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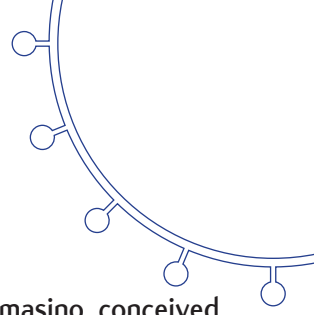


IEO Research  
Istituto Europeo di Oncologia

7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING ON  
EMERGING ISSUES IN  
**ONCOGENIC  
VIRUS RESEARCH**

3-8 June 2025

*IN MEMORY OF  
PROF. MASSIMO TOMMASINO*



## RATIONAL

In 2010 our dear and unforgettable friend, Prof. Massimo Tommasino, conceived the idea of organizing the first biannual meeting on oncogenic viruses in his beloved Puglia. With his vision, he gathered leading international scientists to discuss and exchange data on emerging and well-established cancer associated viruses.

Given the significance and success of this meeting and the five subsequent editions, we felt it was our duty to carry forward the path started by Prof. Tommasino. Our goal is to ensure ongoing updates and comparison of data, fostering collaboration and advancements in the field.

We are therefore proud to announce the upcoming 7th Meeting on Emerging Issues in Oncogenic Virus Research, which will be held in Manduria, Italy, from 3rd to 8th June 2025.

The meeting will focus on new insights into well-established oncogenic viruses and explore emerging oncogenic viruses, along with their clinical implications. More than 40 international speakers will examine and critically evaluate the epidemiology, immunology, and biology of tumor-associated viruses, as well as their lower-risk effects and impact on patients' life.

In its 7th edition, we anticipate the attendance of experienced basic scientists, including biologists, epidemiologists, and clinicians as well as PhD students and junior scientists who will present studies and new data on the proposed topics. The comfortable venue is designed to foster casual, direct interactions and in-depth discussions, providing ample opportunities to forge new collaborations.

We look forward to welcoming you to beautiful southern Italy, to advance science altogether!

*Susanna Chiocca*  
*on behalf of the Scientific Committee*





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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Scientists and students can submit an abstract, both for oral presentations or poster presentations.

### TOPICS:

Cellular transformation, Epidemiology, Immunology, Vaccines, Virus-host interaction

### DEADLINES:

- abstract submission **NEW DEADLINE**  
9 March 2025
- notification of acceptance 28 March 2025

[Click here to submit your abstract](#)



## MEETING VENUE

Hotel dei Bizantini  
at Campo dei Messapi  
in the village S.Pietro in Bevagna  
[www.hoteldeibizantini.it](http://www.hoteldeibizantini.it)

### Distances:

12 km from Manduria (Taranto)  
50 km from Brindisi (nearest airport)\*

\* shuttle buses will be available from Brindisi airport, in connection with the local flights from the major Italian cities



## ATTENDING FACULTY

Walter J. Atwood	The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Providence RI, USA
Lawrence Banks	International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, ICGEB, Trieste Italy
Christopher Buck	Gusteau Research
James A. DeCaprio	Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston MA, USA
Susanna Chioccia	IRCCS European Institute of Oncology, Milan Italy
Jeongjoon Choi	Yale School of Medicine, New Haven CT, USA
Andrzej Dlugosz	University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor MI, USA
Nicole Fischer	University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany
Amelie Fradet-Turcotte	CHU de Québec-Université Laval Research Center, Quebec, Canada
Denise Galloway	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Seattle, WA USA
Robert Garcea	University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder CO, USA
Marisa Gariglio	University of Eastern Piedmont, Novara Italy
Anna Giuliano	Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa FL, USA
Marc Goodman	Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles CA, USA
Reinhard Kirnbauer	Medical University of Vienna, Austria
Laimonis Laimins	Northwestern University, Chicago IL, USA
Paul Lambert	McArdle Laboratory at University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, USA
Andrew Macdonald	University of Leeds, UK
Melissa Maginnis	The University of Maine, Orono ME, USA
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Karl Munger	Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston MA, USA
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Joanna Parish	University of Birmingham, Birmingham UK
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Sigrun Smola	Saarland University Medical Center in Homburg, Germany
Thilo Stehle	Faculty of Science University of Tübingen, Germany

