



Taormina, Italy, Hotel Villa Diodoro
3-5 October 2013

## Dear Colleagues,

on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee and of the International Scientific Committee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the International Conference 'Obesity, Diabetes and Cancer: the role of Insulin and the Insulin-like Growth Factors'.

In the last decade, several studies have shown that cancer is to be added to the list of chronic complications of obesity and diabetes, and that insulin resistance and disturbances in the IGF axis are major players in cancer development and prognosis in this setting.

At the same time, clinical trials have shown that strategies aimed to block IGF system activation are of limited benefit in the large majority of cancer patients, in spite of evidence that IGF system activation plays a role in these malignancies.

It is clear, therefore, that both scientists and clinicians are called to face the formidable task to try to prevent the cancer epidemics associated with the widespread increase in obesity and type 2 diabetes and to effectively target cancers associated with deranged insulin/IGF axis.

This Conference is intended to be a forum for epidemiologists, endocrinologists/diabetologists and oncologists as well as basic scientists who are at the forefront of their field, in order to stimulate ideas exchange and to promote collaborations among scientists and clinicians from different disciplines. We are sure that the Conference atmosphere will be ideal to promote the interaction of young scientists with leader scientists. The ultimate goal is to discuss new ways to tackle cancers sustained by abnormalities in the insulin/IGF axis.

We are grateful to all Colleagues and friends who have enthusiastically contributed to this scientific program and who have willingly accepted to come to Taormina for this Conference, and wish them a very pleasant staying and a fruitful work.

Antonino Belfiore Riccardo Vigneri



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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

12.00	Registration		
13.30	Welcome and Meeting's Introduction		
14.00 14.45	Chairmen: Francesco Trimarchi, Teresa L. Wood OPENING LECTURE Insulin and IGF signaling: critical dysregulations in carcinogenesis Derek LeRoith Discussion SESSION I		
Obesity and cancer			
	Chairmen: Stefano Del Prato, Jeffrey MP. Holly		
15.00	Controversies: epidemiological evidences Serum insulin and C-peptide concentration and breast cancer Peter Boyle		
15.15	Insulin as a growth factor: a role in cancer?		
15.30	Riccardo Vigneri		
	General discussion		
15.45	Obesity, insulin resistance and cancer: mechanistic insights from transdisciplinary studies		
	Stephen D. Hursting		
16.05	Discussion		
16.15	Coffee break		



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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

End of 1st day

19.00

	Chairmen: Francesco Giorgino, Stephen D. Hursting			
16.45	Obesity and cancer: focus on leptin and adiponectin			
	Eva Surmacz			
17.05	Discussion			
17.15	SHORT TALKS			
	METFORMIN AS A POTENT ANTI ANGIOGENIC FACTOR:			
	FROM DIABETES TO CANCER  Noonan Douglas M., Biotechnology and Life Sciences Dept., University of Insubria			
	and MultiMedica IRCCS, Italy			
	INSULIN ANALOG X10 AND IGF-1 INCREASE GROWTH OF COLON			
	CANCER ALLOGRAFTS IN MICE WITH DIET-INDUCED OBESITY AND HYPERINSULINEMIA Hvid Henning, Diabetes Research Unit, Novo Nordisk A/S, Denmark			
	ERα SIGNALING INTERFERES WITH ADIPONECTIN EFFECTS			
	ON BREAST CANCER CELL GROWTH  Mauro Loredana, Department of Pharmacy, Health and Nutritional Sciences,			
University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende (CS), Italy ADIPONECTIN-INDUCED APOPTOSIS IS PARALLELED BY OXI				
				STRESS IN LUNG ADENOCARCINOMA A549 CELLS  Stiuso Paola, Dept. of Biochemistry, Biophysics and General Pathology,
	II University of Napoli-Italy			
	Chairmen: Eva Surmacz, Chiara Zatelli			
	Meet the expert Symposium:			
	The GH-IGF axis in obesity and diabetes			
18.15	The GH-IGF axis in obese patients			
	Silvia Savastano			
18.35	Role of the GH-IGF-Insulin system in longevity			
	Giovanni Vitale			
18.55	Discussion			



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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

