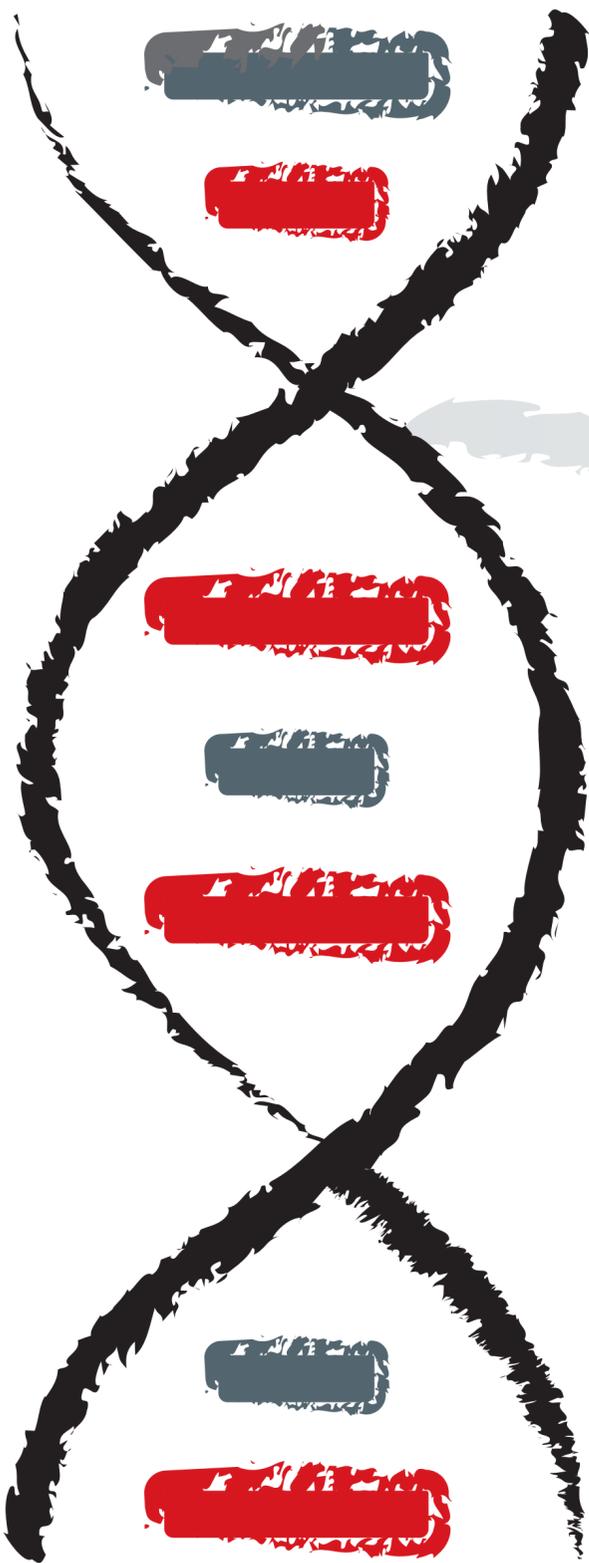


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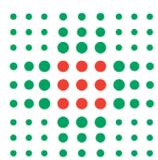
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Focus on TOP: Driving Collaborative Innovation in Precision Medicine

Breast cancer management is rapidly evolving, driven by new therapies and emerging technologies that challenge scientific, sustainability, and governance paradigms.

The Focus on TOP symposium provides an innovative space to discuss and co-develop these advances at the intersection of research and care.

The 2026 edition emphasizes the need for interdisciplinary, cross-sector collaboration, bringing together clinicians, translational researchers, digital scientists, patient advocates, and other stakeholders in a dynamic precision oncology community.

Over two days of scientific exchange, the program promotes both practical engagement and interdisciplinary dialogue. Day 1 will focus on building a shared foundation for inclusive and impactful research discussing both regulatory and sustainability aspects, while Day 2 will feature expert presentations and critical analysis of current developments in clinical and translational oncology.

A highlight of Day 1 is the PORTRAIT/PMAC Workshop, a translational hackathon where participants develop practical solutions to real research challenges, building on ideas initiated during pre-congress online sessions on the Focus on TOP augmented platform. The Networking Lunch on Day 2 is a signature session of the symposium and further extends this momentum, offering informal yet structured, thematic discussions that connect disciplines through guided conversation.

This edition further expands its digital ecosystem, seamlessly blending on-site interaction with online tools, interactive content, and post-event resources. Voices on TOP, the event's original podcast series, complements the live sessions with exclusive interviews and in-depth perspectives, extending the conversation well beyond the in-person symposium.

