



European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Rare Tumors in Europe: Challenges and Solutions

6 November 2008 - Hotel Renaissance, Brussels

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:00 – 9:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

PLENARY

9:30 – 11:00 OPENING SESSION

Chair: *José Baselga, ESMO*

- Welcome remarks and introduction by José Baselga, President of ESMO
- Keynote address by Androulla Vassiliou, EU Commissioner for Health
- Keynote address by Roselyne Bachelot, Minister of Health, France - TBC
- Keynote address by Kerstin Westermark, Chair of COMP, EMEA

11.00 – 11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15 – 13:15 PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS INCLUDING WORKING LUNCH

Workshop I

Rare tumors: Methodological and Regulatory Challenges

Chair: *Paolo Casali, ESMO*

The orphan drugs approval process - *Filippo De Braud, European Institute of Oncology*

Current guidelines on efficacy assessment in the EU - *Speaker TBC*

A parliament perspective - *Jolanta Dickute, MEP*

Discussion

Workshop II

Rare cancers: Organisational Challenges

Chair: *Jean-Yves Blay, Conticanet*

The challenge of rare tumors treatment in the EU - *Peter Hohenberger, University of Heidelberg*

The role of patient advocacy groups - *Speaker from ECPC - TBC*

Developing networks in hematology - *Rudiger Hehlmann, Leukemia Network*

Examples of overcoming the barriers

Thor Alvegard, Scandinavian Sarcoma Group & Markus Wartenberg, Sarcoma Patients EuroNet

Discussion

Workshop III

Rare cancers: Patient Access Challenges

Chair: *Flaminia Macchia, Eurordis*

Overview – challenges and barriers - *Flaminia Macchia, Eurordis*

A parliament perspective - *Alojz Peterle, MEP*

Living with a rare tumour: a patient story - *Ella Pybus*

Discussion

13.15 – 13.30 COFFEE BREAK

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13:30– 14:30 ADDRESSING GAPS IN RARE TUMOR TREATMENTS IN EUROPE: EXPLORING SOLUTIONS

Chair: *José Baselga, ESMO*

- Recommendations from workshop addressing “Methodological and Regulatory Challenges”
Paolo Casali, ESMO
- Recommendations from workshop addressing “Organisational Challenges”
Jean-Yves Blay, Conticanet
- Recommendations from workshop addressing “Patient Access Challenges”
Flaminia Macchia, Eurordis

14.30 – 14.45 COFFEE BREAK

PLENARY

14:45– 16:30 EUROPEAN VISION & EU ACTION: PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Chairs: *Adamos Adamou, MEP* - *José Baselga, ESMO*

Panel 1: Stakeholders Perspective

- Rare tumours and the patient perspective - *Speaker from ECPC - TBC*
- The industry perspective - *Guido Guidi, Novartis Oncology*
- The rare diseases achievements - *Yann Le Cam, Eurordis*
- The role of the organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OEI) - *Marco Pierotti, OEI*

Panel 2: The EU Policy Perspective

- Antoni Montserrat, DG SANCO, European Commission
- Frieda Brepoels, MEP
- Irena Belohorska, MEP

16:30– 17:00 DISCUSSION & CONCLUDING REMARKS

Chair: *José Baselga, ESMO*

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