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PROGRAMME

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November 19th — BIOLOGY DRIVES SURGERY

10:30–11:00 Opening Ceremony

- Institutional Greetings *Angelo ALIQUÒ*, *Cristina MATRANGA*, *Sara FARCHI*
- Scientifics Sociates Rapresentives:
  Giuseppe CURIGLIANO, *ESMO*
  Rossana BERARDI, *AIOM*
  René HORSLEBEN PETERSEN, *ESTS*
  Alberto TERMINELLA, *SICT*
  Mohsen IBRAHIM, *SIET/Paola ROGLIANI*, *SIP*
- Welcome Remarks & Meeting Objectives *Giuseppe CARDILLO*

11:00-13:20 | SESSION 1
Precision Oncology and Surgical Decision-Making
Chairs: *Rossana BERARDI*, *Erino Angelo RENDINA*, *Brendon STILES*

HONORARY LECTURES

11:00-11:20 - The evolution of precision oncology in solid tumors *Giuseppe CURIGLIANO*
11:20-11:40 - Cancer in a drop: Liquid Biopsy, the future and the impact on clinical practice *Christian ROLFO*
11:40-12:00 - Precision oncological surgery for lung cancer *Paul VAN SCHIL*

Focused Presentations

12:00-12:15 - Molecular landscape and actionable alterations in NSCLC *Umberto MALAPELLE*
12:15-12:30 - Update on Immune biomarkers in clinical and research practice *Fabiana CECERE*
12:30-12:45 - Tissue acquisition and stewardship from preoperative biopsies *Rocco TRISOLINI*
12:45:13:00 - Pathologic response after surgery (MPR, pCR): how to assess *Paolo GRAZIANO*

13:00-13:20 Expert Discussion
Panelists: *Giuseppe AGNETA*, *Lorena ROSSI*, *Andrea TORNESE*, *Maria Cristina ZAPPA*

13:20-14:20 LIGHT LUNCH

14:20–16:15 | SESSION 2
Early-Stage NSCLC: Optimizing Local Therapy
Chairs: *Mauro BENVENUTI*, *Andrea BILLE*, *Vincent FANG*

Focused Presentations

14:20-14:35 - TNM 9th Edition: the impact on trials and clinical decision *Enrico RUFFINI*
14:35-14:50 - Radiology–pathology correlation *Nicholas LANDINI*
14:50-15:05 - Early stage detection — San Camillo experience *Giuseppe CARDILLO*
15:05-15:20 - High risk tumour profile in stage I (STAS, solid-micropapillary component, VPI) *Brendon STILES*
15:20-15:35 - Sublobar resection vs lobectomy in early stage NSCLC *René HORSLEBEN PETERSEN*
15:35-15:50 - Role of radiotherapy in early stage NSCLC *Raffaele BARBARA*

15:50-16:10 Expert Discussion
Panelists: *Giuseppe MARULLI*, *Edoardo MERCADANTE*, *Teresa PASQUARIELLO*

16:00-18:30 **HANDS-ON SESSION** (no ECM)
(AULA MAGNA AGAZIO MENNITI A.O. SAN CAMILLO-FORLANINI)
ADVANCED VATS & RIGID BRONCHOSCOPY- Educational Session chaired by
René HORSLEBEN PETERSEN
Tutors: *Sandro BATZELLA*, *Massimo JAUS*, *Stefano LOVADINA*, *Federico RAVEGLIA*

16:15 – 17:10 | **SESSION 3**
Stage II – N1 NSCLC: Sequencing Strategies
Chairs: *Federico CAPPUZZO*, *René Horsleben PETERSEN*, *Piergiorgio SOLLI*

16:15-16:25 Focused Presentations
- Limits of clinical staging in N1 patients *Tim BATCHELOR*

Debate
Surgery First vs Systemic First in Stage II - N1 disease
16:25-16:40 - Upfront surgery *Elie FADEL*
16:40-16:55 - Systemic treatment first *Rossana BERARDI*
16:50- 17:10 Expert Discussion
Panelists: *Ettore D'ARGENTO*, *Maurizio INFANTE*, *Rosario SALVI*

17:10 – 19:00 | **SESSION 4**
Stage III NSCLC: Redefining Resectability in the Chemo-Immunotherapy Era
Chairs: *Eric LIM*, *Cosimo LEQUAGLIE*, *Tom NEWSOM-DAVIS*

17:10-17:25 Focused Presentations
17:25-17:40 - Neoadjuvant/perioperative IO: pros and cons *Federico CAPPUZZO*
17:40-17:55 - Resectability decision making: before or after induction? *Eric LIM*
17:55-18:10 - N2a&N2b disease — different strategies? *Tim BATCHELOR*
18:10-18:25 - Role of Targeted therapies in multimodality approach *Vincent FANG*
18:25-18:40 - Restaging after induction: it is still needed? *Tom NEWSOM-DAVIS*
- Technical issues after chemo-immunotherapy *Erino Angelo RENDINA*
18:40-19:00 Expert Discussion
Panelists: *Angelo CARRETTA*, *Gianluca GUGGINO*, *Antonio LUGINI*

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November 20th — ADVANCED DISEASE and FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

08:00 – 09:15 | **SESSION 5**
Junior MDT Interactive Session
Chairs: *Vincenzo AMBROGI*, *Alessandro BERTANI*, *Tiziano DE GIACOMO*

08:00-09:15 - Case discussion 1 & Case discussion 2— Oncologists. Surgeons, Radiologists, Radiation Oncologist
Panelists: *Debora BRASCIA*, *Alessia MONACO*, *Valentina LOMBARDI*, *Claudia PARISI*, *Sara RICCIARDI*
Discussant: *Stefania GRECO*, *Alessandro MARASCHI*, *Dania NACHIRA*

