

VIII SIENA THINK TANK

A VISION OF I-O
CALL FOR ACTIONS

Meeting Venue - Hotel Garden
Via Custoza 2 - Siena, Italy

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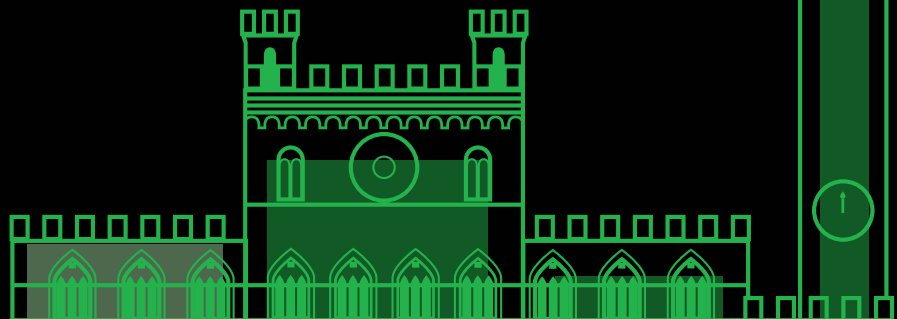
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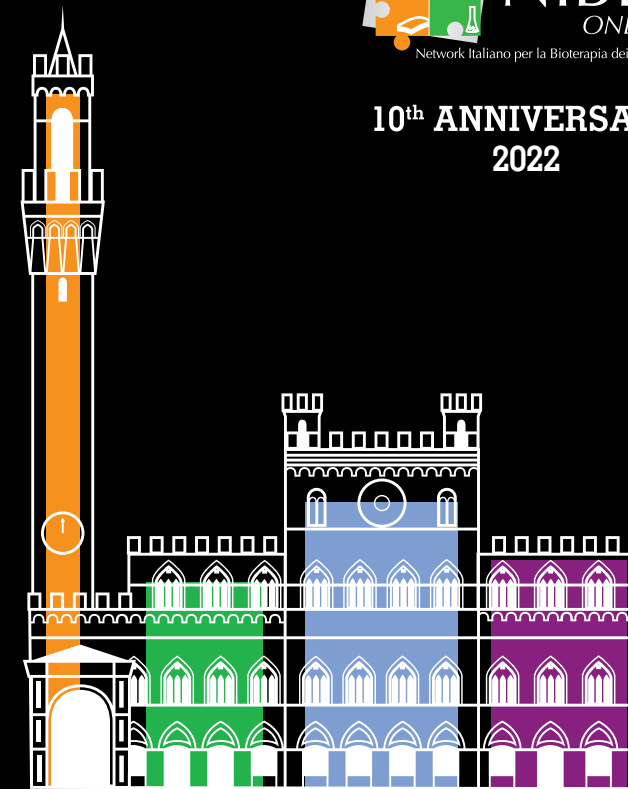


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The Think Tank is promoted by the NIBIT Foundation in collaboration with the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy and the World Immunotherapy Council

The VIII 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 worldwide 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
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17:30 - 18:00

Welcome to the VIII Siena I-O Think Tank

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

18:00 - 19:40

The Investors decision making process in non-profit research

Chairs: Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA), Michael Lahn (Geneva, Switzerland)

18:00 - 18:15

The PICI | John Connolly (San Francisco, USA)

18:15 - 18:30

The NIBIT Foundation | Michele Maio (Siena, Italy)

18:30 - 18:50

The Analyst | Asthika Goonewardene (New York, USA)

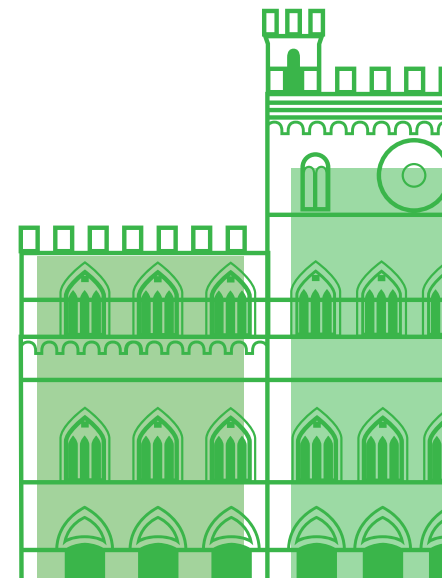
18:50 - 19:40

Round Table Led by Ramy Ibrahim (San Francisco, USA)

Panelists: Chairs, Speakers, Bernie Fox (Portland, USA)

20:30

Wine and Cheese



Friday
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08:45 - 13:00 SESSION 1 | Focus on the PICI and NIBIT Foundation research: opportunities for joint actions?