## **SESSION II**

## **Diabetes and cancer**

	ROUND TABLE: Insulin analogs and agonists: implications in cancer	
	Chairmen: Robert J. Smith, Riccardo Vigneri	
08.30	Insulin analogs: why they are safe Robert J. Smith	
08.50	In <mark>sulin a</mark> nalogs: a note of caution  Joseph A. Janssen	
09.10	In <mark>sulin ana</mark> logs: new directions	
	Francesco Giorgino	
09.30	The clinical implications of insulin analogs use Stefano Del Prato	
09.50	Mitogenic effects of insulin X10 (*)  Bo Falck Hansen	
10.10	Selective Regulation of the Insulin Receptor by Human Allosteric Monoclonal Antibodies (*)	
	Hassan Issafras	
10.30	General Discussion	
10.50	Coffee break	



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Chairmen: Derek LeRoith, Giorgio Sesti

## 11.20 SHORT TALKS

PDLIM2 REGULATES MIGRATION, PROLIFERATION AND DIFFERENTIATION OF NORMAL AND TUMOUR BREAST EPITHELIAL CELLS

Cox Orla T., Kiran-Deevi Ravi, O'Connor Rosemary, Cell Biology Lab,
Department of Biochemistry, Biosciences Institute, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland
HYPERGLYCAEMIA-INDUCED RESISTANCE OF BREAST CANCER
CELLS TO CHEMOTHERAPY IS DEPENDENT ON IGFBP-2/ESTROGEN
RECEPTOR INTERACTIONS

Perks Claire, University of Bristol, UK

IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF A NOVEL INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR 1 RECEPTOR GENE HETEROZYGOUS MUTATION IN A CHILD WITH GROWTH FAILURE Solomon Zemler Ravid, Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel DISCOIDIN DOMAIN RECEPTOR 1 INTERACTS WITH INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR 1 RECEPTOR AND MODULATES ITS ONCOGENIC ROLF IN BREAST CANCER CELLS

Malaguarnera R., Morcavallo A., \*Nicolosi M.L., Sacco A., Stefanello M., Belfiore A., Endocrinology, Department of Health, University of Catanzaro, Italy. \*Endocrinology Unit, Department of Internal Medicine and Medical Specialties, University of Catania, Italy

INSULIN RECEPTOR KNOCK-DOWN LEADS TO REDUCTION IN CD24+ TUMORIGENIC CELLS AND MAMMARY TUMOR GROWTH Rostoker Ran, Clinical Research Institute at Rambam (CRIR) and the Faculty of Medicine,

Rostoker Ran, Clinical Research Institute at Rambam [CRIR] and the Faculty of Medicine, Technion, Haifa, Israel

THERAPEUTIC EFFECT OF METFORMIN ON HEDGEHOG-DEPENDENT TUMORS VIA GLUCOSE-MEDIATED PHOSPHORYLATION OF GLI1

Di Magno Laura, Basile Alessio, Antonucci Laura, D'Amico Davide, Di Marcotullio Lucia, Ferretti Elisabetta, De Smaele Enrico, Gulino Alberto, Canettieri Gianluca, Department of Molecular Medicine, University "La Sapienza", Roma, Italy



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Hyperglycaemia-induced perturbations to the IGF/insulin pathway in epithelial cancers Jeffrey MP. Holly
Discussion
The interplay of insulin, IGFs, insulin analogues and metformin in regulating the cell cycle in mitogenesis (\*) Pierre De Meyts
Discussion
Lunch

## **SESSION III**

## Insulin and IGFs signaling in cancer

## Chairmen: Annamaria Colao, Katia Scotlandi Mechanisms of regulation of IGF-IR gene expression: 14.00 focus on transcriptional and epigenetic levels Haim Werner 14.20 Discussion 14.30 Actions of IR ligands in the regulation of IR trafficking Andrea Morrione 14.50 Discussion IGF system signaling crosstalk with integrins 15.00 and cancer metastases Rosemary O'Connor Discussion 15.20 15.30 Coffee break



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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

16.00	The role of the IGF system in stem cells	
	Teresa L. Wood	
16.20	Discussion	
16.30	Regulation of intracellular localization of IRS proteins and insulin-like bioactivities	
	Shin-Ichiro Takahashi	
16.50	Discussion	
17.00	SHORT TALKS	
	IDENTIFICATION OF TUMOR PROTECTING PATHWAYS IN LARON SYNDROME PATIENTS  Lena Lapkina, Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel  IN VITRO CULTURE CONDITIONS AFFECT SURFACE INSULIN RECEPTOR EXPRESSION LEVELS	
	Lützen Anne, Novo Nordisk A/S, Maaloev, Denmark  REGULATION OF IGF1R GENE EXPRESSION AND ACTION BY THE ANDROGEN-REGULATED FUSION PROTEIN TMPRSS2-ERG IN PROSTATE CANCER  Meisel Sharon Shilhav, Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel	
	DISCOVERY OF A FUNCTIONAL SNP IN AN ESTROGEN RECEPTOR BINDING SITE IN THE IGF1R GENE	
	Bahreini Amir, Santanas Lucas, Benos Panayiotis V., Rae James, Lee Adrian V., Oesterreich Steffi, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Pittsburgh, PA, US	
	CYTOSKELETON TO NUCLEAR TRANSLOCATION OF PDLIM2	

