



Neuro Oncology Center
of Southern Switzerland

SWISS ITALIAN NEURO-ONCOLOGY MEETING 2022

Hotel Splendide Royal
Riva Antonio Caccia 7, Lugano
Thursday, 27 october, 13h00 - 18h30
Friday, 28 october, 08h30 - 18h20
Saturday, 29 october, 08h30 - 12h45



THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN PRESENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COVID SECURITY STANDARDS.
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Invitation

Dear Colleagues and friends,

We have the chance of being part of a common endeavor to improve the clinical outcome of patients who are fighting against brain tumors. This year we will have the opportunity to share again the best experience regarding clinical activities and research in the field of neuro-oncology both in Italy and Switzerland.

We had a similar opportunity in 2013 in Lugano and in 2017 in Turin. Both experiences were exciting and fruitful, in measure to pave the way to new collaborations and further friendly exchanges.

Unfortunately, during the last 2 years all of us, were adversely impacted by the covid pandemic; but now we are hopefully ready to organize a meeting in presence in our Region and more than happy to invite you in Lugano from 27th to 29th October 2022. In a 3 days meeting we will concentrate on the topic of gliomas, which still represent the most frequent and challenging disease in the field. Moreover we will touch some burning news as new promising drugs in hereditary diseases.

Last year a new WHO Classification of brain tumors was published, and gave more strength to the importance of molecular markers as prognostic factors and predictors of response. They will surely modify treatment choices and research directions. We will discuss how several of these biomarkers may now be identified by advanced neuroimaging techniques, the advancement of new strategies to improve surgical resection of tumors and new techniques in radiotherapy. We will refresh such an event giving space to the youngsters, young colleagues who will give us their enthusiastic way of approaching science and life. The presence of important, well renowned experts in the field, will importantly contribute to the scientific level of such a meeting.

By that, we are sure, we will profit of relevant, multidisciplinary professional experience and, at the same time thanks to the pleasant climate of Ticino, have good time together.

Gianfranco A. Pesce

Andrea Cardia

Roberta Rudà

Programme

Thursday afternoon, October 27

13h00-13h30 **Registration and Welcome**

13h30 Welcome
Gianfranco A. Pesce, Roberta Rudà,
Silke Gillissen Sommer, Alain Kaelin

14h00-15h35 **Pathology and Molecular Biology**

Chairs: Patrick Roth, Marco Gessi

14h00 **What's new from the lab**
Monika Hegi

14h20 **Advances in brain tumor classification,
by methylation analysis**
Luca Bertero

14h40 **New markers, beyond IDH mutation and
MGMTp-methylation, in glioblastoma**
Marco Gessi

15h00 **The impact of NGS in glioblastoma:
More questions than answers?**
Thomas Hundsberger

15h20 **Discussion**

15h35 **Immunotherapy of Brain Tumors**

Chairs: Valérie Dutoit, Carmine Carapella

15h55 **Ongoing trials in Immunotherapy and next trends**
Michael Weller

16h15 **From vaccines towards CAR-T cell therapies for
malignant glioma**
Valérie Dutoit

16h35 **Glioblastoma Immunotherapy:
Learning from the pas and thinking of the future.**
Giacomo Sferruzza

16h55 **Coffee break**

17h15 **Avant-apéro section**

Chairs: Ulrich Roelcke, Riccardo Soffiatti

17h15 **Keynote Lecture: To treat or not to treat IDHmut
not codeleted Lower grade gliomas: Where to go
without an I-WOT trial?**
Michael Weller

17h45 **General discussion**

18h05 **Special care for neurooncology patients:
"Doctor, can I drive my car?"**
Swiss NOS News: Report on activities of the Swiss NOS
Silvia Hofer

Programme

Friday morning, October 28

08h30-10h00 Why are not the RANO criteria in my report?

