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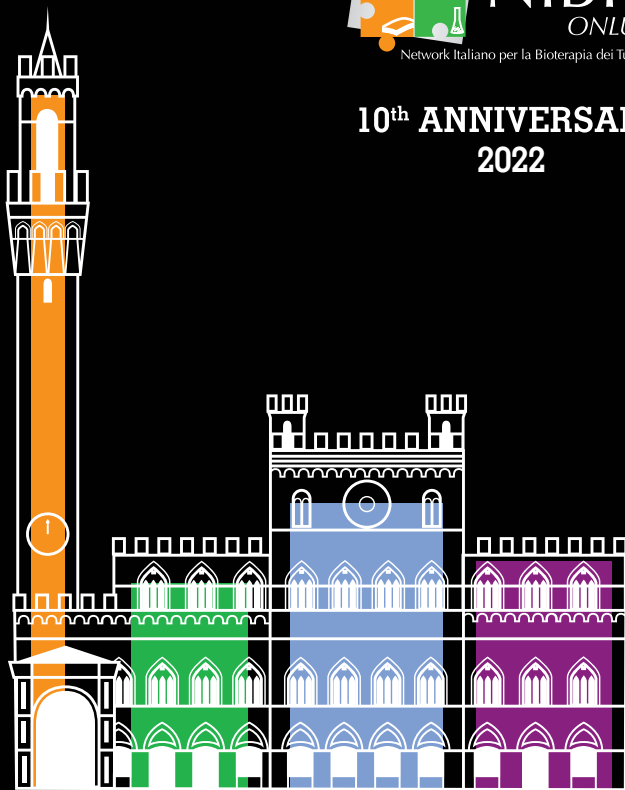
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# VII SIENA THINK TANK

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CALL FOR ACTIONS



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World Immunotherapy Council

The Think Tank is promoted by the NIBIT Foundation in collaboration with the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy and the World Immunotherapy Council

**The VII Think Tank of the Italian Network for Tumor Bio-Immunotherapy (NIBIT) Foundation** is focused on sharing with the enlarged scientific community the research findings and initiatives of the **NIBIT Foundation** research team in the context of the rapidly evolving field of cancer immunotherapy worldwide. A great opportunity of professional exchange and scientific update for all participants.

As for the past editions, the Meeting is organized in collaboration with **The Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy (PICI)** in San Francisco and the **World Immunotherapy Council (WIC)**.

During the event world-wide acknowledged scientists in the field of cancer immunotherapy will debate about pre-selected scientific, translational and clinical research topics, engaging the attendees in highly interactive discussions.

Aims of the meeting will be:

1. Sharing the vision on highly selected I-O topics
2. Implementing new collaborations (pre-clinical/clinical/educational) among participants and with the organizational (and financial) support of the scientific Co-Organizing entities
3. Presenting research projects/ideas by pre-selected (also through WIC) young investigators in the identified topics of the meeting to be discussed and eventually hosted in Institutions participating to the Think Tank
4. Generating a white paper manuscript



Thursday  
**October  
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17:30 - 18:00

**Welcome to the VII Siena I-O Think Tank**

Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA), Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA)

18:00 - 18:30

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Pier Giorgio Natali (Rome, Italy)

18:30 - 18:40

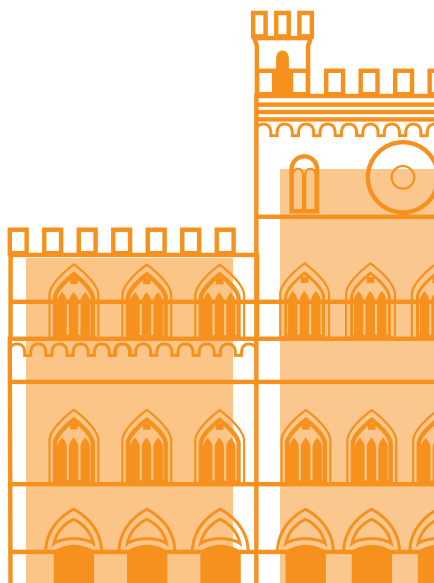
**Opening talk**

*Chairs:* Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Lorenzo Moretta (Rome, Italy)

18:40 - 19:10

**HLA and cancer**

Barbara Seliger (Brandenburg, Halle, Leipzig, Germany)



Friday

# October 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

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08:45 - 13:00 **SESSION 1 | Epigenetic immune regulation in cancer progression, tumor recognition and response to immunotherapy: clinical implications**

08:45 - 09:00 *Chairs:* Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Beloo Mirakhur (Astex Pharmaceuticals, USA), Pedro Romero (Novigenix, Switzerland)

