

# FOCUS on TOP

Translational  
Oncology and  
Precision Medicine  
in Breast Cancer

3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

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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.

# PROGRAMME

|       |       | Session   | Title  |
|-------|-------|---|--|
| DAY 1 | 10 00 | Investigators meetings  | PORTRAIT investigators meeting   |
|       | 10 45 |   | GIM38/interSECT investigators meeting  |
|       | 11 45 | Introduction  |  |
|       | 12 00 | Advocates & Scientists for Research<br>(GRASP)                      | Co-guided Discovery: Shaping Research Priorities and Methodology Together      |
|       | 12 20 |   | Round table  |
|       | 13 00 |   |  |
|       | 14 00 | Policy, Access, and Funding for Sustainable and Innovative Research | Drug and Diagnostic Regulation Unlocked: Navigating Pathways and Opportunities |
|       | 14 20 |   | Policy Making in Action: Shaping Research Through Stakeholder Engagement       |
|       | 14 40 |   | Fueling Innovation: Funding and Collaborative Pathways in EU                   |
|       | 15 00 |   | Round table  |
|       | 15 45 |   | Marzia Del Re  |
|       | 17 30 |   | Fruzsina Molnár-Gábor  |
|       | 18 15 | The PORTRAIT/PMAC Workshop  | Translational Hackathon  |
|       | 20 00 |   |  |
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|       |       | Adjourn   |  |
|       |       | Connecting Minds Over Dinner  |  |

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|       |    |    | Session  | Title  |
|-------|----|----|--|--|
| 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                               |
|       | 9  | 00 |  | From Biology to Care: Liquid Biopsy as tool to bridge Unmet Clinical Needs                                   |
|       | 9  | 20 |  | CTC-Based Biomarkers: Capturing Tumor Heterogeneity  |
|       | 9  | 40 |  | Discussion   |
|       | 10 | 00 | Coffee break   |  |
|       | 10 | 20 | Focus on Lobular Breast Cancer (LBCA)  | Personalizing Early Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Care: Advanced Imaging and Genomic Targets to Refine Therapy  |
|       | 10 | 40 |  | Advanced Invasive Lobular Carcinoma: Emerging Targets, Novel Trials, and a Roadmap for Biomarker-Driven Care |
|       | 11 | 00 |  | Discussion   |
|       | 11 | 20 | Emerging Dimensions in Cancer: Metabolism, Microbiome, and Volatilome                    | Mapping Tumor Metabolism for Personalized Therapy  |
|       | 11 | 40 |  | Beyond Blood: Volatilomics in Precision Oncology   |
|       | 12 | 00 |  | The Microbiome Switch: A Hidden Layer of Tumor Control   |
|       | 12 | 20 |  | Discussion   |
|       | 12 | 40 |  | Liquid biopsy and precision medicine   |
| DAY 2 | 13 | 00 | Lunch & Link   | Organoids and non canonical CTCs applications  |
|       | 13 | 15 |  | Immunotargets and Microbiota   |
|       | 13 | 30 |  | Tailored approaches for specific subtypes  |
|       | 13 | 45 |  | Metabolism and pharmaco-personalization  |
|       | 14 | 00 |  | Non canonical CTCs biomarker   |
|       | 14 | 15 |  | Germilne alterations and precision medicine  |
|       | 14 | 30 |  |  |
|       | 14 | 45 |  |  |
|       | 15 | 00 |  |  |
|       | 15 | 15 | Learning from Complexity: Big Data and AI for Translational Oncology                     | New opportunities and insights in multidimensional data integration for translational research               |
|       | 15 | 30 |  | From Scale to Clinical Meaning: AI as a Catalyst for Translational Cancer Research                           |
|       | 15 | 45 |  | Discussion   |
| DAY 2 | 16 | 00 | From Slide to Strategy: Tissue Biomarkers in Precision Oncology                          | Digital Pathology: From Pixels to Clinical Insight   |
|       | 16 | 15 |  | Transcriptomics: Uncovering the Missing Layer  |
|       | 16 | 30 |  | Discussion   |
|       | 16 | 45 | Closing remarks  |  |
|       | 17 | 00 |  |  |
|       | 17 | 15 |  |  |

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