Chairs: Alessandro Cianfoni, Antonio Silvani,
Michael Weller

08h30 Quantitative assessment of brain gliomas by
advanced MRI and radiomics
Antonella Castellano

08h50 Limits of MRI in diagnostic accuracy before and
after treatment of gliomas
Emanuele Pravata

09h10 Validation and clinical utility of RANO criteria in
CNS tumors
Andrea Bink

09h30 The role of PET in Neuro-Oncology: RANO approach
Riccardo Soffietti

09h50 Panel Discussion

10h00 Coffee break

10h20-11h40 Swiss Youngster Session

Chairs: Georg Wirsching, Roberta Rudà

10h20 The Neurosurgery of the 3rd Millennium:
what really will change the glio-blastoma story
Anna Zeitlberger

Discussant: Luca Regli

10h40 Making connection between the scalpel and the
bench of research
Francesco Marchi

Discussant: Philippe Schucht

11h00 Beyond diagnostics: What's known about the
predictive value of Methylooma in GBM patients
Barbara Muoio

Discussant: Georg Wirsching

11h20 The lab will strongly guide the drug therapy of gliomas
Tobias Weiss
Discussant: Roberta Rudà

11h40 Break

11h45-12h30 Optune® Workshop

Chair: Gianfranco A. Pesce

11h45 Understanding Tumor Treating Fields (TTFields)
Tali Voloshin Sela, PhD, Director Preclinical
Research, Novocure

- 12h00 **Optune® Live**
PD MER, Andreas Hottinger, MD, PhD, Director
Brain & Spine Tumor Center, CHUV
- 12h15 **Questions & Answers**
- 12h30 **Keynote Lecture**
Roger Stupp
- 13h00-14h30 Lunch break**

Friday afternoon, October 28

- 14h30-16h00 Best technology for Surgery safety and improved tumor resection**
Chairs: Andrea Cardia, Tamara Ius
- 14h30 **Incidental low grade gliomas: to treat or not to treat?**
Tamara Ius
- 14h50 **Concepts of function control in LGG surgery: the Swiss view**
Philippe Schucht
- 15h10 **Strategies to enhance resection and maintaining functional integrity in lower grade gliomas**
Lorenzo Bello
- 15h30 **Safety of resection of high grade gliomas: which is the magic wand of the modern Neurosurgeon?**
Luca Regli
- 15h50 **Panel discussion**
- 16h10 Coffee break**
- 16h30-18h20 Promising New techniques in Radiotherapy**
Chairs: Brigitta Baumert, Emilie Le Rhun
- 16h30 **New standards of RT in neuro-oncology**
Nicolaus Andratschke
- 16h50 **Re-irradiation of brain tumors: is there a role?**
Giuseppe Minniti
- 17h10 **Stereotactic radiotherapy for spinal cord tumors**
Laura Fariselli
- 17h30 **Current research on treatment of Radionecrosis**
Emilie Le Rhun
- 17h50 **Discussion**
- 18h20 Closure of Day 2**

Programme

Saturday morning, October 29

08h30-10h00 New Perspectives in Drug Therapy

Chairs: Roberta Rudà, Michael Weller

08h30

[EORTC Initiatives](#)

Mathias Preusser

08h50

[New drug development: from lab to clinical trials](#)

Dario Neri

09h10

[IDH inhibitors](#)

Andreas Hottinger

09h30

[New Drugs in rare and hereditary diseases](#)

Patrick Roth

09h50

[New Perspectives in treatment of CNS metastases](#)

Riccardo Soffietti

10h10

Coffee break

10h40-12:40 Supportive and Palliative Care

Chairs: Claudia Gamondi, Andrea Pace

10h40

[Palliative care in Neuro-Oncology in 2022](#)

Andrea Pace

11h00

[Palliation in Neuro-Oncology patients. An olistic approach](#)

Claudia Gamondi

11h20

[Building the experience of patient's advocacy in Ticino](#)

Annalisa Cassarino

11h40

[The multifaceted role of liaison psychology and psychiatry in the neuro-oncology multidisciplinary equipe](#)

Paola Arnaboldi

12h00

Closing Remarks

Gianfranco A. Pesce, Roberta Rudà

Standing lunch

Scientific Committee

Thomas Hundsberger

Tamara Ius

Emilie Le Rhun

Giuseppe Minniti

Gianfranco A. Pesce

Roberta Rudà

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Swiss Society of Neurosurgery	8

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www.splendide.ch

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www.hotelcitylugano.ch

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