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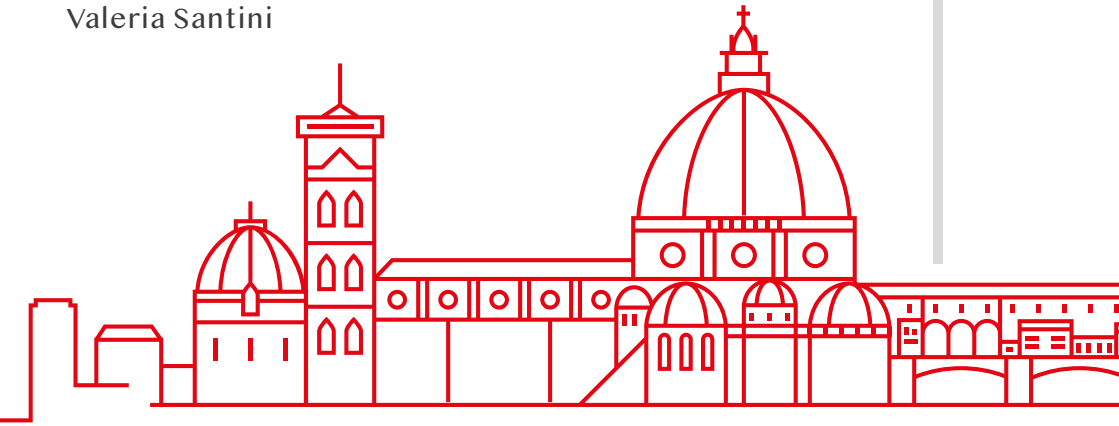

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Introduction

Hematology is a continuously evolving discipline, standing at the crossroads between laboratory research and clinical practice. It is constantly informed by breakthroughs in genetics and pathophysiology that translate, at an incredible pace, into diagnostic, prognostic, and therapeutic benefits for patients.

This fourth edition of the Florence Symposium will host world-renowned International Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) who will present the latest updates in both oncologic and non-oncologic hematologic diseases, with the aim of fostering knowledge and interaction among all participants.

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Preliminary Program

1st DAY
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01:30 p.m. - 01:40 p.m. — **A.M. Vannucchi** (Florence, IT)
Welcome and Introduction

Session I: Acute Leukemias I
Chairperson: **A. Venditti** (Rome, IT)

01:40 p.m. - 02:00 p.m. — **C. Papayannidis** (Bologna, IT)
NPM1-AML: novel understanding and novel therapies

02:00 p.m. - 02:20 p.m. — **N. Gangat** (Rochester, USA)
The era of lower-intensity and targeted regimens: who is really unfit?

02:20 p.m. - 02:30 p.m. — **Panel discussion**

IN FOCUS 1
02:30 p.m. - 03:00 p.m. — **F. Mannelli** (Florence, IT)
Introduction

M. P. Martelli (Perugia, IT)
Maintenance therapy in acute myeloid leukemia: from historical controversy to precision strategy

IN FOCUS 2
03:00 p.m. - 03:30 p.m. — **C. Nozzoli** (Florence, IT)
Introduction

A. Ruggeri (Milan, IT)
Long term efficacy and survivorship in CAR-T cell therapy

IN FOCUS 3

03:30 p.m. - 04:00 p.m. **A. Sanna** (Florence, IT)
Introduction

O. Al-Sawaf (Cologne, DE)
Translating clinical trial evidence into daily practice in CLL treatment

04:00 p.m. - 04:20 p.m. ***Coffee break***

Session II: Multiple Myeloma

Chairperson: **S. Galimberti** (Pisa, IT)

04:20 p.m. - 04:40 p.m. **A. Larocca** (Turin, IT)
New treatment paradigm for newly diagnosed elderly patients

04:40 p.m. - 05:00 p.m. **X. Leleu** (Poitiers, FR)
Anti-BCMA therapies in R/R MM

05:00 p.m. - 05:10 p.m. **Panel discussion**

IN FOCUS 4

05:10 p.m. - 05:40 p.m. **E. Antonioli** (Florence, IT)
Introduction

C. Botta (Palermo, IT)
MRD-directed therapy for multiple myeloma

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Session III: Hot topics
Chairperson: **M. Bocchia** (Siena, IT)

05:40 p.m. - 06:00 p.m. — **F. Zaja** (Trieste, IT)
Target therapy of immune thrombocytopenia

06:00 p.m. - 06:20 p.m. — **T. Barbui** (Bergamo, IT)
Inflammation, thrombosis and cancer: where's the link?

