

## **First Annual General Meeting of the EORTC PathoBiology Group**

**May 11-13, 2006**

Gran Hotel Villa del Conde,  
Maspalomas, Gran Canaria, Spain

### **Agenda**

#### **Thursday, May 11**

**16:00-18:30**

#### **Minisymposium of the Erasmus Medical Center and the Canary Islands Cancer Research Institute**

Chairmen: Javier Dorta and Juan Carlos Díaz-Chico

John Foekens:

Gene-expression signatures for breast cancer prognosis and tamoxifen resistance

Marcel Smid:

Gene-expression signatures for chemotherapy resistance and for breast cancers metastasizing to bone

John Martens:

DNA-methylation profiling for the assessment of prognosis and tamoxifen resistance in breast cancer

Discussion on the new projects.

**20.00-23.00**

#### **Steering Committee meeting of the PBG (for invited Steering Committee members, only)**

#### **Friday, May 12**

#### **Business meeting of the PBG (full members, only)**

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**08.30-10.45**

- Minutes of the AGM RBG meeting Bari, September 2005
- Chairman's Report (merging RBG and PG)
- Statutes of the PBG
- Membership PBG
- EORTC elections
- NOCI, NDAC, TRAC, NCI-EORTC
- Finances
- New trials, studies
- 7th EU framework program applications

**Coffee break**

**10.45-11.15**

**Scientific program of the PBG Annual Meeting**

**11.15-13.00**

**Breast cancer gene expression and epigenetics**

(Chairman: J. Foekens, Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

**J. Foekens**, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

*Gene expression profile in breast cancer*

**V. Capelletti**, Milan, Italy

*Gene expression profile of hereditary breast cancer*

**S. Eppenberger-Castori**, Riehen, Switzerland

*Value of uPA RNA expression levels in breast cancer*

**N. Harbeck**, Munich, Germany

*Update on clinical importance of DNA methylation therapy response markers in breast cancer*

**A Paradiso**, Bari, Italy

*Genomic profile in BRCAx familial breast cancer*

**13.00-14.30**

**Lunch**

**14.30-16.00**

**New PBG projects**

(Chairman: F. Sweep, Nijmegen, The Netherlands)

**E. van Marck**, Edegem, Belgium

*Pathobiology of inflammatory breast cancer*

**J. Kos**, Ljubljana, Slovenia

*Cysteine cathepsins and their inhibitors: targets for diagnostic and therapeutic interventions?*

**M.G. Daidone**, Milan, Italy

*Tumor-initiating cells as a tool with diagnostic and therapeutic implications*

**X. Muracciole**, Marseille, France

*Proteomics: necessity of pre-analysis sampling qualification.*

**S. Pastorekova**, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

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*Clinical significance of the truncated forms of carbonic anhydrase IX, a marker of tumour hypoxia*

**M. Schmitt**, Munich, Germany

*Preclinical exploration of the potential of YB-1 dependent oncolytic virotherapy for the treatment of glioblastoma and ovarian carcinoma*

**16.00-16.30**

**Coffee break**

**16.30-18.00**

**Presentations of young PBG investigators**

(Chairman: J. Martens, Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

**J. Dittmer**, Halle, Germany

*Expression of the hematopoietic protein Rho-GDIbeta in breast cancer cells*

**J. Martens**, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

*Gene expression profile associated with breast cancer metastasizing to bone*

**C. Bilbao**, Las Palmas, Spain

*Possible clinical interest of microsatellite instability in endometrial cancer*

**M. Smid**, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

*A profile for chemotherapy resistance in breast cancer*

**20.00**

**Dinner**

**Saturday, May 13**

**Collaborative network activities of PBG**

(Chairman: W. Oosterhuis, Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

**9.00-10.00**

**A. Rhodes**, Bristol, United Kingdom

*Update on collaborative work with the European Collection of Cell Cultures*

**P. Riegman**, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

*EORTC tissue banking*

**D. Jaminé**, Brussels, Belgium

*The EORTC Tumor Bank: present & future*

**10.00-10.30**

**Biomarkers and translational research**

(Chairman: M. Schmitt, Munchen, Germany)

**C. Thomssen**, Halle, Germany

*Progress report on the NNBC-3 trial*

**A. Geurts**, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

*QA of uPA, PAI-1, and protein in breast cancer trial NNBC-3*

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- 11.00-12.15**                      **Biomarkers and translational research (continued)**  
(Chairman: M. Schmitt, Munchen, Germany)
- A. Passiukov**, Brussels, Belgium  
*The EORTC Translational Cancer Research perspective*
- M. Gion**, Venezia, Italy  
*Circulating Biomarkers: hot topics and research priorities*
- F. Sweep**, Nijmegen, The Netherlands  
*Early identification of resistance to first-line single-agent methotrexate in patients with persistent trophoblastic disease*
- F. Spyrtos**, St. Cloud, France  
*Translational research in breast cancer clinical trials: the centre René Huguenin experience*
- D. Figarella-Branger**, Marseille, France  
*Translational research, glioblastoma and neoangiogenesis.*
- 12.15-12.50**                      **Opportunities and goals of the new PathoBiology Group**  
(Chairmen: M. Schmitt, Munich, W. Oosterhuis, Rotterdam)
- 12.50-13.00**                      **Closing remarks and adjourn** (M. Schmitt, Munich, Germany)
- 13.30**                                **Lunch**
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