09:00 - 09:30 **Epigenetic immune-modulation in the clinic** – Anna Maria Di Giacomo (Siena, Italy)

09:30 - 10:00 **Epigenetic modulation of circulating immune cells in patients treated with hypomethylating agents in the NIBIT-M4 study** – Andrea Anichini (Milan, Italy)

10:00 - 10:30 **Functional interrogation of clonally expanded intratumoral T lymphocytes**  
Sergio Abrignani (Milan, Italy)

10:30 - 11:00 **Epigenetic reprogramming of CAR T cells for functional persistence in solid tumors**  
Michael Saitakis (Paris, France)

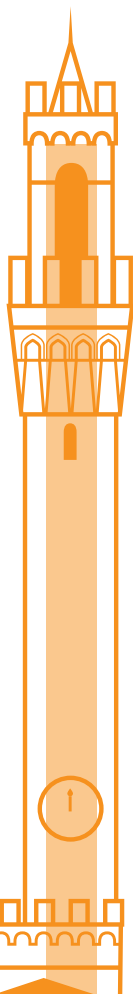
11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 - 12:00 **A novel epigenetic strategy to induce a proinflammatory response and enhance immunotherapy** – Alfonso Bellacosa (Philadelphia, USA)

12:00 - 12:30 **Epigenetics for early cancer detection** – Michele Ceccarelli (Naples, Italy/Miami, USA)

12:30 - 13:00 **Conclusions and call for actions** – Chairs

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch**



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**14:30 - 18:45** **SESSION 2 | Biomarkers-driven  
I-O development**

**14:30-14:45** *Chairs:* Roberto Camerini (Siena, Italy), David Cohan (Replimune, USA), Cosimo Paga (Bristol Myers Squibb, Italy)

**14:45 - 15:15** **Targeting MSI-high gynecologic tumors** – Domenica Lorusso (Rome, Italy)

**15:15 - 15:45** **Single cell data science to study immune responses in cancer patients**  
Massimo Andreatta (Lausanne, Switzerland)

**15:45 - 16:15** **Single cell metabolomic profiling in HPV-driven malignancies**  
John Connolly (San Francisco, USA)

**16:15 - 16:45** **TME heterogeneity at different metastatic sites** – Sumit Subudhi (Houston, USA)

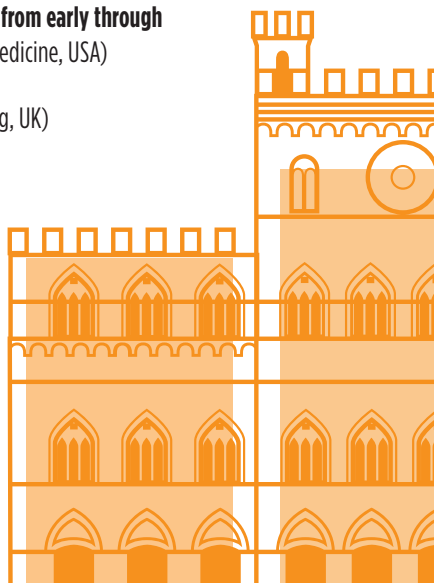
**16:45 - 17:15** ***Tea Break***

**17:15 - 17:45** **Strategies for monitoring IO therapeutic response from early through late-stage disease** – David Fabrizio (Foundation Medicine, USA)

**17:45 - 18:15** **Spatial immunobiology** – Will McTavish (Nanostring, UK)

**18:15 - 18:45** **Conclusions and call for actions** – Chairs

**20:15** ***Social Dinner***



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**08:45 - 13:00 SESSION 3 | Predictive role of -omics  
in I-O response**

**08:45 - 09:00** *Chairs:* Francesco Dotta (Siena, Italy), Patrick Garcia (Merck KGaA, Switzerland)

**09:00 - 09:30** **Peptidomics: Identifying cancer's dark matter and canonical targets:  
A possible strategy for universal cancer vaccines?** – Bernie Fox (Portland, USA)

**09:30 - 10:00** **Omics determinants of response to CAR-T cell** – Davide Bedognetti (Kite Pharma, USA)

**10:00 - 10:30** **Radiomics: Assessing intra-patient heterogeneities to better predict I-O responses**  
Wim Vos (Radiomics, Belgium)

**10:30 - 11:00** ***Coffee break***

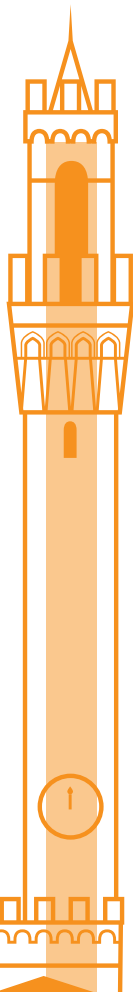
**11:00 - 11:20** **Integrating -omics: a winning approach? Clinical perspectives**  
Alexander Eggermont (Utrecht, The Netherlands)