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<b>Katerina Strati</b>	University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus
<b>Maria Lina Tornesello</b>	IRCCS Istituto Nazionale Tumori Fondazione G. Pascale, Naples Italy
<b>K. M. Van Doorslaer</b>	The University of Arizona, College of Medicine, Tucson AZ, USA
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<b>Katia Zanier</b>	Biotechnology and Cell Signaling (CNRS UMR7242), Illkirch, France

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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## SUPPORTING LOCAL HOST

<b>Switzerland and Manduria, Italy</b>	<b>Carlo Tommasino</b>
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## Tuesday, 3 June 2025

Individual arrivals

19.30 Welcome dinner at the hotel

## Wednesday, 4 June 2025

08:30 Registration

09.00 Welcome Address

09.30–12.30 > **Session 1: Vaccine/ Immunology**

Chairpersons: TBD

09.30 How to Make and Share Vaccine-Style Beer

*Chris BUCK*

09.50 PANHPVAX: A first-in-human phase I dose-escalation trial in healthy volunteers of a vaccine targeting human papilloma L2 antigen

*Martin MÜLLER*

10.10 Initiation of a phase I trial in women of RG1-VLP, a broad-spectrum chimeric candidate vaccine for the prevention of HPV-induced neoplasia

*Reinhard KIRNBAUER*

10.30 Lipid-free, Thermostable mRNA Vaccines

*Robert GARCEA*

10.50 **Coffee break**

11.20 Short talk selected from abstracts



# PROGRAMME

12.30 Lunch

14.00–17.20 > **Session 2: Virus–host interaction I**

Chairpersons: TBD

14:00 Merkel cell polyomavirus infection and persistence modelled in skin organoids

*Nicole FISCHER*

14:20 Attempts to identify pharmacologically targetable steps in the life cycle of Kaposi Sarcoma-associated Herpesvirus (KSHV)

*Thomas F. SCHULZ*

14:50 Remodeling of the Ribosome Quality Control by Herpesviruses

*Maria G. MASUCCI*

15:10 Persistent Infections: Genomics and Tissue Models of HPV Pathobiology

*Koenraad VAN DOORSLAER*

15:30 Regulation of HPV replication by R-loops

*Laimonis LAIMINS*

15.50 Coffee break

16.20 Short talk selected from abstracts

18.00 Adjourn

19.30 Dinner



Thursday, 5 June 2025

09.00-12.30 > Session 3: Cellular transformation I

Chairpersons: TBD

09.00 AIRC LECTURE



James A. DeCAPRIO

09:20 Role of Estrogen in Papillomavirus-induced Neoplasia

*Paul LAMBERT*

09.40 TBD

*Denise GALLOWAY*

10.00 Role of Rab GTPases in Human Papillomavirus entry

*Jeongjoon CHOI*

10.20 TBD

*JJ MIRANDA*

10.40 Coffee break

11.10 Short talk selected from abstracts

12.30 Lunch

14.00–17.40 > Session 4: Epidemiology & Virus Host Interaction

Chairpersons: TBD

14.00 TBD

*Anna GIULIANO*

14.20 Microbiome, Metabolomic and inflammatory biomarkers of cervical HPV infections in those living with HIV

*Anna-Barbara MOSCICKI*





- 14.40 TBD  
*Marc GOODMAN*
- 15.10 Biomarkers of head and neck cancer in Latin America and Europe  
*Laura SICHERO*
- 15.30 The dynamics of KSHV infection in the context of prevalent co-infections in South Africa  
*Georgia SCHÄFER*
- 15.50 Coffee break
- 16.20 Dynamic Protein Interactions during Adenovirus Infection  
*Matthew D. WEITZMAN*
- 16.40 Short talks selected from abstracts
- 18.00 Adjourn
- 19.30 Dinner