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			SESSION	TITLE	SPEAKER	CHAIRPERSONS	
DAY 1	10	00	Investigators meetings*	PORTRAIT investigators meeting			
	10	45		GIM38/interSECT investigators meeting			
	11	45	Introduction				
	12	00	Advocates & Scientists for Research (GRASP)	Co-guided Discovery: Shaping Research Priorities and Methodology Together		Eva Schumacher-Wulf	Eva Schumacher-Wulf Christine Hodgson
	12	20		Round table			
				Fiona Dowd	Ximena Montano	Dorothy Conaghan	
	13	00	Light lunch				
	14	00	Policy, Access, and Funding for Sustainable and Innovative Research	Drug and Diagnostic Regulation Unlocked: Navigating Pathways and Opportunities		Rossana Roncato	Denis Horgan Lorenzo Gerratana
	14	20		Policy Making in Action: Shaping Research Through Stakeholder Engagement		Denis Horgan	
	14	40		Fueling Innovation: Funding and Collaborative Pathways in EU		Paolo Mariotti	
	15	00		Round table			GRASP
					Antonio Polonia Lorella Baron	Massimo Cristofanilli Nawale Hajjaji	
	15	45	The PORTRAIT/PMAC Workshop	Translational Hackathon			Matilde Corianó Marzia Del Re
				Regulatory Sync Dossier	Liquid Biopsy Standardization Sprint	Microbiome/Volatilome fingerprinting	
				Stakeholder-Driven Trials	Metabolic Vulnerability Map	AI-Ready Infrastructure Design	
17	30		Round table				
			Ruben Armañanzas Evi Lianidou Francesco Schettini	Jean-Yves Pierga Denis Horgan GRASP	Fabio Puglisi Hamouda Boussem GRASP		
18	15	Adjourn					

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DAY 2	8	30	Introduction				
	8	40	Liquid Biopsy Unfolding: The rise of Personalized Monitoring and Novel Biomarkers (ISLB)	From Personalized Therapy to Personalized Monitoring in the metastatic setting	Antonio Marra	Massimo Cristofanilli Fabio Puglisi	
	9	00		From Biology to Care: Liquid Biopsy as tool to bridge Unmet Clinical Needs	Jean-Yves Pierga		
	9	20		CTC-Based Biomarkers: Capturing Tumor Heterogeneity	Evi Lianidou		
	9	40		Discussion			
	10	00	Coffe break				
	10	20	Learning from Complexity: Big Data and AI for Translational Oncology	New opportunities and insights in multidimensional data integration for translational research	Aitor Oviedo-Madrid	Ruben Armañanzas Claudio Vernieri	
	10	40		From Scale to Clinical Meaning: AI as a Catalyst for Translational Cancer Research	Leonardo Provenzano		
	11	00		Discussion			
	11	20	Emerging Dimensions in Cancer: Metabolism, Microbiome, and Volatilome	Mapping Tumor Metabolism for Personalized Therapy	Mattia Rediti	Barbara Cardinali Barbara Frossi	
	11	40		Beyond Blood: Volatilomics in Precision Oncology	Nawale Hajjaji		
	12	00		The Microbiome Switch: A Hidden Layer of Tumor Control	Claudia Nastasi		
	12	20		Discussion			
	12	40	Lunch & Link	Liquid biopsy and precision medicine	Francesco Pepe - Giulia Brisotto		
				Organoids and non canonical CTCs applications	Michele Zanoni - Giulia Gallerani		
				Immunotargets and Microbiota	Mattia Rediti - Elena Muraro		
				Tailored approaches for specific subtypes	Federica Martorana - Marwa Manai		
				Metabolism and pharmaco-personalization	Marianna Moro - Rossana Roncato		
				Non canonical CTCs biomarker	Aliko Ntzifa - Elisabetta Molteni		
				Germiline alterations and precision medicine	Giulia Buzzatti - Alessandra Franzoni		
14	00	Coffe break					
14	15	Focus on Lobular Breast Cancer (LBCA)	Personalizing Early Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Care: Advanced Imaging and Genomic Targets to Refine Therapy	Marwa Manai	Hamouda Boussen Carolina Reduzzi		
14	35		Advanced Invasive Lobular Carcinoma: Emerging Targets, Novel Trials, and a Roadmap for Biomarker-Driven Care	Letizia Pontolillo			
14	55		Discussion				
15	15	From Slide to Strategy: Tissue Biomarkers in Precision Oncology	Digital Pathology: From Pixels to Clinical Insight	Antonio Polonia	Nicola Fusco Ambra Grolla		
14	35		Transcriptomics: Uncovering the Missing Layer	Francesco Schettini			
15	55		Discussion				
16	15	Closing remarks					

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