06:20 p.m. - 06:40 p.m. — **D. Girelli** (Verona, IT)
Regulation of Hepcdin metabolism: challenges and opportunities

06:40 p.m. - 06:50 p.m. — **Panel discussion**

IN FOCUS 5
06:50 p.m. - 07:20 p.m. — **V. Santini** (Florence, IT)
Introduction

L. Malcovati (Pavia, IT)
Shedding light on clonal cytopenias and related diseases

Session IV: Chronic Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

Chairperson: **A. Tefferi** (Rochester, USA)

08:30 a.m. - 08:50 a.m. — **F. Passamonti** (Milan, IT)
Are JAK inhibitors all the same for myelofibrosis?

08:50 a.m. - 09:10 a.m. — **J. J. Kiladjian** (Paris, FR)
Interferon for MPN: old story, new avenues

09:10 a.m. - 09:30 a.m. — **J. Gotlib** (Stanford, USA)
Approved and novel therapies for systemic mastocytosis

09:30 a.m. - 09:40 a.m. — **Panel discussion**

IN FOCUS 6

09:40 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. — **M. Martino** (Reggio Calabria, IT)
Introduction

C. Craddock (Birmingham, UK)
Allogeneic transplant: adapting to targeted and MRD-guided treatment paradigms

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Session V: Lymphomas
Chairperson: **L. Arcaini** (Pavia, IT)

10:10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	**A. Sureda** (Barcelona, ES) **After first line therapy in Hodgkin diseases**
10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	**M. Hutchings** (Copenhagen, DK) **Bispecifics and CAR-T in follicular lymphoma: current and future directions**
10:50 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.	**M. Hutchings** (Copenhagen, DK) **Current and evolving therapeutic approaches for DLBCL**
11:10 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	**Panel discussion**
11:20 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	***Coffee break***

IN FOCUS 7

11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	**P. Guglielmelli** (Florence, IT) **Introduction** **N. Kröger** (Hamburg, DE) **Implementing transplantation strategies for the management of myelofibrosis**

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SPECIAL LECTURE

12:10 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.	**A. M. Vannucchi** (Florence, IT) **Introduction**
	A. Tefferi (Rochester, US) **MDS/MPN: what's behind a name?**
12:40 p.m. - 01:10 p.m.	**Selected oral communications**
01:10 p.m. - 01:40 p.m.	***Lunch***
01:40 p.m. - 02:10 p.m.	**Selected oral communications**

Session VI: Acute Leukemias II

Chairperson: **M. P. Martelli** (Perugia, IT)

02:10 p.m. - 02:30 p.m.	**M. T. Voso** (Rome, IT) **APL: lessons still to learn**
02:30 p.m. - 02:50 p.m.	**R. La Starza** (Perugia, IT) **Molecular insights for targeted therapy in T-ALL/LBL**
02:50 p.m. - 03:00 p.m.	**Panel discussion**

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IN FOCUS 8

03:00 p.m. - 03:30 p.m. **F. Pane** (Naples, IT)
Introduction

M. Breccia (Rome, IT)
From log of molecular response to TFR in CML: did we get it?

03:30 p.m. - 03:50 p.m. ***Coffee break***

Session VII: Hot Topics II

Chairperson: **N. Gangat** (Rochester, USA)

03:50 p.m. - 04:10 p.m. **M. Della Porta** (Milan, IT)
Risk-adapted therapy in MDS

04:10 p.m. - 04:30 p.m. **F. Peyvandi** (Milan, IT)
Novel therapies for hemophilia

04:30 p.m. - 04:50 p.m. **D. Rees** (London, UK)
Gene therapy for hemoglobinopathies

04:50 p.m. - 05:10 p.m. **D. Efremov** (Skopje, MK)
Molecular mechanisms of Richter transformation

05:10 p.m. - 05:20 p.m. **A. M. Vannucchi** (Florence, IT)
Closure of the meeting

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Registrations

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Official language

English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided

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