08:45 - 09:00 *Chairs:* Barbara Seliger (Brandenburg, Halle, Leipzig, Germany), Volker Wacheck (Taiho Oncology, Switzerland), Lorenzo Moretta (Rome, Italy)

09:00 - 09:30 **PICI: Dual functioning antibodies** | Samir Khleif (Washington DC, USA)

09:30 - 10:00 **PICI: Cell therapy across PICI portfolio Companies** | John Connolly (San Francisco, USA)

10:00 - 10:30 **PICI: Prostate Cancer as a Paradigm of IO Resistance** | Sumit Subudhi (Houston, USA)

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

11:00 - 11:30 **The EPICA Consortium: DNA methylation subsets in metastatic melanoma: prognostic significance and reprogramming by DNMT inhibition**
 Andrea Anichini (Milan, Italy)

11:30 - 12:00 **NIBIT Foundation: Epigenetically-driven response to ICI therapy of melanoma and lung cancer** | Anna Maria Di Giacomo (Siena, Italy)

12:00 - 12:30 **NIBIT Foundation: Epigenetically-driven response to ICI therapy of pleural mesothelioma** | Luana Calabrò (Ferrara, Italy), Michele Ceccarelli (Miami, USA/Naples, Italy)

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

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

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14:30 - 18:30 SESSION 2 | A future beyond ICI or ICI-based?

14:30 - 14:45 *Chairs:* Patrick Garcia (GSK, Switzerland), Pedro Romero (Lausanne, Switzerland), Bernie Fox (Portland, USA)

14:45 - 15:15 **The achievements of 15 years of ICI** | Alexander Eggermont (Utrecht, The Netherlands)

15:15 - 15:45 **Bispecific antibodies in development** | Kim Young (Regeneron, USA)

15:45 - 16:15 **Novel antibody-cytokine fusions** | Dario Neri (Philogen, Switzerland)

16:15 - 16:45 **Strategy evolution in oncology** | Cosimo Paga (Bristol Myers Squibb, Italy)

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

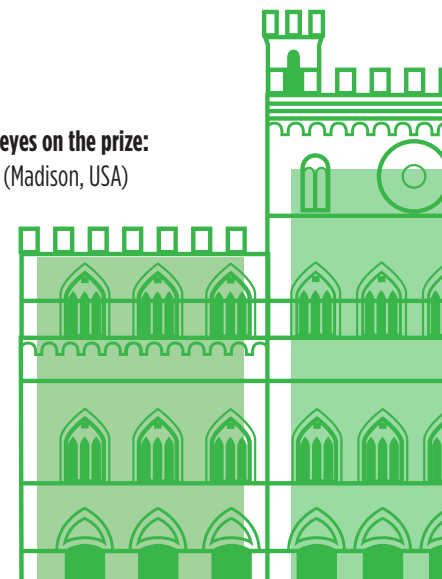
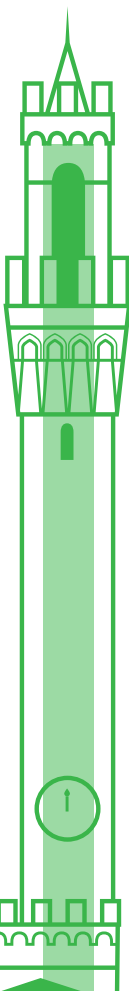
17:15 - 17:45 **Cancer Dark Matter Vaccine: Clinical Responses** | Rom Leidner (Portland, USA)

17:45 - 18:15 **Leveraging mRNA Technology for Antigen Based Immuno-Oncology Therapies**
 Wei Zheng (Moderna, USA)

18:15 - 18:30 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

18:30 - 19:15 **The NIBIT Foundation Annual Lecture: Keep your eyes on the prize: adventures in drug development** | Renzo Canetta (Madison, USA)
 Introduced by Michele Maio (Siena, Italy)

20:15 **Social Dinner**



Saturday **October**
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09:00 - 13:00 **SESSION 3 | Novel technologies to dissect the tumor-host ecosystem: single-cells, spatial transcriptomics and AI**

09:00 - 09:15 *Chairs:* Zlatko Trajanoski (Innsbruck, Austria), Michele Ceccarelli (Miami, USA/Naples, Italy), Catherine Sautès-Fridman (Paris, France)

09:15 - 09:45 **Analyzing tumor microenvironment** | Wolf Hervé Fridman (Paris, France)

09:45 - 10:15 **The spatial transcriptomic landscape of experimental inflammation-induced colorectal cancer** | Eduardo Villablanca (Stockholm, Sweden)