IS REGULATED BY SERINE DE-PHOSPHORYLATION IN AN

"O'Flanagan Ciara (1), Cox Orla (1), Buckley Deirdre (1), Kiely Patrick (1), O'Connor Rosemary (1)
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ADHESION-DEPENDENT MANNER

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

	Chairmen: Ettore degli Uberti, Francesco Frasca
	Meet the expert Symposium. The neuroendocrine tumors: the IGF axis and implications for therapy
18.00	Dysregulation of the IGF axis in neuroendocrine tumors  Annamaria Colao
18.15	Th <mark>e role of IGF-I in medullary thyroid cancer</mark> Maria Chiara Zatelli
18.30	Somatostatin analogs in the therapy of neuroendocrine tumors  Diego Ferone
18.45	Discussion
19.00	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> day



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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

## SESSION IV New blocking strategies for IGFs and insulin signaling

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Chairmen: Antonino Belfiore, Rosemary O'Connor
Biasing IGF-IR signaling through G-protein coupled
receptors. Therapeutic implications for cancer treatment
Leonard Girnita
Discussion
The non-classical sex steroid receptor GPER is implicated in IGF/insulin signaling
Marcello Maggiolini
Discussion
The IGF-IR as a secondary target in chemo-resistant patients <i>Katia Scotlandi</i>
Discussion
Targeting the insulin-like growth factor receptor: developing biomarkers  Adrian V. Lee
Discussion
Coffee break



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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Chairmen: Adrian V. Lee, Sebastiano Andò

## 11.00 SHORT TALKS

IGF BINDING PROTEIN-3 (IGFBP-3) HAS A CENTRAL ROLE
IN MODULATING THE BREAST CANCER CELL RESPONSE TO DNA
DAMAGE

Baxter Robert, Kolling Institute of Medical Research, University of Sydney, Australia BIOMARKERS OF RESISTANCE TO IGF-1R TARGETED THERAPIES IN OVARIAN CANCER

Fernandez Isabel, O'Shea Sandra, Lyons Amy, Addario Barbara, McCabe Nuala, Keating Karen, Kenned Richard y and O'Connor Rosemary, Cell Biology Laboratory, Department of Biochemistry, University College Cork and Almac Diagnostics Ltd, Craigavon, Northern Ireland

THE SELECTIVE INHIBITOR OF IRS1/2 NT157 IS EFFECTIVE AGAINST PROLIFERATION AND MIGRATION OF OSTEOSARCOMA CELL LINES

Garofalo C., Capristo M., Contaldo C., and Scotlandi K., CRS Development of Biomolecular Therapies, Experimental Oncology Laboratory, Rizzoli Orthopaedic Institute, Bologna, Italy

POSSIBLE ROLE OF IGF-1 IN THE CONTROL OF NON FUNCTIONING PITUITARY ADENOMAS CELL GROWTH

Minoia Mariella, Dept. of Medical Sciences, Endocrinology Unit. University of Ferrara, Italy IGF-I PROLIFERATIVE EFFECTS ARE INHIBITED BY TARGETING PKC IN HUMAN ENDOCRINE TUMOR CELLS

Molè Daniela, Dept. of Medical Sciences, University of Ferrara, Italia

A ROLE FOR IGFBP2 IN THE REGULATION OF EPITHELIAL INVASION **Pickard Adam,** Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK



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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

12.00	Towards development of modified IGFBP-2 as a tumor		
	inhibitor		
	Briony E. Forbes		
12.20	Discussion		
12.30	Targeting the insulin- IGF receptor family in oncology: explaining the discrepancies between lab and clinic.		
	Pers <mark>pectives</mark> of IG <mark>F target the</mark> rapy		
	Michael Pollak		
13.00	Discussion		
13.10	Closing remarks		
	Antonino Belfiore, Riccardo Vigneri		
13.30	End of the Meeting, CME Testing		

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Friday October 4 from 08.00 to 19.00
Saturday October 5 from 08.00 to 14.00

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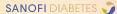


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