Friday, 6 June 2025

09.00-12.30 > Session 5: Virus–host interaction II

Chairpersons: TBD

09.00 TBD

*Mario SCHELHASS*

09.20 Transcriptional reprogramming of host gene expression by oncogenic HPV

*Joanna PARISH*

09.40 Metabolic deregulation by alpha and beta HPV types and impact on cellular proliferation

*Katia ZANIER*

10.00 JC virus (JCPyV) Interactions at the Blood-Brain and Blood-CSF Barriers

*Walter J. ATWOOD*

10.20 Viral Receptor Dynamics and Signaling in JC Polyomavirus Entry

*Melissa MAGINNIS*

10.40 The polymerase milieu and mechanisms of HPV replication -

*Kavi MEHTA*

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Short talk selected from abstracts

12.30 Lunch

14.00–17.20 Session 6: Cellular transformation II

Chairpersons: TBD

14.00 Cellular Plasticity in Papillomavirus-related Carcinogenesis -

*Katerina STRATI*



14.20 Exploring the Molecular Landscape of Vulvar Squamous Cell Carcinoma

*Maria Lina TORNESELLO*

14.40 The cellular deacetylase SIRT1 in HPV-driven cancer

*Marisa GARIGLIO*

15.10 TBD

*Lawrence BANKS*

15.30 YAP activation drives HPV carcinogenesis

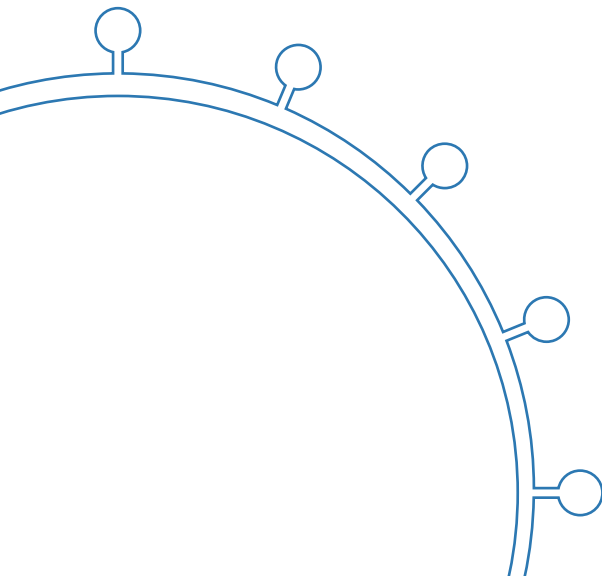
*Elizabeth A. WHITE*

15.50 Coffee break

16.20 Short talk selected from abstracts

18.00 Adjourn

19.30 Dinner





## Saturday, 7 June 2025

### 09.00–12.30 > Session 7: Virus–host interaction III

Chairpersons: TBD

09.00 Differences in glycan receptor binding among BK polyomavirus genotypes

*Thilo STEHLE*

09.20 Manipulation of chromatin state by the viral oncogene HPV E7

*Amelie FRADET-TURCOTTE*

09.40 TBD

*Sigrun SMOLA*

10.00 Short talks from selected abstracts

11.00 Coffee break

### 11.30-13.00 > Session 8: Cellular transformation III

Chairpersons: TBD

11.30 Non-Protein Targets and Effectors of HPVs

*Karl MUNGER*

11.50 Alternative 3D chromatin architecture in viruses leads to pathogenesis

*Donna M. NEUMANN*

12.10 Mouse models yield new insights into virus-positive Merkel cell carcinoma

*Andrzej DLUGOSZ*

12.30 TBD

*Andrew MacDONALD*

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Short talks from selected abstracts

15.30 – 18.00 Poster session and flash talks with coffee

20.30 Social dinner at Hotel Bizantini and The Massimo Tommasino award

Sunday, 8 June 2025

Departures: shuttle bus to the airport

SHUTTLE BUS DEPARTURES TO BRINDISI AIRPORT (90-minute drive)

BUS 1	04.00
BUS 2	08.30
BUS 3	12.30

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Breakfast hours: 07.30/09.30

Check-in time: 14.00

Check-out time: 10.00

Free Wi-Fi

DRESS CODE FOR MEETING AND SOCIAL DINNER

Dress as you wish!

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