10:15 - 10:45 **Leveraging anatomical scales to understand tissue biology and organ architecture in health and disease** | André Rendeiro (Wien, Austria)

10:45 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 11:45 **Artificial Intelligence-based biomarkers for immunotherapy**
Marta Ligeró (Dresden, Germany)

11:45 - 12:15 **Mapping the spatial architecture of the TME in lung tumour evolution**
Mihaela Angelova (London, UK)

12:15 - 12:45 **High resolution single-cell atlases in cancer** | Zlatko Trajanoski (Innsbruck, Austria)

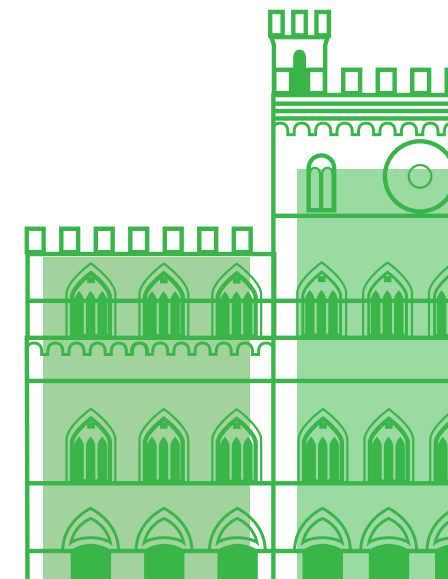
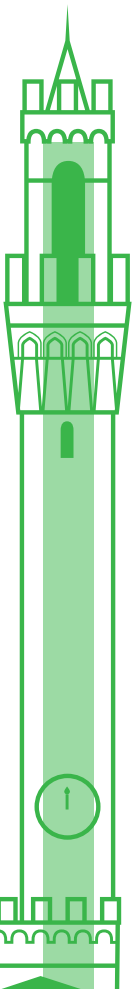
12:45 - 13:00 **Conclusions and call for actions** | Chairs

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13:00 - 13:30 **SESSION 4 | The IX Siena I-O Think Tank 2025**

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

Ideas and topics for the IX Siena 2025 Think Tank (October 2-4, 2025)



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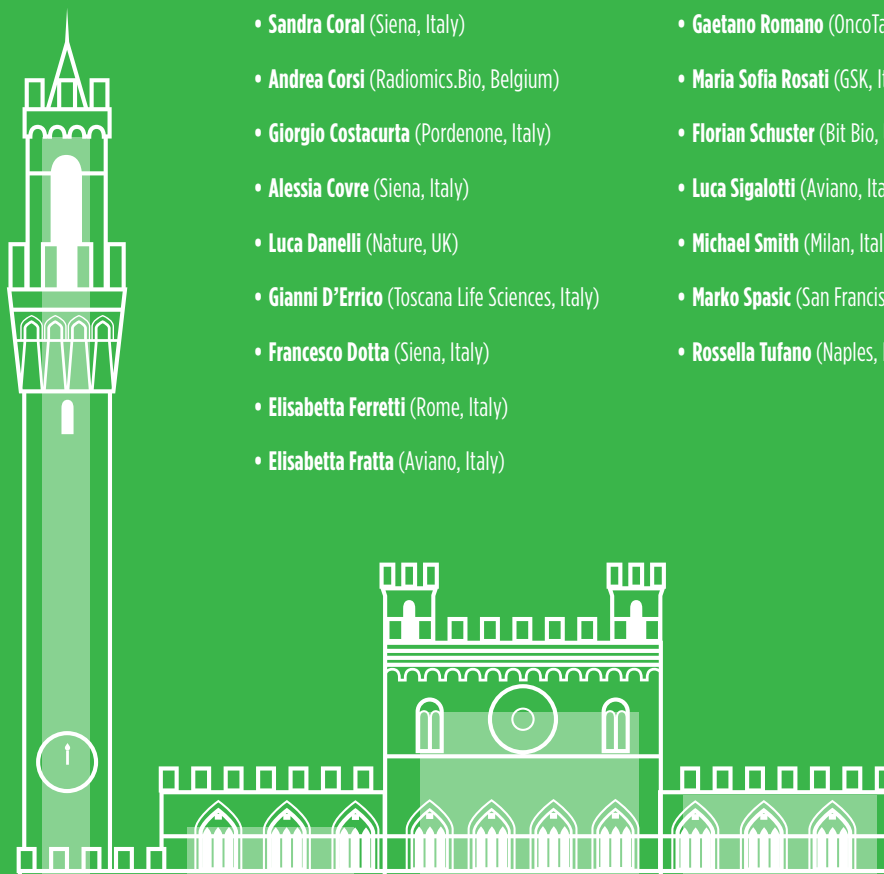
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