09:15 – 10:05 | **SESSION 6**
PRO–CON DEBATE: Is Stage IIIB Still a Non-Surgical Disease?
Chairs: *Emilio BRIA*, *Andrea BILLÉ*, *Luca VOLTOLINI*

09:15-09:30 - Pros: *Tom NEWSOM-DAVIS*
09:30-09:45 - Cons: *Brendon STILES*
09:45-10:05 Expert Discussion
Panelists: *Andrea DELL'AMORE*, *Domenico GALETTA*, *Valeria STASI*

10:05 – 10:55 | **SESSION 7**
Surgery After Induction Therapy
Chairs: *Tim BATCHELOR*, *Tom NEWSOM-DAVIS*, *Federico VENUTA*

Focused Presentations
10:05-10:35 - VATS vs RATS after induction therapy *René HORSLEBEN PETERSEN* vs *Andrea BILLÉ*
10:35-10:50 - Open surgery: when and why? *Elie FADEL*
10:50:11:05 - From unresectable to resectable disease? *Vincent FANG*
11:05-11:20 - Salvage surgery when and how? *Marco ALIFANO*
11:20-11:35 - Surgical complications after induction therapy *Brendon STILES*
11:35-11:50 - Redefining surgical success. Patient-reported Outcomes (PROMS) and Quality of Life in precision lung surgery after induction treatment *Cecilia POMPILI*
11:50-12:10 Expert Discussion
Panelists: *Andrea DE NEGRI*, *Giuditta D'ISERNIA*, *Marcello MIGLIORE*, *Massimiliano PACI*, *Pierpaolo SPINELLI*

12:10 – 13:45 | **SESSION 8**
Stage IV & Oligometastatic Disease
Chairs: *Francesco GROSSI*, *Vincent FANG*, *Giulio MELLONI*

Focused Presentations
12:10-12:25 - Surgical Perspective: Who, When and How to Operate *Brendon STILES*
12:25-12:40 - Ablative therapy: who, when and why to do it *Francesco GROSSI*
12:40:12:55 - Role of re-biopsy and MRD in advanced disease *Tom NEWSOM-DAVIS*
12:55-13:10 - Advances in stage IV NSCLC EGFR oncogene addicted *Serena RICCIARDI*
13:10-13:25 - Clinical Case Discussion: Real-World Decision Making *Andrea BILLÉ* & *Emilio BRIA*

13:25-13:45 **Expert Discussion**
Panelists: *Giacomo LEONCINI*, *Sabrina MARIOTTI*, *Lorenzo ROSSO*, *Paolo SCANAGATTA*

10:00-12:45 **ABSTRACT SESSION** (PARALLEL ROOM – Aula A, Ospedale San Camillo)
Moderators: *Giampiero DOLCI*, *Francesco PETRELLA*
- Selected abstracts (6 min each+ 3 min discussion)
- Discussant: *Giuseppe CASABLANCA*, *Pierfilippo CRUCITTI*, *Nicolò DADDI*, *Sara MANTOVANI*

13:45-14:25 **LIGHT LUNCH**

14:25-15:00 **SYMPOSIUM J&J** (no ECM)
- Robotic Thoracic Surgery: Current Practice, Open Questions and Expert Perspectives
Moderator: *Bishay EHAB - Emea Ethicon Medical Affairs Advisor*

15:00 – 15:20 | **SESSION 9**
LUNG RESECTION IN NEAR-FIT PATIENTS
Chairs: *Enrico MELLIS*, *Ermanno PUXEDDU*

15:00-15:15 - Oncological resection in patients with severe emphysema: the role of LVRS lobectomy *Laurens CEULEMANS*

15:15-15:20 **Expert Discussion:**
Panelists: *Luca LUZZI*, *Cristina ZIRAFA*

15:20– 15:55 | **SESSION 10**
AI and Digital Surgery
Chairs: *Tim BATCHELOR*, *Andrea BILLÉ*, *Marco CASACCIA*

Focused Presentations

15:20-15:35 - AI analysis in Lung Cancer Multiomics Prospective Cohort *Filippo LOCOCO*

15:35-15:50 - AI in planning complex surgery *Luca BERTOLACCINI*

15:50-15:55 **Expert Discussion:**
Panelists: *Gianluca PARISCENTI*, *Marco TAURCHINI*

15:55 – 16:40 | **SESSION 11**
T3 Chest Wall Involvement
Chairs: *Lucio CAGINI*, *Elie FADEL*, *Brendon STILES*

DEBATE: Surgery First vs Induction First in T3 chest wall involvement

15:55-16:10 - Surgery first *Marco ALIFANO*

16:10-16:25 - Induction first *Tom NEWSOM-DAVIS*

16:25-16:40 **Expert Discussion**
Panelists: *Giulio MAURIZI*, *Stefano MEDA*

16:40 – 17:25 | **SESSION 12**
Cavitary NSCLC and Lung Abscess Cancer: Upfront Surgery vs Induction Chemoimmunotherapy
Chairs: *Tom NEWSOM-DAVIS*, *Alberto TERMINELLA*, *Majed REFAI*

16:40-16:55 - The Abscess Must Go: Why Surgery Should Come First *Marco ALIFANO*

16:55-17:10 - Biology Before Scalpel: Why Induction Therapy Should Remain the Standard *Francesco GROSSI*

17:10-17:25 **Expert Discussion**
Panelists: *Alain GELIBTER*, *Elisa MEACCI*, *Francesco ZARACA*

17:25 **Take-home Messages** *Giuseppe CARDILLO*

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