



ESMO Conference

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, ESMO
- Statement by Androulla Vassiliou, EU Commissioner for Health
- Statement by Roselyne Bachelot, Minister of Health, France - TBC

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 EU - Speaker TBC

Developing networks in hematology - Rudiger Hehlmann, Leukemia Network

Examples of overcoming the barriers

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

The role of patient advocacy groups - Speaker TBC

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

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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 TBC*
- The industry perspective - *Guido Guidi, Novartis Oncology, Head of Europe*
- The rare diseases achievements - *Yann Le Cam, Eurordis, Chief Executive Officer*
- The role of the organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI) - *Marco Pierotti, OECI, President*

Panel 2: The EU Policy Perspective

- European Commission – TBC
- Frieda Brepoels, MEP
- Irena Belohorska, MEP

16:30– 17:00 DISCUSSION & CONCLUDING REMARKS

Chair: *José Baselga, ESMO*

