Tyrosine kinase inhibitors

Antiangiogenic and antivascular drugs

Other biological agents

Gene therapy, antisense, ribozymes, small RNA interference

Drug resistance

## **Molecular and cellular pharmacology**

### **Pharmacogenetics and pharmacogenomics**

### **Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics**

### **Clinical pharmacology**

### **Phase I, II and III clinical trials**

### **Medicinal chemistry**

# Meeting Information

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting is English.

## VENUE

The 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PAMM Group will be held at Convitto della Calza, Piazza della Calza, 6 - 50100 Florence, Italy (phone +39-055-222287; fax +39-055-223912).

## How to get to the Meeting venue:

### *Arrival by train*

Convitto della Calza is located near to the city centre (Porta Romana area) and is easy to reach from the main railway station “S. Maria Novella” by ATAF public bus service (about 15 minutes with n. 36, 37, 11; stop at Piazza della Calza – for bus timetable see [www.ATAF.net](http://www.ATAF.net)).

Alternatively only 10 minutes by taxi.

### *Arrival by plane*

The Meeting venue can be reached from “A. Vespucci” airport of Florence by taxi (about 20 min) or by shuttle service Volainbus (for bus timetable see [www.ATAF.net](http://www.ATAF.net)) to “S. Maria Novella” railway station (about 30 min) and from there by ATAF public bus service (see above).

For those landing at “G. Galilei” Pisa Airport, direct trains to “S. Maria Novella” Florence railway station are available (about 60 min) (for train schedule see [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it)).

### *Arrival by car*

From A1 highway take the Firenze Certosa exit, then follow indications for Florence, Porta Romana. There is a fee parking lot at Porta Romana where you can leave your car. For map and route info see [www.calza.it](http://www.calza.it) (map section).

## REGISTRATION FEES (20% VAT included):

	Before December 6, 2002	After December 6, 2002
PAMM members	€ 270.00	€ 320.00
Non-members	€ 360.00	€ 410.00
Juniors*	€ 170.00	€ 200.00
Daily registration	€ 160.00	€ 190.00
Accompanying person**	€ 180.00	€ 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

\*\* registration fee for accompanying person includes dinners, welcome reception and participation in social activities



## Meeting registration fees include:

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

## HOW TO REGISTER

Registration can be made by filling in the Registration and Hotel Form and returning it to the Organizing Secretariat OIC Srl by fax (+39-055-55.28.421/055-570.227) or by mail (OIC Srl - Viale Matteotti, 7 - 50121 Firenze, Italy).

On-line registration is also available at our web-site:

[www.pharm.unifi.it/pamm2003.html](http://www.pharm.unifi.it/pamm2003.html)

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Different price category hotel rooms, located in the centre of Florence and near the Meeting Venue, have been reserved by the Organizing Secretariat for the duration of the Meeting.

Please return the hotel reservation form, together with the requested deposit to the Organizing Secretariat **no later than 6 December** (including € 20,00 handling fee – see chart below) in order to ensure that your hotel reservation will be made as required.

After that date accommodation cannot be guaranteed, although OIC will make every effort to meet participants' requirements.

Please indicate an alternative category in case your preferred choice is fully booked. As single rooms are limited, the Organizing Secretariat will have to assign double rooms for single occupancy if necessary.

Reservations cannot be confirmed until the deposit and handling fee are received. A room confirmation containing all reservation data will be sent on receipt of the appropriate deposit.

**Economy accommodation is also available on request in one-star hotels or student or religious houses.**

## Hotels in Florence (price categories)

Hotel*	Single Min/max	Double single use Min/max	Double Min/max
★★★★	€ 77.00 - 171.00	€ 97.00 - 191.00	€ 114.00 - 213.00
★★★	€ 78.00 - 130.00	€ 65.00 - 180.00	€ 90.00 - 190.00
★★	€ 50.00 - 80.00	€ 75.00 - 95.00	€ 100.00 - 115.00
★/other economy accommodation	On request	On request	On request

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

## Deposit required (including booking fee)

Hotel	Single Min/max	Double single use Min/max	Double Min/max
★★★★	€ 191.00	€ 211.00	€ 233.00
★★★	€ 150.00	€ 200.00	€ 210.00
★★	€ 100.00	€ 115.00	€ 135.00
★/other economy accommodation	On request	On request	On request

## TERMS OF PAYMENT

All payments (registration fees and hotel accommodation deposit) must be made 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, Italy

Account No. 10628/00

IBAN: IT 39S0616002801000010628C00 (for not Italian 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. 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 cheque are not accepted)

## GROUP RESERVATIONS

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

## CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellation of the registration or hotel reservation will be accepted until December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

In case of cancellation please apply in writing to the Organizing Secretariat. The paid amount will be refunded with a deduction of 30% for administrative charge. No refund will be allowed for cancellations received after December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

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

## EXHIBITION

An exhibition of the latest technical equipment and pharmaceutical products, located at the Convitto della Calza, will be held from 5 to 8 February 2003. Please apply to the Organizing Secretariat for further information.

# *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 make multiple submissions of the same abstract.

Abstract must be written in English.

The abstract form is not included in the printed announcement but is available online at the Meeting website [www.pharm.unifi.it/pamm2003.html](http://www.pharm.unifi.it/pamm2003.html).

All abstracts are subject to acceptance by the Scientific Advisory Board, and will be oral or poster presentations.

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. Authors' name 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 line space between the authors/affiliations and the text of the abstract. If references must be cited in the abstract, they should be in the following format (Smith JJ. 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 as an enclosure) to the Scientific Secretariat (e-mail address [pamm2003@unifi.it](mailto:pamm2003@unifi.it)) after filling in the first page with the contact details for the corresponding author along with the abstract title, full list of authors and affiliations and the name of the presenting author.

Further enquires about abstract submission should be addressed to the Scientific Secretariat (phone and fax +39-055-4271306; e-mail [pamm2003@unifi.it](mailto:pamm2003@unifi.it))

**Registration is necessary for presentation of the abstract.**

**Deadline for submission of abstracts is: December 6, 2002**

## **BURSARIES**

The Organizing Committee will provide financial support for some young scientists. To qualify for a fellowship, applicants must:

- be under the age of 36 (enclose photocopy of passport as proof of age)
- submit an abstract as presenting author
- submit a letter of application and a brief curriculum vitae with a list of up to 5 publications.

**Deadline for submission of application is: December 6, 2002**

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**December 6, 2002: Abstract Submission  
Early Registration  
Hotel Accommodation**

**December 20, 2002: Cancellation of registration and hotel accommodation**

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