**11:20 - 11:40** **Integrating -omics: a winning approach? Basic science perspectives**  
Samir Khleif (Washington, USA )

**11:40 - 12:30** **Single or complex biomarkers for I-O? The path ahead**  
Chair, Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA )

***Panelists:*** John Connolly (San Francisco, USA), Alexander Eggermont (Utrecht, The Netherlands), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA), Samir Khleif (Washington DC, USA), Michael Lahn (iOnctura, Switzerland), Sumit Subudhi (Houston, USA), Zlatko Trajanoski (Innsbruck, Austria)

**12:30 - 13:00** **The NIBIT Foundation Annual Lecture: Vaccines to infectious diseases as drivers  
for cancer vaccines** – Rino Rappuoli (Siena, Italy), introduced by Michele Maio (Siena, Italy)

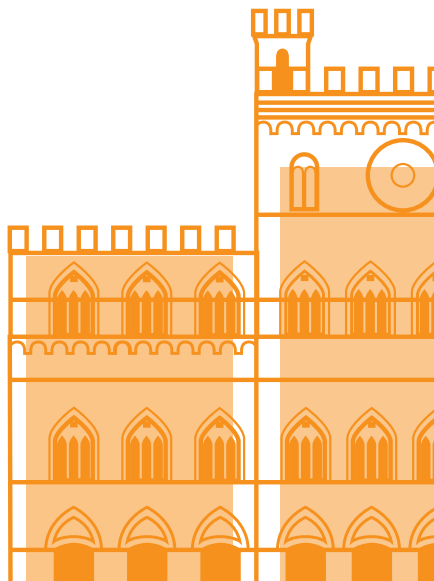


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13:00 - 13:30 **SESSION 4 | The VIII NIBIT Foundation Siena  
I-O Think Tank 2024**

*Chairs:* Michele Maio (Siena, Italy), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA),  
Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA)

**Ideas and topics for the VIII Siena NIBIT Foundation Think Tank October, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 2024**

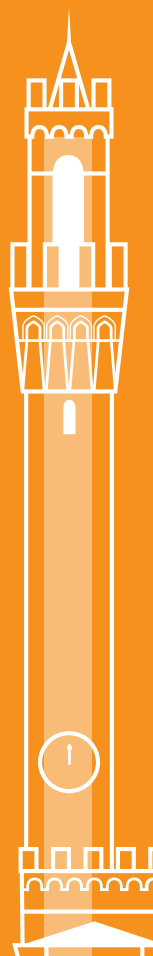


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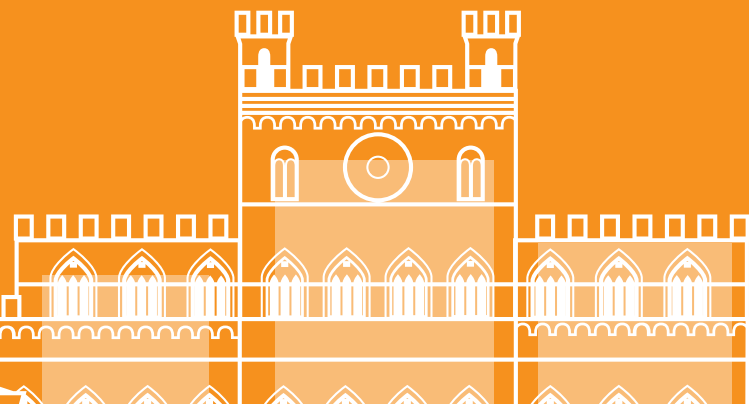
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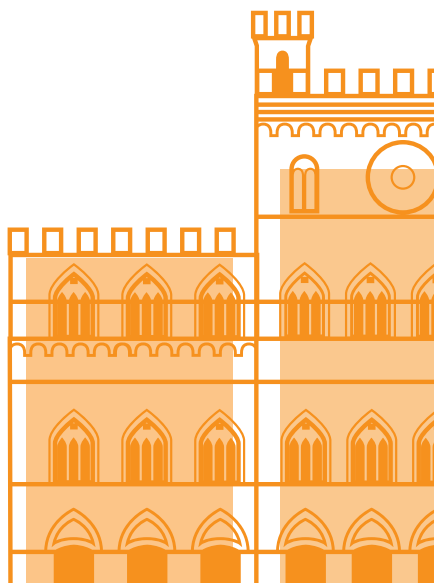
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